



Dear 4th Grade Parent,

Welcome to the preparations for our 4th grade musical. This year we are presenting a production based on Barbara Robinson's book **The Best Christmas Pageant Ever**". Our performance is scheduled for May 21st at 7:00 p.m. with school performances on May 19th (12:30 p.m.) and May 20th (9:30 a.m.) Attached you will find a list of characters, a rehearsal schedule and a script. Please be sure to look these over and print **2** copies of the rehearsal schedule and the script (one for home and one for school). This production is successful only if parents, teachers, and students work together and there is an awful lot of work to be done.

First of all, **auditions are Wednesday, February 26th and Thursday, February 27th during school.** For this audition, your child will need a copy of the **script and rehearsal schedule bound in a folder or binder.** Also, the bottom of this letter needs to be **signed and returned with \$20.00.** This fee will cover the cost of costumes, make-up, and scenery. Every student will read page 3 from Claude Herdman's line through page 3

Jessica's line. Each student will also sing "Over My Head" for his audition. These do not need to be memorized but it does seem to help with confidence. Next, we will have children read from different characters that we thought were reflected in the first reading and song. Thus it is a good idea for your child to be familiar with the entire script. Although your child may have a favorite character, many children have the same favorite character and obviously, everyone cannot have the same role. Often there are excellent roles that are overlooked by the children and by the end of our production generally everyone is happy with their experience.

We expect to email the cast list to parents following school on February 28th. Our **first in school rehearsal is on Tuesday, March 3rd** and our **first after school rehearsal is Thursday, March 5th.** Next look for your child's character in the character list and script and find which scenes he/she is in. Then check the calendar for when these scenes are rehearsed after school. It is important that everyone from the scene is present at rehearsal. Please keep this in mind when making dentist, doctor, and orthodontist appointments. Musical numbers are rehearsed during recess and are listed by music title.

Parent committees create costumes, props, make-up, and scenery. We are having a **parent meeting** the evening of **March 16th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Music Room. Please make every effort to attend. Committees, financing, and other important information will be discussed at that time.

Thank you in advance for all of your help!!!

Mrs. Dalian, Mrs. Preuss, Mrs. Opaleski

Please return by February 26th with \$20.00 to cover the cost of producing the play.

I _____ (printed name) have printed and read the 4th grade play information.

Signed _____