



October 7, 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is with enormous pleasure that we are writing to inform you that your daughter has been chosen to participate in the Grade 6 and 7 Middle School Musical: *A Midwinter Night's Dream*. This adaptation, based on William Shakespeare's classic play, was first created last spring by four of our Grade 6 students. The text has since been revised and music has been added, featuring numbers from a variety of favourite musicals and songwriters from the last 50 years.

Performances include a late afternoon and evening performance on **Thursday, December 9** (with the possibility of an open dress rehearsal for local public schools on Wednesday, December 8) and a performance for the Middle School students on **Friday, December 10** in the morning. It is expected to run no longer than **one-hour**. Rehearsals will require that cast members be able to commit a significant amount of time and energy over the next several months. **Rehearsals** typically take place on **Monday** and/or **Wednesday** after school; **as we near the time of production towards the end of November, rehearsals** will also be scheduled on **Saturday and/or Sunday**. While we make every effort to accommodate the many other extra-curricular activities that the students are involved in by balancing the rehearsal schedule so that **not all of the students are called all of the time**, it should be noted that mounting a theatrical production is a collaborative experience; the full commitment on the part of everyone involved is essential. Students are asked to provide a letter from home if they are unable to attend a rehearsal; two missed rehearsals, without proper notice, will result in that student having to relinquish her place in the production.

Rehearsal schedules will be provided on a biweekly basis; I would please ask that students arrive promptly so that we may begin on time. In the event of an emergency, please email us at aboychuk@elmwood.ca and epike@elmwood.ca.

With our new security system in place it is important that students follow the same procedure on weekends, as they do during the week. They will be expected to sign in upon their arrival and to sign out as they depart. It is important for the staff on site to know who is in the building at all times. Parents will be responsible for delivering their children and making arrangements to collect them again at the end of rehearsals. Students who leave the school independently to travel home on foot or by public transport must inform their parents at all times precisely when they are needed at rehearsal and what time they can expect to finish. If parents would like to receive their own copy of the schedule I would please ask that you forward to me by email your request and I will be more than happy to include you on our electronic mailing list.

If you would like to grant your daughter permission to appear in this production, I would please ask that you complete the form below and return it by **Wednesday, October 13, 2010**. Thank you in advance for your kind support of this exciting event and we look forward to working with your daughter over the next several months.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Angela Boychuk
Stage Director
Instructional Leader of the Arts/English

Mrs. Evelyn Pike
Music Director
Teacher



A Midwinter Night's Dream

PERMISSION FORM

I (*please print*) _____ do hereby
(*parent/guardian name*)

grant my daughter, _____ in Homeroom _____
(*student name*)

permission to participate in the Middle School Musical production of *A Midwinter Night's Dream*. I will make every reasonable effort to ensure that she attend all scheduled rehearsals during the week (Monday and/or Wednesday) and as needed on a few select weekends towards the end of November/early December, particularly as the ensemble draws near to the opening of the production on December 9. I understand that a production of this size and scope requires many costume pieces and I therefore agree to supply my daughter with a **basic wardrobe** including a fitted-top, leggings and/or stockings and shoes, as required. The school will supply all other costume pieces.

PLEASE TICK ONE BELOW

- We live in the neighbourhood and my daughter will be able to walk to and from rehearsals during the week and on the weekend.
- We do not live within walking distance so we will make travel arrangements for our daughter to and from rehearsals during the week and on the weekend.

(*Parent/Guardian Signature*)

(*Date*)

Email Address (*optional*) _____ Telephone # _____

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM
TO THE ATTENTION OF MRS. BOYCHUK OR MRS. PIKE
BY Wednesday, Oct 13, 2010**