



Missoula Children's Theatre

Kindergarten Parent Introduction

The Auburn Village School PTA is once again sponsoring a week-long theater residency at the school. Every year we are fortunate to be able to host two shows so that we can get as many children into roles and on stage as we can. We hosted one in the fall for odd-numbered grades and are now looking forward to hosting one for our Kindergarteners and grades 2, 4, 6 and 8. The reason we include the Kindergarteners in the spring is for two reasons:

1. The fall show is sometimes too early in the year for the Kindergarteners to feel comfortable participating.
2. Every play is designed with a group-based role for our youngest students. This low-stress role offers an excellent on-stage opportunity for the Kindergarteners to participate in this PTA residency!

Two staff members from Missoula Children's Theatre come to AVS to direct a musical performed by the children. This year's performance is ***King Arthur's Quest***. The audition is on Monday, March 26th in the school gym from 3:30-5:30pm. For auditions, **we will collect all participating afternoon Kindergarteners just before elementary release at 3:20pm. If you have a child in the morning program that would like to participate, please plan to meet in the front lobby for 3:20pm.** Note: The auditions are closed to parents so that we can ensure we have your child's full attention.

Please be aware that the rehearsals are held for only one week after school and in the evening hours, but many of the Kindergarteners are not required to be present every night. You will receive an official schedule of when your child needs to be at rehearsals upon picking them up from auditions. Below is the expected schedule for the week but is subject to change:

Monday	3:30 – 5:30	School-wide auditions (Kindergarteners will join auditions at 3:20)
	6:00 – 8:00	Key roles rehearsal (about 5-7 Middle School children)
Tuesday	3:30 – 5:30	Key roles rehearsal (grades 2, 4, 6 and 8)
	6:00 – 8:00	Key roles rehearsal (grades 2, 4, 6 and 8)
Wednesday	3:30 – 5:30	All Cast & Crew (Most likely first rehearsal for Kindergarteners)
	6:00 – 8:00	All Cast & Crew (No Kindergarteners)
Thursday	3:30 – 5:30	All Cast & Crew (Second rehearsal for Kindergarteners)
	6:00 – 8:00	All Cast & (No Kindergarteners)
Friday	3:30 – 5:30	Dress Rehearsal <i>All students will remain after school for dress rehearsal until performance</i>
	5:30- 6:30	Dinner and Costumes
	6:30 – 7:30	Performance
Saturday	9:00am	Call Time for All Roles
	11am – 12pm	Performance
	12:00pm	Cast Party

This is a wonderful experience for your child and you will be amazed by what Missoula Children's Theatre and the children are able to accomplish in just one week!

Look for the permission slip and additional details to be sent home from school the week after February Vacation!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the PTA Theater Residency Chair for this event Ami D'Amelio amidamelio@gmail.com. Thank you!

Please note that every assigned rehearsal and both performances are mandatory; therefore, lack of attendance will affect the ability to participate in future PTA-sponsored residencies.

This is not an Auburn Village School event. This program is kindly sponsored by the AVS PTA, an independent organization. All questions and concerns about AVS PTA programs should be directed to the PTA Chair or Board.