

August 23, 2018



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 "Tut Tut ". It is inspired by the life of "King Tut" (the 10-year old who became King of Egypt) with a touch of Mark Twain's "The Prince and the Pauper". Our performance date will be Friday, November 16. The dress rehearsal times will be announced at a later date.

Auditions will be held on Wednesday, August 29, between the hours of 2-5:30 p.m. in Room 16. If you need a specific time due to outside obligations, please contact Mrs. Matson or Mrs. Pate at lisamatson@cusd.com or melindapate@cusd.com by Tuesday, August 28. 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 28. **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 "Maybe" from Annie which you can find on the Garfield website under co-curricular by clicking on the drama link.

Selections will be posted on Thursday, August 30, at 8:00 am outside Room 20. There will be a read through rehearsal on Tuesday, September 4, 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.

MONOLOGUE #1: SHARING

Some people think I don't like sharing, but that isn't true at all. I love sharing. I mean, what's not to love about being able to go up to someone and say, "Hey, can I have some of that candy?" And then they give you some! Or, "Can I ride your bike for a while?" And then you get to ride their bike! Sharing is awesome. Sometimes you have to be careful, though. Like if someone comes up to me and says, "Can I have one of your cookies?" Well, if I gave them a cookie, then I might not have any cookies left to share with other people and that would be, like, the opposite of sharing. So I have to say no. Because sharing is really important.

MONOLOGUE #2: SCOUT

Before we moved here, we had this big dog named Scout. Mom always said he was a total mutt, but I think he was also part collie. And maybe part golden retriever. But he was definitely at least half mutt. Scout was supposed to be the whole family's dog, but he was really mine. I mean, after school, it was me he would be waiting for. And when anyone threw his ball, I'm the one he always brought it back to. And at night, it was always my bed he slept in. But before we moved here, my Mom found out we weren't allowed to have any pets, so we had to give him away to my cousins. I don't really talk about it, but sometimes I dream about Scout. He's got his ball in his mouth and he's looking for me. And I'm saying, "Here, Scout. I'm right here." But he doesn't hear me, and he can't see me, and I'm saying, "I'm right here. Scout. I'm right here." And then, I don't know, I guess I wake up . . . I don't know if Scout dreams about me.

MONOLOGUE #3: VOTE

Hi, my name is Terry Taylor and you should vote for me for class president, because of all the really amazing ideas I have to make all of our lives here at Garfield a better place. Like, OK, for instance, this one idea that I have that there should be a table out in the hallway all the time filled with free cookies and cupcakes and brownies and maybe those amazing frittata bites that they sell at Mr. Chulo's down on the corner. I mean, if everyone likes frittata bites or even knows what they are. They're really good. This would improve school morale and also keep everyone's energy up for better studying.

Another amazing idea I have is to completely get rid of grades, mostly because I think they're elitist and also because even someone who fails is actually a successful person in their own way. So there's that.

And finally, I would like to introduce a by-law or something, that would make it socially not acceptable for anyone to be called a geek or maybe shoved into a locker or have their lunch money stolen just because they maybe wear glasses or, for instance, are running for class president. So there's that. Thank you . . . Terry Taylor. Vote for Terry Taylor . . . Thank you.

MONOLOGUE #4: UNIVERSE

I saw on the Discovery Channel where a long time ago, before the beginning of time, the entire universe was as small as the head of a pin. And everything was inside it. Stars, planets, houses, people, cars – other pins. Everything in the universe. And then one day, this head of a pin just exploded and everything came out at like a million degrees hot and million miles an hour. And all the stars and planets and people and cars just kept getting bigger and bigger, until they filled up all of space and all of time, just burning and melting and spinning. And as soon as I heard that, I knew that I was just like that pin, and that one day I'm gonna explode too. And when I do, fire and stars and whole worlds will come out of me and they'll be a million degrees hot and they'll travel so far and so fast that I'll never have to come back here again. Not ever . . . Not ever.

Drama Audition Information Sheet

Return by Tuesday, August 28

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.**

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.

Student signature

Parent Signature