

The Little Mermaid, Jr. – Mueller Park School Musical, 2021  
**Parent Information Letter**

Thank you for your participation in our school musical! At Mueller Park, everyone who wants to participate is in the cast. Our auditions are held to help us identify lead roles and place the cast members in their performance groups.

**Here's what you should know about auditions:**

1. - Auditions for Mermaid, Jr. will be held on **Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**, after school.
2. - Students should sign up for an audition time. The sign-up sheets are in the office. When students sign up, they should also pick up a copy of the Audition Sheet and this letter.
3. - Students should have their Audition Sheets filled out and signed when they come to the audition.
4. - Students should pay their participation fee before they come to audition. The participation fee for the musical is \$25.00. Checks should be made out to Mueller Park Jr. High. Payment can be made in the office or on-line. If finances are an issue, please see Mr. Poff or Mrs. Mudrow. We can usually work something out.
5. - Everyone who wants to be in the musical is part of the cast. Specific assignments will be posted after the auditions.
6. - Students should report to the band room a few minutes before their scheduled time. They will be photographed with their audition number, and come into the auditions in groups of five. Each student will have the opportunity to introduce themselves and sing a few bars of a simple song of their choosing. Students will sing a cappella.

**Here's what you should know about rehearsals and performances:**

1. - Our first combined parent/cast meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**, at 5:15 pm, in the choir room.
2. - Our **first full cast rehearsal** will be held after school, at 3:30 pm, on September 17<sup>th</sup>, in the choir room. Rehearsals will be held after school and on Saturday mornings during September, October, and November. A specific rehearsal schedule will be passed out during the cast/parent meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Students should list any potential conflicts on their Audition Sheet. We can usually work with prior commitments if we know about them ahead of time. The rehearsal schedule will also be available on the webpage.
3. - Once the rehearsal schedule is published, students are expected to make every effort to attend. The progress of the show is slowed considerably when we have to repeat choreography and blocking for people who were missing.
4. - The final dress rehearsal is **Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**. This is an evening rehearsal and generally goes a bit late. We try our best to be finished by 9:30 pm.
5. - The performances will be held on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, **November 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, & 15<sup>th</sup>**. Each evening performance begins at 7:00 pm, with call time at 6:00 pm. There is a Saturday matinee at 4:00 pm, with call time at 3:00 pm. Cast members will be fed dinner between the Saturday shows.
6. - Students are expected to bring a covered bin to keep costumes and props in place. Students are also expected to clean up costumes and props after each rehearsal and place them in their bin. Bins should be stored in their proper place in the choir room after each rehearsal or performance. Costumes and props left out after rehearsals will be collected and locked in Ms. Jenks' office until a fine of \$1 per item is paid to get each one back.
7. - In the case of an unexpected event that causes a student to miss a scheduled rehearsal, please notify Mr. Poff, Ms. Rigby, or Ms. Jenks.



Figure 1: Any standard medium sized tote will work if it has a lid and is stackable.

**How you can help:**

1. - We have many places where parent volunteers are appreciated. The more help we have, the better our show will be. Please indicate on the back of the Audition Sheet any areas where you would be willing to help out.
2. - Please also help your student to be in attendance and on time to rehearsals.

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