

AUDITION INFORMATION FOR WILLY WONKA, JR.

Piney Branch is proud to present “Willy Wonka Jr.” this year. The cast will include students from grades 3-5. Students will be cast in lead roles, speaking roles, and ensembles. Auditions will be held on Wednesday December 13th after school. A second round of auditions will be held on Thursday December 14th for specific roles by invitation. Due to production limitations, it is possible not all students may be able to participate as actors in this production. Other opportunities will include art club (set design), stage and production crew, and performance greeters.

Rehearsals

- The rehearsal schedule will be mandatory and substantial. Role specific rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, January 9th with rehearsals being **Tuesdays and Wednesdays** after school until 5:00pm.
- Additional after-school rehearsals will be added on Mondays and Thursdays as we get closer to the performance date based on the readiness of specific scenes and songs.
- Tech week (daily dress rehearsals) will be Monday, March 4th through Wednesday March 6th from 4:15-6:00pm.

Performances

The performance dates are **Thursday March 7th and Friday March 8th at 6:30pm.** Additionally, certain selections will be performed during the school day on March 7th for the student body.

Expectations

Below is a list of expectations for all cast members. As you can see, being in a musical requires a great deal of commitment but is one of the most memorable experiences a young person can have! It is a great way to make new friends and gives students a sense of pride and accomplishment when they hear the applause for a job well done!

1. I will be on time to all scheduled rehearsals.
2. I will not miss a rehearsal without notifying Mrs. Harrison in advance. I understand that if I miss two rehearsals **without** excuse, I will be dismissed from the cast.
3. If I miss more than **four** rehearsals (emergency and illness excluded), I understand that I will be dismissed from the cast. **I also understand that I may not miss ANY rehearsals during tech week.**
4. I will supply my own transportation or find a ride with a fellow cast mate for rehearsals.
5. I will have good behavior in school.
6. I will do my best to keep up my grades and understand that if my academic grades are suffering because I am not doing my work, I will be dismissed from the play.
7. I will treat my director, choreographer, and all cast & crew with respect.
8. I will be prepared which includes bringing my script, music and pencil to rehearsal.
9. I will be on task and not disrupt rehearsal. If I am continuously disruptive, I understand that I will be dismissed from the cast.
10. **I will not miss any rehearsals or performance the week of March 4th – 7th 2024.**
11. Most importantly, I will work hard to memorize my part and have fun sharing my talents!

Best regards,

Dana M. Harrison, Director
K-5 Music Teacher
Piney Branch Elementary School

AUDITION INFORMATION:

Please sign up for an audition time through Sign Up Genius. You will sing a short song and dance routine that is taught to you in advance in Music Class. Auditions will be in groups of three before a panel of staff members. Callbacks will be on Thursday, December 14th, at which point we will ask students to read for certain roles. **Casting notifications will go to parents via email. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO ALTERNATIVE AUDITION TIMES WILL BE ALLOWED.**

Required Participation and Audition Sign-Ups – Due by December 11, 2023

