

Bear Path School PTA is proud to present:

Beauty & the Beast, JR

Based on the original Broadway production that ran for over thirteen years and was nominated for nine Tony Awards, and the Academy Award-winning motion picture, Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR. is a fantastic adaptation of the story of transformation and tolerance. Disney's Beauty and the Beast JR. features some of the most popular songs ever written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, along with new songs by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice.

The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed to his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

With many fun supporting roles allowing students to play objects inside the castle, this "tale as old as time" is filled with spectacular costume and set opportunities.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COST TO PARTICIPATE:

\$75 per student (\$50 for each additional sibling).

Reduced cost of \$35 for those who qualify. Participation fee will help pay for the rights of the show, production costs, props, and concession stand items. **Every participant will receive a cast t-shirt!**

LEAD ROLE AUDITIONS:

Grades 4 - 6 only - Wednesday January 8th @ 3:45 – 5:00 pm with potential call backs on Friday January 10th

REHEARSALS:

Begin the week of January 21st and will be held at Bear Path Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons **3:45 – 5:00 pm.***

*With the exception of a few leads, not all cast members will attend every rehearsal. Rehearsals will be leads only for the first month.

*In the weeks leading up to the show, there may be additional rehearsals, including evening dress rehearsals.

*In the event of school cancellation or early dismissal due to weather, there will be no rehearsal.

SHOW PERFORMANCE:

Friday, May 15th and Saturday, May 16th @ 7:00 pm

at **Hamden High School** (If 2 cast are needed, we will add shows on the 14th @ 7pm and 16th @2pm)

DIRECTOR:

Jared Andrew Brown from The Jared Andrew Studio for the Performing Arts

PARENT MEETING:

Monday January, 6th @ 7:00 pm at the Bear Path Cafeteria

Informational meeting to answer any questions you may have about the production, rehearsals, and performances.

QUESTIONS:

Contact Diana Theriault at bearpathinfo@bearpathpta.org

GRADE-BY-GRADE INVOLVEMENT

All students wishing to participate in the Bear Path Spring Musical will have a place within the production!

ENSEMBLE: **Open to all grades. Do not need to audition.** These students will be featured in large group scenes, musical numbers, and crowd scenes.

LEAD ROLES: **Grades 4-6 only. Need to audition.** These students will be featured in speaking roles, as back-up singers, large group scenes, musical numbers, and crowd scenes. These will be the main character roles, as well as smaller speaking roles. Students will need to come to the audition prepared to sing one short song of your choice. Also please bring your favorite book, from which you will read an excerpt out loud.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT: **We need all hands on deck to ensure this is a great experience for the kids.** Opportunities to get involved include rehearsal volunteers, set construction, costumes, publicity, fundraising, ticket sales, and back stage during the performances.

****REHEARSAL NOTES**:** With the exception of a few leads, students will not attend every rehearsal. A more detailed rehearsal schedule will be distributed after auditions.

Students are expected to be respectful during rehearsal. If a student causes too much of a distraction, parents will be notified.

Rehearsal ends promptly at 5:00 (to allow other programs to run in the school). Plan on arriving prior to 5:00 to pick your student up, or coordinate with another parent who can.

To Register Your Student, Please Visit

www.bearpathpta.org

Registration will only be available on our Membership Toolkit Online Kiosk