

Introducing...

MME SPEECH TEAM!



What is Competitive Speech?

Speech team is a fun way for students to improve as speakers and performers in a competitive setting. People who enjoy drama will also enjoy speech.

Who Can Join?

6th, 7th, 8th Grade Students

What About Sports or Other Activities?

Students can participate in speech along with other activities. Individual meetings are scheduled by the students according to their own schedules.

What is the Commitment?

Students will participate in three meets held at area middle schools and schedule one 20-min. private or semi-private meeting per week

Informational Meeting

Wednesday, October 26th; After School, Room 108.

**Please e-mail Mrs. Lewis if you cannot make the meeting
at: lisa.lewis@minnetonka.k12.mn.us**



2011-2012

What is it?

Minnetonka Speech Club is a new club this year for students at MME and MMW! We are excited to offer this enriching opportunity which will build lifelong skills and confidence in our students! The Speech Club will follow the format of the Minnetonka High School Speech Club as well as the Minnesota State HS Speech League. Students will prepare and present speeches from a variety of categories. They will present these speeches in tournaments around the Twin Cities to individual judges who will kindly and graciously offer encouragement and suggestions for improvement. As this is a new club, we will limit our participation to about 2-3 tournaments. Speech Club is a fun way to make new friends, to be a part of an exciting **NEW** opportunity, and to grow in confidence and public speaking skills.

Who Can Join?

All students in grades 6-8 are welcome! No experience necessary!

When will we meet?

Speech club will meet one designated day per week after school. In the beginning, we will meet for the entire afterschool activity time in order to choose your selection. After your selection is chosen, you will meet for 20 minutes with your speech coach at a scheduled time after school one day a week. If you are unable to schedule a time after school, other arrangements will need to be made before/during school or during advisory.

How long is the Speech Club season?

Speech will begin in mid-November and will run through approximately the middle of February; depending upon the number of tournaments we enter (TBD). Tournaments will not begin until January.

Can I be in other activities/sports at the same time as Speech Club?

Yes, but you need to be committed to meeting with your coach once a week and be dedicated to practicing your speech outside of school. We will be flexible in working with you if you are willing make this a priority.

How much will it cost?

The school's one time activity fee must be paid in addition to any reg. /bus expenses for tournaments (TBD).

How can I join?

Speech Club will be advertised at the end of October. Our informational meeting will be held on October 26th right after school for about 30 minutes in Room 108.

Questions?

Contact Speech Club Advisors:

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Minnetonka Speech Club

2011-2012

Category Descriptions

Original Oratory, Informative, & Great Speeches:

Write and perform your own speech, which should persuade, inform, or analyze, respectively.

Extemporaneous Speaking:

Prepare and perform an impromptu speech on current events.

Discussion:

Analyze and discuss the year's topic with five to seven other competitors.

Creative Expression:

Write and perform your own creative work, serious or humorous.

Extemporaneous Reading & Storytelling:

Prepare and perform your interpretation of a serious prose story or a world folktale.

Serious Drama, Prose, & Poetry Interpretation:

Choose and perform your interpretation of a serious work of literature.

Duo Interpretation:

Choose and perform a published work, serious or humorous, with a partner.

Humorous Interpretation:

Choose and perform a comedic piece of literature.

MME SPEECH TEAM PERMISSION SLIP – PLEASE TEAR OFF AND RETURN TO THE MAIN OFFICE OR MRS.LEWIS IN RM#108

Student _____ Grade _____

Parent _____ Date _____

I have paid the 2011-12 MME Participation fee at:

<http://minnetonka.revtrak.net/tek9.asp?pg=products&grp=18&sess=d960475ead22d2d8f295cf1f0bda31f2>