



## A FEW NOTES ABOUT THE PLAY

Hello! A few notes about the School Play, which is coming up in one month!! June 11-12-13.

Here is all the information I have available so far! **Please read this entire newsletter! Especially point 6 below!**

### 1) ABOUT THE PLAY ITSELF:

This year's play is called

# MARVELLA AND THE MOON

It is about a robot girl named Marvella who feels like she has no friends and goes off to the moon, only to discover that she in fact has more friends than she thought! This year is also the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Neil Armstrong's 1969 moon landing... which is why The Moon was chosen as a theme.

### 2) WHAT WILL MY CHILD BE DOING?

At our school, the **Grade 7 students** traditionally provide the acting and the younger students provide the music. This means most of the classes will be involved in the play singing and playing instruments in large groups. Some grade 6 students – typically those in divisions 1 and 2 – are given the opportunity to learn “stage jobs” such as sound tech, stage manager, etc.

### 3) HOW SOON IS THE PLAY?

In June the calendar will look like this:

MAY 31 – GYM CLOSED FOR THE PLAY FOR THIS DAY UNTIL JUNE 17

JUNE 3-7 – SWIMMING LESSONS, alternating with play rehearsals for the primaries.

The grade 7s are at camp June 5-6 so will do their ON STAGE rehearsals on June 3-4. Please ensure your grade seven student is at school these days!

Performance times are as follows... You'll notice the performances are staggered between cast 1 and cast 2. This is to ensure that students don't "burn out" by spending an entire day performing.

JUNE 11: CAST ONE AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE at 1pm in the gym

JUNE 12: CAST TWO AFTERNOON PERFORMANCE at 1pm in the gym

CAST ONE EVENING PERFORMANCE 7-8:15pm in the gym

JUNE 13: CAST TWO EVENING PERFORMANCE 7-8:15pm in the gym

### 4) WHAT DO "CAST ONE" AND "CAST TWO" MEAN?

Due to the large number of students in our school, and the necessity to have seating available for parents, the school gets split into two "casts." Some divisions will perform on one evening, and others on another evening.

CAST 1 and 2 will be split as follows... I am aware that the groupings don't necessarily line up with grade levels but as we have split grades and odd numbers of groups it can't line up perfectly.

CAST 1	CAST 2
DIVISION 17, Ludu	DIVISION 18, Spracklin
DIVISION 15, Azad/Mohamed	DIVISION 16, Albanese
DIVISION 13, De Keruzec	DIVISION 14, Finlayson
DIVISION 10, Belliveau	DIVISION 12, Usselman
DIVISION 9, Lim	DIVISION 11, Natha
DIVISION 8, Nicyfor	DIVISION 7, Guise
DIVISION 6, Farina	DIVISION 5, Bhargava
DIVISION 3, Kirkpatrick	DIVISION 4, Bolognese
DIVISION 1, Bell*	DIVISION 2, Holliday*
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## **5) WHAT IF I HAVE MORE THAN ONE CHILD IN THE SCHOOL AND THEY ARE IN DIFFERENT “CASTS”?**

If you have two or more children in the school, and they are in different casts, generally the younger child will be moved to perform with their older sibling's cast. For example, if your younger child is in Mr. Belliveau's class and needs to change nights, they will perform with Ms. Usselman's class. Both casts will perform the exact same show.

There are exceptions to this rule – for example, if your child has an important solo – but those are few and far in between.

You also have the option of leaving both of your children in their original casts and attending both nights.

## **6) HOW DO I GET TICKETS FOR THE PLAY?**

### **PLEASE READ THIS SECTION.**

Tickets to the play are free, and will be given out to students with a form that comes home closer to the date of the show. However... tickets to the evening performances are **extremely** limited. Our school continues to grow and now has 400 students. 200 students will be performing each night. Our Gym has a seating capacity of just under 400 people, which means that we can issue, at most, two tickets per performer. This means, in many cases, grandparents, uncles etc. miss the show.

**If there is any way you can attend an afternoon performance, please make arrangements to do so!!!!**

Afternoon performances will be exactly the same as evening shows, but, because they take place during the day, there will be more opportunity to take photos of your child due to the less crowded atmosphere. Last year's evening shows were all sell-outs!

## **7) DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO COME TO THE EVENING SHOWS?**

There is no rule saying all students have to come to evening events. Afternoon shows will be a part of student's term 3 letter grades for music class. Evening shows are highly encouraged. For many students, performances like these are a life-long positive memory and a huge team-builder. Additionally, Mr TdS works hard to choreograph songs and stage positioning with all the kids in mind. Missing bodies do not go unnoticed! Plus – they look great performing!

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