

August 23, 2017

Dear Breen Families,

It is that time of year again! Beginning Monday, September 11, 2017, we will begin rehearsals for Breen Elementary School's 2017/2018 dance show, "So You Think You Can Dance - the Breen Edition". All rehearsals will take place during your student's already scheduled PE times over a 6-week period.

Dress rehearsals and performances will take place the week of October 16, 2017. Specifically, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, October 17th, 18th, and 19th, 2017. There will be 2 performances with the same cast each evening. The first performance each evening will be at 6:00 pm and the second performance each evening will be at 7:00 pm (students perform at both time slots). Dress rehearsal for each cast will be during the school day on the same day they are scheduled to perform. Dress rehearsals will be performed for the rest of the student body and teachers to help give the students an opportunity to perform for an audience prior to their "official" performance. Your student will perform according to the following schedule:

Tuesday Oct 17th Cast

Harding(K)
Eckenburg(1st)
Dunn(2nd)
Sgambati(4th)
Wise(5th)
Baker(6th)

Wednesday Oct 18th Cast

Hungerford(K)
Furlong(1st)
Wall(2nd)
Moore(3rd)
Spainhour(4th)
Wright(5th)
McElroy(6th)

Thursday Oct 19th Cast

Holme(K)
Buckner(1st)
Aragon(2nd)
Jackson(3rd)
Vaa(4th)
McCarty(5th)
King(6th)

TICKETS FOR THIS EVENT

Beginning Monday, September 11, 2017, tickets will go on sale for this event. Tickets are \$3 each and available for purchase by filling out the attached form and returning it to the box in the school office or after school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at the table outside near the office. Tickets that are purchased through the box in the office will be processed AND returned to your student's teacher in an envelope and given to your student to bring home (approximately 2-3 day turnaround). If you order tickets this way, please be sure to check with your student to see if they have received them. Tickets will also be available for purchase on the evening of the performance at the door, but tickets are limited for each performance, so purchase your tickets early to avoid being "sold out"!

We have been fortunate enough over the last several years to be able to purchase some great things for our school, benefitting all of our awesome students and teachers. We look forward to saving for and purchasing our next item whatever that may end up being.

This year we are excited to announce that we will be donating some of our proceeds to Breast Cancer Research and Awareness; since October(the month of our performances) is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

COSTUMES

Most students will be wearing their class t-shirts and black on the bottom (pants, capris shorts, etc.)and comfortable shoes to dance in. In addition to that, and to further celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness Month, students may wear pink accents to their "dancewear" like socks, bows, wristbands, headbands, etc.

SOLO OPPORTUNITIES

There will once again be solo dance opportunities for all grade levels. Students may ask or will be asked and selected by the Dance Show Production Team and given opportunity to choreograph and perform their own 30 second - 1 minute piece to music selected by the student from a specific list and provided by the team. The selected students will perform their solo on the same evening that they perform with their class. Selection will be based on "sportsmanship", consistent participation in rehearsals (enthusiasm/hard-working), and skill. The progress on creating their own choreography will be checked each week to ensure completion of their piece by the performance date.

MUSIC

Some students would like to be able to practice their dance after school hours. We would love to provide the music for them. Since we have not been able to find a safe way to provide the music online without having copy-write problems, the only way to utilize the music at home would be to purchase one of our CDs with ALL the songs (K-6) on it. We will put all of the songs being used in the dance show on one CD, that way families with multiple students only need to purchase one CD. Just have your student bring their \$2 to P.E. and we will hand them a CD.

EXTRA

If you are on Facebook, please visit and "like" our Facebook page - So You Think You Can Dance - The Breen Edition. We will also post reminders and announcements for Breen families and post some fun pictures from rehearsals!

While we know this is a lot of information to process all at once, we are endeavoring to be as clear as possible with all of the details up front. In doing so, we hope to provide the students, staff and families with the best experience possible. We are thrilled to be able to provide this opportunity once again to the students and look forward to an amazing show! You will be hearing from us again real soon!

If you have questions or need additional information not included in this letter, please feel free to email Karen Bank at kbank@rocklinusd.org.

Sincerely,

So You Think You Can Dance - Breen Edition Production Team
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