**Muir Elementary Musical Information – Moana Jr. 2023**

Welcome to Muir’s Musical! We can’t wait to get started on this production! Our goal is to give your children a great experience and produce a show that they can be proud of. Students must be in 4th-6th grade to participate. For this show to be successful, please know that this is a before/after school activity that requires a serious commitment of time and energy from everyone involved. Please read the following with your child so that you and your child can have a complete understanding of what is expected and what you can expect from the PTO volunteers helping to produce the show.

**Participation Fee**

There is a $35/fee per child that is non-refundable. Please pay by cash, check or cashier’s check made out to MUIR PTO. In addition to this, each participating family will be required to make a $100 volunteer deposit BY CHECK OR CASH (check preferably). This deposit will be held until the end of the show and the volunteer coordinator can confirm that the three volunteer shifts were completed as promised. Because this show is being produced completely by volunteers and not by a production company, it would be impossible to pull of without committed and invested volunteers who fulfill their commitment to the show. That is also the reason we can still do a show of great quality with such a small participation fee. If you choose not to volunteer and/or do not fulfill your commitment to three volunteer shifts of approximately 2 hours each, your check will be cashed at the end of the run. If you do volunteer, it will be returned to you or destroyed.

There will be many opportunities to volunteer at rehearsals, with set building or painting, with concessions or ticket sales, or with graphic design services, as well as helping with performances in costumes or backstage. As we look to the future and hop to make a musical at Muir a long-standing tradition that can be perpetuated, we are hoping to build a competent and knowledgeable volunteer pool for future shows. ANYONE CAN VOLUNTEER AND CONTRIBUTE TO A GREAT SHOW.

**Communication**

The best way to get information is the musical website, leojmuirmusical.weebly.com. It will be updated as necessary to keep everyone informed. Once the show is cast, we will also contact you via email and/or text. For other questions, please contact Lisa Thorne (801)809-3228 and/or Stephanie Hubbel (801)556-8048. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MUSICAL! First check the website, then contact Lisa or Stephanie with questions.

**Cast Member Homework**

Each cast member is required to have all lines and music memorized as needed. If your child decides to sign up for the play, please be committed to helping your child rehearse and memorize lines. We suggest making this a part of your child’s homework routine; usually a few minutes a night is sufficient. Pleas also help them review their parts once they have been blocked and choreographed. Once we have learned a scene it may be weeks before we revisit it, so please help them review so they don’t forget.

**Rehearsal Attendance**

All students who make the commitment to be part of the show must attend all rehearsals. It is very difficult to learn and rehearse when a child is missing. We do not have time with our short schedule to repeat rehearsals. Rehearsals begin January 4th and will be held on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 7:00-8:30am, with the exception of show run-throughs and dress/tech rehearsals, which will be held after school. Please check the website for the latest schedule (it will be updated Sunday evenings). As we get closer to show dates, we may need to add extra days for rehearsals depending on how well the kids know their parts. One of the best things kids learn in theater is to be flexible and adaptable.

**Children in the School Building**

Only students in the musical cast, who are scheduled for rehearsal, will be allowed to remain in the school building before/after hours. Siblings and friends will not be allowed to watch or wait on school grounds. Rehearsals are closed except for parent volunteers. Cast members will not be allowed to wander the halls or play on the playground. They must stay in the room they are assigned to rehearse in. ALL OTHER SCHOOL RULES APPLY.

**Parent Volunteers**

Please continue to check the website for information about volunteer opportunities. Until the show is cast and we know how many students will participate, we can only estimate how many volunteers will be needed and for exactly what. Most rehearsal time volunteering is supervising small groups of actors, helping run lines, and making sure the students are listening and behaving.

**Behavioral Expectations**

We will operate with a “three strikes you’re out” policy. We want this to be a positive, fun, and safe environment for cast members.

* Strike One – If a child is disturbing rehearsals, they will be given a warning.
* Strike Two – A second warning will require a call to the parent to discuss the problem.
* Strike Three – The child will be dismissed from that day’s rehearsal and a parent will be required to attend any remaining rehearsals with the child until the behavior is improved.

What constitutes disruptive behavior? Not following school rules, being disrespectful to any parent volunteer, bullying or being unkind, being destructive to equipment, scenery, or costumes, or any other inappropriate behavior that requires rehearsal to stop.

If your child is experiencing anything at rehearsals that needs attention, please contact Lisa or Tamara.

**Academics**

The musical can never be used as a reason to miss school, be late for school, or turn in late work. Academics ALWAYS comes first. If your student is struggling with school, it may be necessary for them to withdraw from the show.

**Auditions**

Auditions are only required for those who wish to be cast in a speaking or solo singing role. Please complete the Google Forms that are available on the website. EVEN IF YOU AREN’T AUDITIONING AND JUST WANT AN ENSEMBLE/CHORUS ROLE IN THE SHOW, WE NEED EVERY CAST MEMBER’S GOOGLE FORMS COMPLETED BEFORE DECEMBER 8TH.

There is a selection of music available from the show on the website. Please plan to sing 30 seconds of your selected song.