

January 27, 2012

Dear Heards Ferry Parents,

The Heards Ferry PTA is sponsoring the 11th annual school-wide Talent/Variety Show on April 13, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at the Riverwood High School auditorium. The talent show will feature your children in an entertaining display of their talents in the areas of singing, dancing, playing instruments, acting, etc. Heards Ferry has a rich diversity of talent and this event will allow the children to showcase their talents in a rewarding and supportive environment.

Attached is a form to be filled out and signed by you to notify us that your child would like to audition for this show. We strongly encourage you to assist your child in selecting an act and preparing (and practicing!) for this audition. During the audition, students will be judged on technical talent, stage presence, creativity/originality and audience appeal. Our goal is for the talent show to provide a fun filled and nicely balanced variety of acts. Everyone (Pre-K to 5th grade) is invited to audition.

In preparing for your child's audition, please adhere to the following guidelines:

1. **The act should be well rehearsed and last no longer than 2 minutes for solo acts and 2 ½ minutes for group acts.**
2. **All lines/words and instrumental pieces must be memorized at the time of auditions (no sheet music allowed)**
3. **All costumes, music, instruments, and props must be brought to the audition. (a CD player will be provided as well as a connection for an iPod)**
4. **When performing a singing act, you must use a karaoke version of the song or live instrumental accompaniment, instead of trying to sing over the original version.**
5. **When performing a dance, it helps to form a group of at least 3 people.**
6. **Most importantly, we all know that much of the popular music these days contains subtly and explicitly suggestive lyrics that are too mature for an elementary school audience. Therefore, any such costumes, lyrics or dances are prohibited unless you receive prior approval from the talent show organizers. The music may, however, be used without lyrics. Please review your child's performance prior to the audition to prevent an awkward situation. If you have any questions about your child's act, please contact Melanie Sprung at melanie.sprung@comcast.net.**

Entry forms must be submitted to Ms. Johar in the front office on or before February 16, 2010. Auditions will be held Monday, February 27 from 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. in the Heards Ferry music room. We will notify the children of their audition time by February 21. The audition schedule will be posted beside the Music Room door and you will be notified by email with your child's try-out time. Due to the enthusiastic response of our students, we must limit auditions to no more than 2 auditions per student, a group audition and a solo audition if desired.

Although all acts may not be selected by the judges to perform in the talent show, all children who try out will be offered an opportunity to perform in the opening act or assist with back stage operations of the show (backstage is limited to 5th graders).

The rehearsals are tentatively scheduled on Thursdays (March 8th, 15th, and 29th) in the Heards Ferry Cafeteria from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. The dress rehearsal will be held on Thursday, April 12th from 2:30 - 5:00. Each act/group (2 or more kids) must have at least one chaperone that will stay with the children for all rehearsals.

The PTA is very excited to showcase your child's talent and we encourage you and your child to join in the fun. We welcome assistants to help ensure the success of this production, so please email Melanie at Melanie.sprung@comcast.net if you are interested in volunteering. We are always in need of help with set design, backstage managers, and a sound person.

Thank you,

Melanie Sprung melanie.sprung@comcast.net

HFE Talent/Variety Show 2012
Audition Entry Form

Name:
Grade:
Teacher:
Title of Act:
Length: (max: 2 minutes solo or 2 ½ minutes for group)

Singing:
Dancing:
Combo: (Singing/Dancing)
Gymnastics:
Musical Instruments - Specify:
Poetry/Skit:
Other - Specify:

Performing:

Alone:
With Others: - Please list participants *:

*Please note that if you're performing as a part of a group, your group's permission slips **MUST BE STAPLED TOGETHER**, before turning them into Ms. Johar. This will ensure that all group members are assigned the same audition time.

Parent contact for solo/group:
Email:
Phone number:

I give permission for my child to audition for the HFE Talent Show. I will review my child's act prior to audition. I have read the above information and reviewed it with my child.

Parent/Guardian:

Signature:
