

August 24, 2017



Dear Parents and Students,

We are looking for some actors and actresses for the Garfield Elementary School Play. The play is open to fourth through sixth grade students (no exceptions) interested in a participating in a drama production.

This year's production is entitled "Musicville ". It is a musical journey to save Musicville from compete silence. The performance date will be Friday, November 17. The dress rehearsal times will be announced at a later date.

Auditions will be held on Wednesday, August 30, between the hours of 2-5:30 p.m. in the Room 53. If you need a specific time due to outside obligations, please contact Mrs. Matson or Mrs. Pate at [lisamatson@cusd.com](mailto:lisamatson@cusd.com) or [melindapate@cusd.com](mailto:melindapate@cusd.com) by Tuesday, August 29. All other audition times will be schedule at the directors' discretion. All students interested in auditioning must return the completed audition packet to Room 20 by Tuesday, August 29. **No exceptions will be made!**

For auditions students must perform one of the monologues that is provided in the packet. Monologues should be memorized and fluent in delivery. Also be prepared to sing a song from the provided choices that you can find on the Garfield website under co-curricular by clicking on the drama link.

Selections will be posted on Thursday, August 31, at 8:00 am outside Room 20. There will be a read through rehearsal on Tuesday, September 5, from 4:30 - 6:00PM in the Cub Café.

Please note that upon being chosen for the cast, you and your child may be asked to assist in the production by making of costumes or building of scenery. Your child will also be required to attend all of the rehearsals required for his/her role during our 4:30-6 rehearsal times. Rehearsal schedules will go out after a cast is selected. We will be using a text messaging system called Remind to announce our rehearsal schedule.

If your child is interested in participating in this activity, please fill out the attached audition packet and return it to Mrs. Matson in room 20 by Tuesday, August 28.

Thank you!

Mrs. Matson  
Mrs. Pate

## Audition Preparation:

For auditions each student must, in addition to their vocal audition, perform a monologue. The monologue should be memorized and performed as written. The casting directors will see each student individually. Four monologues have been provided below to choose from.

### Conversations with Grandma - by John Stevens

Teenage Girl:

(Bringing flowers to a grave)

Hi Grandma, how are you today? (she sits on her feet at the edge of the grave and tries to spruce it up clearing away twigs and such.)

Grandma, I need your advice. Mom is driving me crazy. I sometimes wonder if she drove you crazy too. (laughs to herself) In fact, sometimes I wonder if she didn't put you here!

Ever since you left us, she has not been the same. She started drinking ... a LOT. I know if you were here she would listen to you. But whenever I try to talk to her about, she says, "I'm just a kid, I wouldn't understand."

But I do understand Grandma. She's not the only one missing you. And.... the last thing I want right now is for something to happen to her. If something did...then... then I would be all alone in this world. ... Just me.

Anyway. If you can pull any strings... you know... up there...it sure would be nice to have my mom back.

(she gets up and starts to leave the grave site, but then turn back with one last thought.)

I honestly don't know who I miss more....you..... or her.

### Valentine's Day Rules

Well it's almost that time of year again. Valentine's Day is almost here, and my teacher is going to once again FORCE me to write a Valentine's Day card to everyone in my class. I understand that they don't want anyone to get their feelings hurt, but why do I have to write a Valentine's day card to the kid who pushed me down at recess, and made fun of me? And am I supposed to really believe that when they give me a card that they REALLLY want to be my Valentine? .... My older sister thinks that this is where kids first learn to lie about their feelings in a relationship. She said it helps us prepare for marriage.... (shrugs shoulders) whatever THAT means!

## I AM Snow White?

When I was little...we went to The Magic Kingdom...I went on this ride called "Snow White's Scary Adventures" I was only 5 so I was expecting happy adventures with Snow White, a few cute dwarves...singing birds and the occasional old lady with an apple. I got an eerie feeling the moment the ride took off. *Where is Snow White? Where are the Dwarves?* It wasn't until the ride was over that someone told me the ride was supposed to make you feel as if you WERE Snow White... What the???! I didn't want to **be** Snow White. That's some scary stuff! But there I was, trapped on the ride, crashing into walls and dragged through a dungeon, being constantly tortured by frightening images of the evil witch. I walked off that ride scared, and to be honest...ticked off. My older brother thought it was funny... he kept laughing at how terrified I was... so he bought me a Princess tiara. Gee...THANKS! Next time I am heading straight for Space Mountain!

## Tooth Fairy Sanitizer

I lost a tooth the other day, and my mom told me to put it under my pillow and that in the middle of the night the Tooth Fairy would come in and take my tooth and replace it with some cash. OK... so I have some questions and concerns here.

- #1) What does this little tooth freak do with all of these teeth? By my calculations (takes out calculator and begins typing frantically somewhere in the world a child loses a tooth every .08 seconds... BUT they are not all in the same part of the world... which brings me to ...
- #2) How does this little tooth-collecting creep get from place to place? I mean I get how Santa gets around, but at least he has a route...
- #3) If this Fairy is touching other peoples teeth each night... what about the germs? I mean obviously some of these kids are losing their teeth because they don't take care of them... so ...ewwwwww... gross.... This fairy is touching a bunch of nasty teeth and then touching my pillow??

From now on when I lose a tooth...I am leaving some anti-bacterial hand sanitizer under my pillow!

Drama Audition Information Sheet

Return by Tuesday, August 29

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Room \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Do any of your activities conflict with the 4:30 – 6:00 pm rehearsal time? Please list them below. **It is very important that you give an accurate account of your activities that will conflict with the 4:30-6:00 rehearsal time.**

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Would your parent(s) be willing to sew or create a simple costume? \_\_\_\_\_

Would your parent(s) be willing to build or help with sets and/or props? \_\_\_\_\_

Please note that you may not be absent from rehearsal more than twice. More than two absences will result in your removal from the play.

**Also ALL rehearsals are MANDATORY the month of November.**

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Student signature

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Parent Signature