Middleton Musical Participation Information

Being a part of a theatrical production is a wonderful opportunity to perform as an ensemble, to develop skills in acting, singing, dancing, public speaking and, of course, to have some fun! Joining an after-school musical theatre production can also:

- Form new friendships
- Build self-confidence
- Develop the imagination and creative thinking
- Sharpen concentration, critical thinking, & problem-solving skills - during scene rehearsals
- Strengthen memory & self-discipline – memorizing songs, lines & rehearsing scenes



Commitment

Our main goal is for students to enjoy the process, but please consider that joining the musical is also a serious commitment. It requires a great deal of time, effort, and focus to prepare for a production. Students will be expected to come to rehearsals on time and ready to learn with their script and a pencil. Directors will set clear goals for memorization of lines, lyrics, dance moves, and blocking that may require practice at home for some students. Students must take responsibility for keeping focus during rehearsals and preparing their parts the best that they can to support their fellow cast members and overall progress of the show.

The musical is a longer and larger commitment than a simple enrichment class. We typically rehearse up to 3 days a week for an hour after school in January & February and two hours or more each rehearsal in March & April. (**NOTE**: Most characters will not be requested at every rehearsal).

Parent info meeting: November 20th, 6:30-7pm in the Middleton Cafeteria

Workshops & Auditions - *all students who audition will receive a role in the show.*

Prior to auditions, we will hold workshops for all interested 4th & 5th grade students to get to know some music, scenes, and dances from the show. This is a great opportunity to see what participation in the musical will be like. ***All interested students are encouraged to attend!*** Students who attend the workshops do NOT need to audition for the show should they change their minds.

- Monday, Dec 2nd (3-5:30pm) - **5th grade** workshop
- Wednesday, Dec 4th (3-5:30pm) - **4th grade** workshop
- Monday, Dec 9th (3-5:30pm) - **5th Grade** auditions
- Wednesday, Dec 11th (3-5:30pm) - **4th Grade** auditions
- Monday, Dec 16th (3-5:30pm) - **Callbacks** (4th & 5th, by invite only)

Saturday Rehearsals

We will be planning four Saturday rehearsals (one per month starting in January) that **all cast members must attend. NOTE: *These dates are currently still tentative as we solidify building schedules, but this should give you an idea of the Saturday commitment.***

- **Jan 25th**, 9am-12pm - MIDDLETON Student Rehearsal & Headshot Photos
- **February 22nd**, 9am-12pm - MIDDLETON Student Rehearsal & Costume Fitting
- **March 15th**, 9am-12pm - MIDDLETON Student Rehearsal & Costume Fitting
- **April 26th**, 9am-3pm - MCCRACKEN Cast & Crew Tech Rehearsal

Tech Rehearsals

The weeks leading up to the show also require more rehearsals and longer hours. Our tech rehearsals - the week before the show - last until 7pm most nights, and **all cast members must be in attendance**.

- **Monday, April 28th, 3pm-7pm**- Full Cast & Crew Tech Rehearsal
- **Tuesday, April 29th, 2pm-7pm**- Full Cast & Crew Dress Rehearsal
- **Wednesday, April 30th, 3pm-7pm**- Full Cast & Crew Dress Rehearsal
- **Thursday, May 1st, 12:45-4pm** Preview Show & Rehearsal

Performance Dates - All cast members must attend ALL musical performances.

- **Thursday, May 1st, 2025 (in-school student performance)**
- **Friday, May 2nd, 2025 @ 7pm, 5:45pm call time**
- **Saturday, May 3rd, 2025 @2pm, 12:45pm call time**
- **Saturday, May 3rd, 2025 @ 7pm, 5:45pm call time**

Musical Fee

Students participating in the musical will pay a **$65.00 enrollment fee (made payable to District 73.5 - to be brought in after they have accepted their assigned role)** to cover the cost of their script, musical royalties, sets, props, and some costume items. Most students will be asked to provide their own socks and shoes, and some roles will also provide a basic black base (black pants and shirt).

Show Title

This year's show title will be revealed on the morning announcements and posted to our musical website on **Friday, September 27th.**

Please check our musical website for updates:
https://bulldogdrama.weebly.com/middleton-musical.html