

THE 6TH ANNUAL EDNA MAGUIRE VARIETY SHOW

(Keep this information sheet)

The Edna Maguire Variety Show is a PTA sponsored event to encourage and showcase our students' talents and ambitions in the performing arts. Past shows have been a great experience for both the participating kids and the audience. This year we are using a circus theme for the show.... So get creative!

Acts should be practiced and stage ready for auditions and rehearsals. Students should be prepared and feel confident when trying out their act on stage in front of an audience. Please remember the Variety Show rehearsals are run by parent volunteers only. Please remind students they are expected to be courteous and follow directions.

The Variety Show has become very popular and has grown larger each year. We will need to limit the total amount of performance time so that the show does not run over two hours. Too many solo acts will be impossible to accommodate. This year we are **highly encouraging group acts**, so plan to join together with your friends. It is possible that we may not be able to accept all acts, and we may choose to combine similar acts.

Alternatively, 4th and 5th graders may sign up for positions of: announcers, back stagehands, show hosts and refreshment sales. An audition is required for those wishing to be announcers (*see sign up form*).

Also, we are excited to offer two specially directed group acts. Specify on the form if this is your preference. A *separate information sheet* will be provided outlining the details for auditions and rehearsals for these group acts.

- **Group Act One is for all of the Kindergarteners who choose to participate;** a song/skit with live musical accompaniment. (Rehearsals at 1:00 pm in the MPR, see show schedule.)
- **Group Act 2 for 4th and 5th graders is a dance choreographed and directed by Alan Scofield.** (4th & 5th graders may choose to participate in the group dance OR another act, but not both. A **\$20 rehearsal fee** is requested for Group 2 only to offset the instructor's fee. (Rehearsals TBA.)

Because the task of producing the Variety Show has blossomed with it's popularity, if a child participates, **a parent is required to help out with just one of our many interesting and rewarding volunteer jobs.** (See attached: *Parent Volunteer Agreement and job list.*)

Please review the **criteria and guidelines** for the show.

- **The Criteria for accepting acts:**
 - Group Acts **STRONGLY** encouraged!
 - Originality. Creativity. Cohesiveness.
 - Each act should not exceed 2 minutes! (1 ½ min. preferred)
 - Acts/routines should be rehearsed before auditions.
 - Ability to attend rehearsals, as well as the mandatory tech rehearsal, and the show.
- **Show Guidelines:**
 - Each student can perform in **only one act**. (This includes the special group acts.)
 - **Only** musical accompaniment **or** karaoke instrumentals **for singing acts**. Provide a labeled copy of your music on a CD or sheet music at auditions or no later than the first rehearsal. **Piano or guitar** accompaniment available.
 - All acts must be appropriate for elementary age children.
 - Be cooperative and quiet during other acts. Respect fellow performers by listening supportively without talking or engaging in disruptive behavior.
 - **Sign up/Permission** and **Parent Volunteer Agreement:** due in the office by **April 2nd**.

When possible we will attempt to accommodate some scheduling conflicts to allow participation in auditions and rehearsals. Please specify on the sign-up form if your child has time constraints for auditions and, or rehearsals. All students auditioning and participating must have a permission form signed by a parent or guardian.

We look forward to another wonderful show, and a fun, memorable time for all of the kids!

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