



Apollo Elementary Annual Variety Show!

Reach for the stars!

6:00pm on Friday, February 26th

K-5th Graders! Bring your best vocal, music, dance, magic, skit, etc. (*2 min. or less*)

Students may only participate in ONE act, so make it count!

Audition: Wed. February 10th 12:45-3pm (Held in the MPR)

All acts that come prepared to auditions will get to be part of the show. No impromptu acts will be allowed.

Auditions are to preview acts for time and appropriate material.

***Parent letter/permission form AND all info e-mailed to director due by Monday February 8th. NO

EXCEPTIONS

Mandatory Dress Rehearsal: Wednesday February 24th 12:45-3pm

*Variety Show Director- Kaylene Palmer: dkpalmers@centurylink.net

Variety Show 2016 Permission Form and Guidelines

- All acts must be well prepared: full costumes, props, music in correct format, etc.
- MUSIC GUIDELINES: Please burn all music using a CD-R and in music/audio format. NO data format and test it on a CD player, not a computer at home prior to auditions. Music must be background only, no lyrics (karaoke style). Please send the clearly labeled CD to school with your child on Feb 10th for auditions. We will need to keep a copy to have for the show. Do not bring your music on your phone or mp3 player.
- All acts must be two minutes or less (please have your music cut in advance)
- If you wish to sing: You may only use a karaoke version of the song. We want to hear your voice, not someone else's. Please sing loud enough for us to hear and understand the words to the song.

- No lip sync acts will be permitted.
- No vulgar, violent, crude, or suggestive lyrics or dance moves will be permitted. Keep in mind your act needs to be appropriate for an audience of 5 to 11 year olds.
- Outfits and costumes must fall within school guidelines.
- All songs need to have a printed version of the lyrics attached to permission slip, as well as copied and pasted into an e-mail to the director.
- Every person in your group needs to sign and turn in a permission form to the office, not one form for the whole group.
- **Permission form signed and turned in by Monday February 8th. Please do not show up at auditions with a permission form, it will be too late.**
- **If your child is participating in the variety show please make every effort to clear their schedule for the days and times they will be required to be at the audition, rehearsals, and performance. If you can't, maybe it would be best to wait until next year.**
- **NEW THIS YEAR: You must e-mail the director with your name, name of your act, teacher, grade, and song lyrics where applicable. This will make it easier for the director to send updates to everyone and avoid mis-spellings.**
- **ALSO NEW THIS YEAR: There will be no repeat songs allowed. Song choice will be given on a first come first serve basis. If you e-mail the director with your song choice and lyrics copied and pasted into the e-mail you will be notified by e-mail as soon as possible if that song has been taken already or not. Do not rely solely on handing in your song choice/permission form to your teacher. Sometimes the teachers don't hand them in every day. Receipt of the required e-mail to the director will also determine the order of auditions. Audition order will be e-mailed to parents the day by Tuesday February 7th.**
- **Part of the audition process is showing proper "Performance Etiquette"—eyes on performer, no talking to your neighbor, polite applause where appropriate and waiting until a performer is finished to get up for a bathroom or drink break. We will have the performers seated in chairs to watch auditions. Some kids really want their two minutes on stage, but they need to realize that they will be required to sit and watch 60+ other students during their two minutes on stage as well for the rehearsals and performances.**

Important dates and times:

- Audition: **Wednesday February 10th 12:45-3pm.** (this may be longer depending on how many kids are in the show)
- Dress Rehearsal: **Wednesday February 24th 12:45-3pm.**
- Finale Rehearsal: **Thursday February 25th 3:00-4:00pm**
- Daytime assembly: **Friday February 26th.**
- Variety show Evening performance: **Friday February 26th 6:00pm.**

*****There is a great deal going on while your student is with us. If your child is injured, we will NOT have school records with emergency contacts or instructions. We will try to contact a parent and if necessary 911. If your child has a food allergy, please inform the director. Please also provide a snack for your child, or stay on the premises to monitor your child if possible. Snacks will not be monitored closely. The students will sign in as they enter the MPR. You must sign your child out and meet your child in the gym for him/her to be excused. No child will be allowed to leave without a parent or guardian.

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED!

We request that every performer have at least one parent willing to help us out in some capacity. We are very much in need of volunteers to pull all of this off. Please contact the variety show director if you are able to help out in any way. We will have volunteer sign- up sheets at the audition, or you may contact the director before then.

Some volunteer opportunities include:

- Set up and/or take down chairs at the evening performance, dress rehearsal and assembly/assemblies.
- Photographer
- Video Recorder
- Decorating
- Running the sound system (Mrs. Boeger or Mrs. Clausen will help to train those interested in this)
- At least 3-4 parents helping students with line-up, putting name-tags on chairs, and ushering at dress rehearsal, assembly, and evening performance.
- One backstage parent to remain backstage through the performance.
- Helping the janitor set up lunch tables and push back bleachers before lunch so we will have enough time for everyone to perform at the morning assembly.

This section is to be completed by the parent/guardian and the student auditioning

*****Please write neatly! I cannot contact you if I can't read names or e-mail addresses*****

Student Name _____ Phone Number _____

Teacher _____ Grade _____ E-mail _____

Title of act _____

I want to be in the finale number ____ Yes ____ No (this will require staying ½ hour after auditions, dress rehearsal, and to the end of the variety show on Friday evening)

___ (4th and 5th grades only) I wish to be part of the backstage crew (curtains, props, set-up, programs)

___ (5th graders only) I wish to be an MC-You must bring 30 seconds to one minute of your own script to auditions. Only two MC's will be selected.

Names of all additional students in your act _____

Please mark the following items that you might need:

___ microphone ___ piano ___ music stand ___ chair
___ gymnastics mat ___ other, please specify _____

***Students please initial next to each portion and sign at the bottom.

___ I understand that I need to turn in my permission slip to the office with a parent signature

___ I understand that I need to e-mail the director with my: name, song choice, lyrics, classroom teacher and grade, and anything else that is needed (mic, table, mats, piano, etc.) Song choice is first come, first serve. The director will notify me as soon as possible if my song choice has already been taken.

___ I understand that the finale number is a dance number. If I do not show up for the finale rehearsal, I will not be onstage during the finale number, but I will still come out for the final curtain call/bow.

___ I understand that the director reserves the right to remove my act from the show if I am not at the dress rehearsal or I am consistently having poor behavior or being disrespectful.

___ I understand that if I am choosing to sing, that if no one can hear me or understand the words I may not be able to be in the show.

I have read and reviewed with my child all of the information on both sides of these sheets and I give permission for my child _____ (name of student) to participate in the Apollo Variety show. I have also previewed my child's act and reviewed the lyrics.

Parent/Guardian (please print) _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Relationship to student _____

I have read all of the information with my parent/guardian and I understand what is expected of me. I am choosing to participate in the variety show.

Student Signature _____

Please e-mail the director: Kaylene Palmer- dkpalmers@centurylink.net with any questions or concerns.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing what a great group we have this year!