

Stage Notes Musical Theater

Audition Announcement

We are very pleased to announce that Lisa J. Mails Elementary School will be presenting *Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr.* as its 2015 spring musical! Students from 3rd through 8th grade are invited to participate. Sign ups start now and will close on December 2nd.

We will be limiting the cast to 75 students, therefore all students will be required to audition. Because of the size limitation, auditions, as well as behavior, will be considered.

Auditions will take place December 2nd and 4th after school with possible call backs on Friday, December 5th. Students must be available during all auditions times. All students interested in auditioning will attend auditions on December 4th and then will be notified if they need to return for other dates.

Students must have a completed audition form and signed contract in order to audition.

Students must have a "Broadway" type song prepared, as well as be prepared to read lines from the play with expression. We will have a CD player for music (music only, no singers on the CD), or you can sing without music. Please be familiar with the lines and song(s) that correspond with the character you are interested in. You may use Beauty and the Beast songs as your audition song or prepare another song. Character information is available at:

<http://www.broadwayjr.com/audition/auditionlist.asp?ID=000340>

You can also listen to segments of the songs to help you prepare at:

http://www.mtishows.com/show_detail.asp?showid=000340

Please be aware that rehearsals will take place from December - March on every Tuesday and Thursday after school. Times will vary. Students must be available for all rehearsals.

Beauty and the Beast Jr. Cast will be announced on December 8th. Lead roles will be notified by e-mail as well as a cast list posted in the office. All lead roles will be required to pick up a script **before** the first rehearsal on December 9th. You must practice and memorize line during the break and be prepared for rehearsals in January.

Beauty and the Beast Jr. - Important Info...

Auditions

- You will audition by yourself in a room with at least 3 judges.
- Judges will be teachers in the school
- There will be a CD player if you bring music to accompany you in the audition. NO vocals are allowed on the CD. Music only!
- You **do not** need to memorize your audition material but it is **highly recommended**.
- While you may be auditioning for two parts, you are considered for all roles.
- I understand that you each have a busy schedule; however, if you do not have the time to dedicate to doing a lead role, I suggest you try out for a smaller role. The bigger the role, the more time you will have to dedicate.

Helpful Tips

- **With your parents permission**, I suggest you look at videos on YouTube website.
- I highly suggest purchasing the Broadway musical Cd. (Amazon or iTunes) If nothing else, it is great to start your music library!
- You can listen to the music on Amazon, iTunes or Junior Broadway website.
- It is never too early to start practicing in front of the mirror or in front of the family!

- We can only accept 75 students in the cast, therefore, it is **very important** that each student auditions as no student is guaranteed a spot in this year's musical! If you have any questions please email the producer, Dina McLain, at dmclain@murrieta.k12.ca.us

Audition Form

Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

e-mail _____

***** you must have an e-mail address and check it to receive information about call backs. This is how we will communicate audition information.**

1. Which one or two roles would you like to audition for?

2. Will you accept any role? _____
3. If you **do not** get the role you auditioned for, will you still participate in the musical in another role? _____
4. Are you interested in being a dancer? _____ What dance experience do you have?

5. Will you be willing to be in the chorus? _____
6. Will you be willing to understudy? _____

7. What other performing experience do you have? How many years?

8. What other commitments do you have outside of school? (Example: Cheerleading, Music Lessons, Sports) Do these commitments take a lot of your time?

Important – IF YOU DO NOT HAVE YOUR SIGNED CONTRACT, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO AUDITION!

- **BE PREPARED** to sing and read as soon as you enter the room. The music and script are marked on your paper. If you are not prepared for your audition, you **WILL NOT** be in the show.
- Once you have turned in this paper, you cannot switch your audition roles.
- While you are only auditioning for two parts, you are being considered for all roles.

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Contract

Dear Cast Members and Parents,

First of all, we would like to thank you for auditioning for this year's musical! We are very excited to have the opportunity to work with you throughout the next several months. This letter serves several purposes. First we would like to explain our expectations for all those who participate in the musical. By signing this paper, cast members **AND** parents agree to the terms below. Students will not be allowed to audition until we have this paper back and signed by all parties. Secondly, we would like to create a contact sheet for any information that needs to be sent out. If there are additional people who would like to be notified via e-mail, please include them on the back; otherwise, they will **NOT** be sent notices. **BEHAVIOR:** If a student has any behavior issue during rehearsals, they will be not be permitted to continue. **ATTENDANCE:** If a cast member has 3 or more **unexcused** absences from rehearsal, they will be asked to leave the musical. We have over 70 students participating and we need to keep everyone on the same page. An excused absence would be if the student were out of school for that day or if the student has a doctor's appointment. You must email producer, Dina McLain, at dmclain@murrieta.k12.ca.us to notify of any absences. Attendance will be taken at every rehearsal. Please note the dates below are **MANDATORY** and **WILL NOT** be excused for any reason. Please let **ALL COACHES/ OUTSIDE TEACHERS/ETC.** know of these dates. If cast members miss any of these rehearsals, they will not be permitted to perform in any of the shows.

March 10th – 2:45 pm – 5:15 pm -Rehearsal
March 12th -- 2:45 – 5:15 -Dress Rehearsal
March 17th and 19th – School Assemblies (during school day)
March 17th and 19th – 7:00 pm -Show

We will be having a parents' meeting when we return from break to discuss possible fundraising, costumes, props, committees, and other musical information. Please fill out the information below and sign at the bottom if you agree to these terms. If you have any questions, please contact Dina McLain at the email address listed above. Thank you and we look forward to working with you.

Child's Name _____

Contact Name _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

*****By signing this form you agree to the above terms*****

Parent's Signature

Student Signature

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