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PARENT NEWSLETTER



Children's Musical Program

The annual musical is scheduled for Thursday, 20 November at 7:00 p.m. All pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, first, second and third graders will participate in the special musical.

- Please plan to park in the overflow parking lot or to walk. Please do not park in the staff parking areas since the staff will need those spaces on the side and back of the building.
- A special area will be designated for filming along one side of the gym. Photographers will be offered the front row for their child's performance and then be asked to vacate those seats for parents of the next class.
- As always, families are welcome to attend the program. We do request that small children be seated and that they be taken to the nearby hallway or lobby if they become restless or a disturbance to others.
- In addition, a closed-circuit view of the performance will be available in the library/media center for small children and their parents during the program. Strollers and other obstacles may not be placed in the aisles, for safety reasons.

We are certain that you will understand that the children and the staff will be working very hard to present a most enjoyable program; so, we do want the families of the performers to be able to hear the performers.

Children should go directly to their classrooms to wait for the teacher by 6:30 P.M. on Thursday evening, November 20th for the 7:00 program.

2008-2009 CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY

The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) will administer its biennial Customer Satisfaction Survey (CSS) from November 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009. The CSS provides valuable feedback to DoDEA from its most important customers – parents and students – about the quality of education it provides and areas needing improvement.

All sponsors with students enrolled in DoD schools from Pre-kindergarten or SureStart through grade 12 may participate by completing a survey for each school in which they have a student enrolled. Students in grades 4-12 may participate by completing separate surveys for students in grades 4-5, and students in grades 6-12.

The 2008 DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey represents a departure from tradition. Historically, teachers, educational support staff, students in grades 4-12, and sponsors for each child enrolled in DoD schools from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade were asked to complete the CSS. This year, parents and students will participate in the CSS while DoDEA Administrators, teachers, and educational support staff will participate in a separate survey, the DoDEA Employee Satisfaction Survey, to be administered during March 2009. As with the CSS, participation in the DoDEA Employee Satisfaction Survey is voluntary and maximum participation is encouraged in order to obtain reliable and valid data.

The surveys take approximately 20 minutes to complete and are available online at www.dodea.edu (click on the CSS graphic link). Parents who do not have access to the Internet should contact their child's school to determine other alternatives – such as using the school's computers.

Sponsors are asked to complete a survey for each child enrolled in a DoD school in grades pre-kindergarten/SureStart through grade 12. Information derived from the surveys will be used to improve planning efforts at all levels throughout DoDEA. Schools, districts and areas will use the survey results to gain insight into the satisfaction levels of sponsors and students, which is one of many measures used for future planning of programs and services DoDEA offers. The survey results will also be used to monitor the DoDEA Community Strategic Plan (CSP), which contains the strategic direction for DoDEA for the years 2006-2011.

Ashurst School will appreciate your participation with this important survey!

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