

Thank you for your interest in The Wizard of Oz!

For the third year, Keri Lesnik will be directing and choreographing the school play. Joanne Paris and Nina Tiger will be co-producing.

If you have any questions, please refer them to Joanne and Nina. If we do not know the answer to your question, we will speak to Mrs. Lesnik and report back to you.

The school play is available to all 3rd-5th grade students.

3rd Grade Students: 3rd Grade students will participate in the 3rd Grade Chorus (singing and dancing only). There are no individual parts for 3rd grade. This year we are limiting the size of the 3rd grade Chorus. Registration is first come, first serve. 3rd graders do not try-out! The time commitment will be every Monday from 3 to 5 pm. Attendance is mandatory. No early dismissal. 3rd grade will also be required to attend mandatory rehearsal from December 4th to 7th from 3 to 6pm, the last week before the first performance. No exceptions.

Tech Crew: This is available to 4th and 5th graders and will be capped to 9 students only (5th grade will receive priority). These students are responsible for moving props during scene changes, spot lights, soundboard, opening/closing curtains and stage lighting. They do not try-out! Tech Crew will be required to attend mandatory rehearsal from November 27th to December 7th, the last two weeks before the performance. This year tech crew is also required to fill out a short questionnaire as part of their registration.

4th and 5th Grade Students: All 4th and 5th grade students are invited to try out for the production. 4th and 5th grade students will first attend a Workshop on September 18th from 3 to 5pm. They will be taught a brief song and dance that they will perform at the audition. Auditions will be on September 19th and 20th from 3 to 5pm. Each child will be assigned one day for auditions. Mrs. Lesnik will email you if your child is needed for a callback. Callbacks will be on September 22nd from 3:00pm-5:00pm.

Participation Fees: Bundled price includes: Registration, Playbill, t-shirt, Cast Party, DVD and 2 Premium Tickets (per family), costumes for 3rd grade chorus

3rd Grade Chorus: \$120 plus \$20 costume fee

Tech Crew (4th/5th grade): \$75

4th/5th Grade Cast: \$140 (costumes not included)

**Financial assistance is available if needed for registration fees.

Casting: Once the cast is selected, Mrs. Lesnik will post the cast list on our school website (www.thelionlink.com) under the Theatre tab. The Director (Mrs. Lesnik) and an outside music teacher (Mrs. Lenti) will select the cast. Producers are NOT involved in casting!

Rehearsal Schedule: The schedule will be posted on our school website under the Theatre tab once the cast has been selected. Rehearsals will begin on Monday, October 2nd (just 4th/5th graders; NOT 3rd grade or tech crew). First rehearsal for 3rd grade is Monday, October 9th. Parents have one week to pull out of the play with a full refund once the rehearsal schedule is posted.

During the week of December 4th, ALL CAST AND TECH CREW will have rehearsals every day from 3 to 6 pm. Attendance that week (Monday through Thursday) is mandatory. NO EXCEPTIONS. If your child cannot attend this mandatory rehearsal from December 4th to 7th, please do not register for the play.

Registration: Registration is available online. There is a separate form for 3rd graders, 4th and 5th graders and tech crew. Again, tech crew is only available to 4th and 5th grade students. Please submit one form per child and pay online. Tech crew - please submit the questionnaire to the school office by September 14th at 3 pm.

**** We are enforcing a strict deadline of September 14th at 3:00 pm. All incomplete forms or late payments will NOT be accepted. Any issues with registration, please contact either producer via email asap!***

Conflict Form: Attached to the online registration form is the Conflict Form. Please complete this form to the best of your ability. Include days where your child may need to leave rehearsal at or after 4:30 pm, doctor appointments, religion classes, family vacation, Girl Scouts/Boy Scouts meetings, etc. If your child has an activity that requires them to leave before 4:30, then mark that as a day when they cannot attend rehearsal. Your registration will be considered incomplete without this form. Each cast member is allowed two (2) unexcused absences from rehearsal. These include leaving rehearsal early and coming to rehearsal late. These do not include days that the student is absent from school due to illness per school policy OR any date that a student has listed on his/her conflict sheet.

If your child needs to leave early, please send in a note to rehearsal with your child to give to a chaperone. You can also let Joanne or Nina know by 10am that day by email or text. We don't want students waiting at the door if a parent is late or not showing up at all.

Rehearsals: The approximate commitment for your child depends on the role they received. Lead or Supporting role may need to be at rehearsals approximately 3-4x per week; 3rd grade chorus (1x per week) and tech crew (everyday the week of November 27th and the week of December 4th). Rehearsals are from 3:00-5:00 pm each day. However, the week of December 4th, the rehearsal time will increase from 3:00-6:00pm. We will not have rehearsal the weeks of November 6th and November 20th.

Attendance/Behavior Form: Please review this form carefully! It must also be signed by both parent and child and submitted by your child's first rehearsal. If this form is not submitted, your child will be unable to participate in the theater production. This form can be found on the Theater page with the registration materials.

Snacks - Due to allergies, we will not provide a snack. Please ensure you pack a snack (perhaps even a sandwich - they are very hungry after school) for your child. Also, please provide a pencil to do homework and a quiet activity for your child to do when homework is finished (a book, a deck of cards).

Our theater program operates as a co-op and we require parent participation in the production for all students involved. There will be a Sign-Up Genius for Parent Volunteers and another sign-up for Chaperoning. For working parents, there are a few committees that require less "hands-on" time that may work better with your work schedule. We will strive to put you on a committee that works for you.

** Everyone must sign-up. If you do not, we will assign you to a date or committee!*

Do you have a special talent? We are looking for any parent that has carpentry, lighting or sewing talents. Please reach out to the producers if you are able to help.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us!

Joanne Paris (jparis.puglia@gmail.com) or

Nina Tiger (ninaktiger@hotmail.com)