



Parent Information: We're excited that your child is considering trying out for the school play. Here are a few things to be aware of.

- Tryouts will be held beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Deerfield gym on **Tue., Dec. 2 (Last name A-H), Wed., Dec.3 (I-Q), Thurs., Dec.4 (R-Z)**. When you arrive you will take a number and can then leave and return. We can see about 20 children per hour. Tryouts last several hours.
- At the tryout your child should be prepared to recite a poem, tell a story, perform a monologue, act out a skit, etc.. (1 min. max). We are looking for strong voices and enthusiasm! We do not encourage group auditions.
- If your child is cast in the play their name and the part they will be playing will be posted on a list outside their school classroom the last week of school before Christmas break.
- The first rehearsal will be **Tuesday, January 6th from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** in the Deerfield gym. Rehearsals will continue Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7 throughout January, February, and March. There will be several Monday rehearsals also. In March, rehearsal time will increase to two hours as we prepare for the performance.
- Actors will be expected to be at each rehearsal they are scheduled to be at and to contact us if they are sick or unable to attend. Too many absences may result in not being able to continue with the play. Attendance during dress rehearsal weeks is mandatory. Please arrange schedules in advance. This is a commitment!
- Scripts and rehearsal schedules will be passed out at the first rehearsal. If your child has a part with lines they will receive a script. If they have ensemble or group lines they will be given information and instructions about that during rehearsals. If your child is cast in a dancing role they will receive an extra dance schedule
- If your child is cast in the play they must be available for performances on the following dates: **March 17th-March 20th (Tuesday – Friday)** There will be evening performances each night and a daytime matinee.
- If your child is cast in the play, parents will help them provide their own costume. Costumes are usually very simple, easy to make or no-sew, and inexpensive. You will be contacted by our Costume Coordinators and given guidelines and instructions. Characters groups will work together to plan and create costumes.
- Parent help and involvement is key to the success of this production. Everyone works on a volunteer basis.
- Please indicate on the tryout form how you would like to help!