





For your convenience, all handouts and calendars will also be downloadable online at www.selmaartscenter.com/youth.

Emails: Emails will be the strongest form of communication. If you did not receive and email this weekend from the Selma Arts Center please check with us that your email is correct. A list will be posted this week in the lobby.

Calendars: A detailed calendar will be handed out second week of rehearsals. (Also available online) Please pay attention to who is called on Friday rehearsals.

Tickets: Tickets will be available for parents July 2nd for one week, we will then open to the public July 9th. We highly suggest getting your tickets early.

Facebook: Updates about tickets and the performances will be posted on our Facebook pages www.facebook.com/CKP.Selma and www.facebook.com/CKP.Selma and www.facebook.com/CKP.Selma and www.facebook.com/CKP.Selma and www.facebook.com/SelmaArtsCenter

Welcome Parents!!!

Congratulations!!! Your child has been cast in CKP's production of *Mary Poppins Jr.* Performing in a musical is an experience that you child will remember for the rest of their lives, and it is truly our pleasure to work with you and your child on this exciting project. We want everyone involved to understand both the benefits and responsibilities that go along with being in a musical, so we have detailed some of the basics here.

As with any group activity, every participant has responsibilities. Please look over the following items to make sure you and your family can honor the commitment to being a part of a show.

Attendance: Attached to this letter is a basic rehearsal schedule for the show. Please look it over closely to make sure your child has no conflicts with the rehearsals or show dates. If there are conflicts, please let the production team know as soon as possible. A more detailed calendar will be given the second week. Students are expected to attend all rehearsals they are called for unless prior approval has been given. Failure to do so can result in dismissal from the show.

Rehearsals: Rehearsals will typically last from *4pm to 6pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday* at the Selma Arts Center. Fridays may not be for everyone so please look to the calendar. Students should bring their scripts, a pencil, water, and wear appropriate shoes and clothes for movement. Also, please make sure you have arranged to be picked up on time from each rehearsal.

Homework: Students will have some homework for the show, including memorizing lines and songs, rehearsing their dances, researching their character, etc. Create a schedule so you have time to finish homework from the musical.

Attitude: The rehearsal room and theater are safe spaces where people can take positive risks and be themselves without the fear of being laughed at or alienated. This principle is essential to artistic growth and exploration. Participants are expected to respect these principles and are encouraged to remember it themselves when trying new things.

Volunteering: The most important thing you can do to help us with the musical is make sure your child commits to everything listed above. If you want to volunteer additional time or resources to the production, simply drop us a note with your name or email, and we will contact you when assistance is needed. We are still in the process of compiling a list of everything that needs to be done, but don't worry, when we have tasks that need to be done, we will let you know.

Finally, please remember a musical is a living, breathing entity. Things don't always go exactly as planned, so changes in the plan will be made throughout the rehearsal process. We promise to give you as much advanced notice as possible on all changes that arise. To share the event with friends or get up to date information visit our Facebook page and the Cool Kid Players page on Selmaartscenter.com.

If you have major questions or concerns at any time throughout the process, please feel free to contact Co-Director *Nicolette Andersen at* nicolettea@cityofselma.com . *For more general questions please contact the Selma Arts Center* (559) 891-2238 and we will be happy to help you.

Sincerely, CKP- Director Nicolette C. Andersen nicolettea@cityofselma.com

