

***Kennedy Elementary School  
& Prairie Fire Theatre  
are  
proud to present***



by Daniel Nordquist and Deborah Pick

***Beauty and the Beast***

**Saturday, January 12, 11:00 am at High School Auditorium**

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Performance at **High School Auditorium**: Saturday, January 12 students arrive at 10:00 am, play begins around 11:00 am

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# AUDITION AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Policies described will be strictly adhered to with no exceptions due to the whole process needing to be completed in only one week! We hope you all understand and we look forward to working with your children!

Auditions for our school play presented by Prairie Fire Theatre will be held Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 in the Kennedy gym. This year's production will be **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST**. There are roles for students in **\*second through fourth grade**. Up to 80 students will be cast to appear in the show with Prairie Fire's Tour Actor/Directors. There is no guarantee that everyone who auditions will be cast in the play. Students auditioning will stay at school for the entire two-hour session. Behavior and listening skills are determining factors and are monitored closely. Remind your child to be on the BEST behavior, speak loudly and clearly when asked and pay close attention to the directors. This is a group audition and no advance preparation is necessary, but a smile never hurts!

Students should plan to be picked up at 5:00 pm on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. However, some students who are cast in certain roles will need to stay for the first rehearsal, which will begin at approximately 5:15 pm and will end at approximately 7:15 pm. Those students may eat a snack or bag dinner during the break if they want to. Parents must be prepared to have their children stay for the extra session if they are cast a particular role.

## **STUDENTS MUST ATTEND ALL PRACTICES ALL WEEK! NO EXCEPTIONS!**

Rehearsal times vary each day. We will get a more set schedule from the directors upon their arrival. Know that your child will need to stay after school EVERY day for a set time to rehearse... Please see approximate times on the permission form. The only excused absence from a practice is if your child is ill. They cannot miss a practice due to other extracurricular lessons and practices. Please discuss this with your child **BEFORE** they audition so they know the commitment they are getting into. They will have time for a quick snack that can be brought from home. Again, there is a possibility that not all cast members will be needed at every session. However, those auditioning **must** have a clear schedule for the **entire** week. Cast members scheduled for a full rehearsal should bring a bag dinner or snack to eat during the half hour break each day. Parents, if you plan on dropping off your child's dinner, please have it properly marked so that we can ensure it gets to them. The approximate time to drop off this dinner would be 5:00. The dinner breaks may vary so please take that into consideration if it would need to be sitting around. It would be preferred that the students bring their own bag dinner from home.

There will be only ONE performance of **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** this year at the Hastings High School Auditorium on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Dress rehearsal will take place at Hastings High School Auditorium on Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:45-8:00 pm. The entire cast **MUST** be available for this rehearsal and performance. Please understand that in order to accomplish such a grand production in one week, schedules must be followed and remember that each family involved has probably given up something in their schedule to participate.

## **HELPING KIDS DEAL WITH DISAPPOINTMENT**

With many students auditioning for a limited number of roles, the decisions of the Tour Actor/Directors are always very difficult. Auditions do not always seem fair. How one reacts to disappointment is a tremendous test of character. Keep in mind the children will look to you as an example. Compliment them for their efforts and for taking a risk by auditioning for the show.

**T-shirts may be sold by the directors of Prairie Fire. Kennedy Elementary School is not affiliated with this.**

# PERMISSION FORM

**\*\*\* Due Friday, November 30 \*\*\***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher

My student has permission to participate in the **BEAUTY AND THE BEAST** audition on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 pm and will be available for all subsequent rehearsals, if cast. I understand that my child may have to alter their schedule for the week to be able to attend ALL practices. I understand that not all students who audition will be given a role on stage. I have enclosed the \$25.00 participation fee (payable to ISD 200) per child. I also understand that my child might be videotaped during rehearsals and performances and give permission for that by signing below.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Phone Number(s) During Rehearsal Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\$25.00 participation fee:

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check No. \_\_\_\_\_