

Dear Parents,

December 1, 2022

The Variety Show tryouts are quickly approaching, and we know the children will be working hard on their acts! ☺ There will be **two separate** tryout dates, both occurring on the stage **in the cafeteria** from **6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. A parent MUST be present for his/her child's tryout.** Videotaping instead of trying out is not permitted. Ex. My child will be out of town the evening of the tryouts. The dates are:

- 1) **Wednesday, February 1st = Vocalists, Instrumentalists, Comedy Routines, Magic Shows, and**
- 2) **Thursday, February 2nd = Dance, Gymnastics, Cheer, Taekwondo, Karate, Hula Hoop, Jump Rope**

The following criteria **MUST** be adhered to please:

- 1) All printed words to songs must be attached to try-out sheet. Words/lyrics to songs must be elementary school appropriate as well as Cheer/Dance/Gymnastic moves.
- 2) Students will not be allowed to sing along with the words/lyrics of prerecorded music. Music must be accompaniment only or Karaoke versions if sung. These may be available on iTunes.
- 3) ONLY CDs formatted for a CD player (CDR - - NOT CD-RW's), or flash drives with file formats of WAV, MP3, MP4, M4A, WMA will be accepted for the tryouts, dress rehearsal, and performances. NO cell phones, and You-Tube videos allowed.
- 4) Lip-syncing will NOT be permitted.
- 5) Acts should not be longer than approximately 3 minutes, and not shorter than 1 minute.
- 6) One act per child. You cannot perform an act from a previous Variety Show entry.
- 7) Costumes may be worn during the tryouts but are not required.
- 8) Mandatory dress rehearsal date: Mon., March 6th 2:45 – 5:30 P.M. on the stage. Students will call home after their act is completed. Please pick up your child from the cafeteria. There is a place on the permission slip to write the phone number for your child to call.

We would also appreciate it if you would talk to your child before the tryouts about realizing he/she may not be selected to participate in the show. Many acts may be worthy enough for the show, but the judges will be deciding upon a maximum of **24** acts. The judges' decisions are final, and no re-evaluations will be accepted. Every student who tries out will receive a stapled letter from their homeroom teacher the afternoon of **Friday, February 3rd stating if he/she is/is not going to be a participant in the 2023 Variety Show. Please check with your child when he/she comes home for the letter.**

The show will be performed on **Wednesday, March 8 at 6:30 P.M.** in JCE's cafeteria. There will also be 2 performances on **Thursday, March 9th** for ONLY students and faculty from **9:00 - 9:45 A.M and 1:30 - 2:30 P.M.** We would like to wish everyone "Good Luck!" 😊

Please return the attached form and permission slip to Mrs. Isabelle by Wednesday, February 16th. NO forms will be accepted the day of the tryouts – **Tues., Jan. 31st**, NO EXCEPTIONS! Turn in only one form and one permission slip per act. For acts that include more than one child, please list all the children's names and parent signatures on ONE permission slip.

Sincerely, _____
Mrs. Kathe Isabelle - Music Teacher