

January 16, 2008

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to All!! Time for a new "housekeeping letter". Keep it in a safe place so that you can refer back to it as needed.

Reminder about dress for class:

- Leotard and tights with ballet or jazz shoes. Sweat suits are OK. Please no jeans or tight clothing that inhibits movement.
- Please be sure to send a sweatshirt or sweater under their coats on extra cold days.
- The children may bring a water bottle to class. Please do not send juice.

Materials that your children should bring to class each week:

- A folder with their name on it
- A pencil
- To help your children prepare for performances, we will provide sheet music and CD's with recordings of the songs that we plan to perform. There is a nominal cost of \$3.00 per CD/sheet music pack to cover the cost of burning the CD and photocopying the sheet music. The packs will be handed out as payment is received. ***Please stress to your children that the sheet music is kept in the folders and brought to class each week. We will be able to provide replacements if they are lost at an additional cost of \$3.00.*

Performance Schedule

Broadway Blitz

- Cast A will perform Saturday, March 8: 3:00pm
- Cast B will perform Sunday, March 9: 3:00pm
- Cast C will perform Wednesday, March 12: 6:00pm
- The 6:00pm pre-teen/teen class will perform at all three shows.

Extra Rehearsals

Please note that following extra rehearsals for all cast members. There may be additional rehearsals called for specific pieces. If your child is involved

Friday, February 29th

4:30-5:45pm – Cast A

5:45-7:00pm – Cast B

7:00-8:15pm – Cast C

The 6:00pm class is to attend all rehearsals

Costumes

I am asking each student (with the help of parents of course) to come up with their own costumes for a few of the pieces. Details for that are listed below.

In addition, we are looking for choir robes for one of the pieces (we need 22 of them). We are looking to purchase them at a cost of \$5.00 or under. Please let me know if you have any ideas of where we can find robes that are all matching. Also, if any of you have contacts where we could borrow the robes, please let me know.

4:45 class:

- * The children will be acting as orphans for most of this performance. It may help to watch the videos of *Annie* or *Oliver* for ideas regarding orphan costumes. Raggedy.
- * For *One Short Day* the children should dress in bright green tones as we are imitating the Emerald City. The funkier the outfit the better. Feel free to have the kids their own touches like funny hats or glasses featherboas and lots of sparkle. Fairy costumes are OK too. Green and white stripes or bold patterns on tights are great.
- * The kids will be doing a lot of dancing so jazz shoes are a must.

6:00 class:

- * We will discuss details regarding most costumes in class together. If anyone has access to a policeman costume and a judges white wig and gavel please let me know.
- * For *One Short Day* dress in bright green tones as we are imitating the Emerald City. The funkier the outfit the better. Feel free to have the kids their own touches like funny hats or glasses featherboas and lots of sparkle. Fairy costumes are OK too. Green and white stripes or bold patterns on tights are great.
- * For *Music and the Mirror* dress in dance clothes as if you were going to a dance audition on Broadway in New York City.

That's all for now!

Warmest regards,

Debra Punzi and Cassandra Mulligan