

December 16, 2014

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On behalf of the Lloyd Harbor Theater Arts Club, I would like to personally welcome you to the 2015 production of *Aladdin!* It is sure to be a spectacular production that will provide a rich and fulfilling experience for everyone involved! Our young actors and actresses are most certainly making history, as this is Lloyd Harbor's 42nd Show! Lloyd Harbor Theater Arts is a program that has thrived over the years, and with your participation and support, it is sure to flourish for many more years to come.

As most of you already know, being a part of a production is a large time commitment as well as a huge responsibility. Such dedication is well worth the effort, as your child will have an experience that is satisfying and rewarding on both an educational and a social level. As a cast member of this show, your child will learn valuable principles such as commitment, perseverance, time-management, self-confidence, and team-work. Also, they will gain experience with performing in front of a large audience with confidence and poise. These skills will serve them well now and later and life.

Please review the following guidelines and expectations as they are crucial to the success of the show. Every child is expected to be at rehearsal on the days and times that he/she is called. Rehearsals will take place on weekly basis on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and will run from 3:15-5:30. During the two weeks prior to the show, there will be rehearsals Monday-Friday for both of those weeks and the end time will most likely run later than 5:30. NO ABSENCES will be permitted during these two weeks. (March 16-26) Also, as a heads up, please expect there to be a few Saturday rehearsals in March. We will notify you of such rehearsals well in advance. Please note that not every student is called to every rehearsal. Each weekly schedule will provide a detailed list of who is called on a particular day. Students will be able to access the weekly schedule in several ways. First, the weekly schedule will be on the Friday Notes. In addition, the weekly schedule and any notices to parents will be listed on the Lloyd Harbor Theater Arts website which is accessible on the Lloyd Harbor School Website. The Theater Arts link is located on the left side of the school's homepage. Should you have any questions regarding the schedule, or any other matter, please contact out parent coordinator Gen Massa at jmas1@optonline.net.

We have a "three strike" policy in order to hold the cast and crew accountable. The first strike is a warning, the second strike is a phone call home, and the third strike is removal from the show. The attached commitment contract lists the behaviors/conditions that constitute a strike. Please carefully review this with your child. Cast members should bring the signed contract to the first rehearsal which will be on **Tuesday, January 6th 2015**. **This contract is your child's ticket to the first rehearsal.** Please tell your child **not** to give it to his/her teacher, but rather **bring it to rehearsal**. If your child does not have this contract on that day, he/she will be sent home. Also, please note that there is a section on the contract labeled "conflicts". If you are aware of any vacations, or conflicts in which your child cannot be at rehearsal, please list them as this will be quite useful in making the rehearsal schedule.

Finally, this show would not be possible without the help of the parents! We will be having a parent meeting on Tuesday, January 20th at 10:00 a.m. For more information on the parent committees, please contact Gen Massa. Your attendance at this meeting is greatly appreciated. We need all of the help that we can get! Also, as a reminder, the participation fee of \$50.00, payable to "LHSPTG Lloyd Harbor Theatre Arts Club," helps to defray costs of the production and must be paid following the posting of the cast. Please send the participation fee to the main office in an envelope addressed to: "LHSPTG Lloyd Harbor Theatre Arts Club." Include your child's name and teacher.

I thank you in advance for your cooperation and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me. (631)367-8800. I look forward to a great year, and can't wait to see the magic that happens on the stage on opening night. Break a Leg!

Sincerely,
Christopher McKee, Director