

Minnetonka Middle School East

Presents



**January 30th and 31st
February 2nd and 3rd**

Dear Students (and Parents),

Thank you for your interest in auditioning for MME's 2012 musical. We are pleased to announce that this year we will be performing the musical Seussical Jr. The story centers around Horton the Elephant, who finds himself faced with a double challenge--not only must he protect his tiny friend Jojo (and all the invisible Whos) from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left to his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him, the only one who recognizes "his kind and his powerful heart." Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant, in a story that makes you laugh and cry.

It is our hope that parents and students understand the **commitment and responsibility** involved in participating in the musical. Excused absences from rehearsals are personal illness or a family emergency. **Please make sure that you bring the Audition Form, Commitment/Responsibility Contract and Parent Volunteer Form with you to your audition.** A parent signature is required before you will be considered for a part in the show. Thank you so much for your interest. We look forward to working with you this year.

Sincerely,
Mona Anderson and Liz McAllister

Rehearsals and Performances

- Rehearsals will start November 21st and will run Monday-Thursday from **4:00-5:15**. **Dance rehearsals** will run until **5:30**. After winter break, rehearsals will continue to go until 5:30. Students will begin with 2-3 days of rehearsal/week, depending on their role, and as the show approaches, will increase to 3-4 days/week. Participants will receive a detailed rehearsal calendar at their first rehearsal. The week before the show, rehearsals may be extended to **6:00**. (The week before the show the entire cast will be required to be at rehearsal every day.)
- **Saturday, January 28th** we will be having a **mandatory** dress rehearsal from **9:00am-3:00pm** for all cast and crew. We ask that all students who audition check their calendars now and make sure they are available to be at this crucial rehearsal. **It is a requirement that all participants attend!**
- **Performances are the week of January 30th.**
 - **Monday, January 30th** School performances for 6th and 7th grade
 - **Tuesday, January 31st** School performance for 8th grade
7:00 evening performance for public
 - **Thursday, February 2nd** 7:00 performance for public
 - **Friday, February 3rd** 7:00 performance for public
(After our final performance we will strike the set and have a cast party. Parents are invited to stay and help.)

Fees (All fees are due at your first rehearsal!)

Drama Fee: \$40 (Scripts are included for all participants.)

Participation Fee: \$50 (If not already paid for another extra-curricular activity in 2011-12.)

Fees can be combined on one check - put student's name and grade and the word 'musical' on the memo line please.

Audition Information

6th grade auditions - Monday, November 14th
7th grade auditions - Tuesday, November 15th
8th grade auditions - Wednesday, November 16th

All auditions will be after school in the music area. Students will audition in groups of 4 or 5 and **need to sign up for an audition time slot**. (Sign up sheets are posted in the music hallway.) Students will do the monologue and song individually. Students may leave immediately following their audition.

Monologue (Horton speaking)

That bird let that clover drop somewhere inside
Of a great patch of clovers, a hundred miles wide!
I'll find it. I'll find it! I'll find it or bust!
Well, I shall find my friends on their small speck of dust.
Yes, clover by clover by clover with care
I'll listen and call, are you there? Are you there?

Song

(Beginning of The Star Spangled Banner)

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light

What so proudly we hailed at the twilights last gleaming

Audition Form

Name _____ Grade _____

Roles I'm interested in:

Please circle what size part you are interested in:

Large Role

Medium Role

Small Role

Chorus Only

***If I do not get a speaking part, I'd like to be considered for the Chorus. Yes or No (please circle)**

Theatrical Experience: 

Organization/Theater Name

Name of Show

Role

Year

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Choral/Singing Experience:


Organization/Teacher Name

No. of years

Additional info (optional)

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____



Dance Experience: 

Studio Name

No. of years

Styles (tap, ballet, etc)

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

SATURDAY, January 28TH DRESS REHEARSAL ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY.
DO NOT AUDITION IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO COMMIT.

Commitment/Responsibility Contract

My child (please print) _____ has permission to audition for the MME musical. We understand the level of commitment and responsibility needed for a positive experience and successful production and have checked all dates on our calendars. We understand that the only excused absences from rehearsals are personal illness or a family emergency. **WE KNOW THAT ATTENDANCE AT THE SATURDAY, January 28TH DRESS REHEARSAL IS MANDATORY AND WE ARE COMMITTING TO BEING THERE.**

Conflicts: The following dates are our only conflicts and will keep any new activities from being scheduled.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Dates: _____				
Time: _____				
Activity: _____				

We are also aware of the fees involved and that scholarships are available through confidential contact of the director.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Grade _____ Date _____

Parent Volunteer Request

As with any school production, the success of the show depends largely upon the wonderful support and involvement of our parent volunteers. We would like to ask you at this time to consider what your level of involvement may be. Thank you so much for any help you can offer!

Name(s) _____

Email _____

Phone: (home) _____ (work/cell) _____

Please check any and all areas where you can help. THANK YOU!! ☺

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate parent volunteers
<input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate backstage help
<input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate meal for Sat. Dress Rehearsal
<input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate Concessions
<input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate Cast Party
<input type="checkbox"/> Help backstage during a performance
<input type="checkbox"/> Bring snacks to dress rehearsal/performance
<input type="checkbox"/> Help sell concessions | <input type="checkbox"/> Help with meal/treats for the cast party
<input type="checkbox"/> Help sell tickets
<input type="checkbox"/> Help with costuming
<input type="checkbox"/> Help with cast photos/decorate trophy case
<input type="checkbox"/> Help with set construction/set up
<input type="checkbox"/> Help usher/greet before performances
<input type="checkbox"/> Help strike the set after the last show
<input type="checkbox"/> Help as needs arise in other areas |
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