

Lloyd Harbor School

COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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October 17, 2011

Dear Parents of 5th and 6th Graders,

The Cultural Arts Committee is proud to sponsor a free concert titled "**Broadway in South Africa**" at the Cold Spring Harbor High School PAC on **Friday, November 4th at 7 PM**. The HS Musical Theater and **5th through 8th grade choral students** are being offered the experience of **performing with this professional musical group**. The evening concert is open to all families in our school district and promises to be an unforgettable experience.

Broadway in South Africa was founded by a Broadway actor from "RENT" named Adam Kantor. As a student, Mr. Kantor sang in an ensemble at Northwestern University, which was invited by the South African Consulate to visit townships outside of Johannesburg and Capetown where they conducted workshops for children. Since that time, Mr. Kantor has organized a volunteer group of actors who return to South Africa annually to bring the joy of music, theater and dance to kids in underprivileged communities who are desperate for hope and inspiration. In the form of a cultural exchange, South African children write essays, poems and stories, which are set to beautiful music by professional composers here in the United States. The money that BSA raises goes to help needy students in South Africa.

Preparation & Requirements for Fifth and Sixth Grade Participation:

- Participation in this event is **voluntary**. Students who choose to perform must demonstrate mature and responsible behavior, follow directions carefully, and exhibit a positive attitude towards singing.
- Mrs. Visceglie will teach and review the selections in music class. Students should memorize the lyrics.
- Students will be asked to attend extra rehearsals.

Rehearsal & Concert Schedule:

- On **Thursday, November 3rd**, 5th and 6th graders who elect to participate will be transported by bus to CSHHS at **approximately 12:50 PM**. At that time, we will have a rehearsal, combining four grade levels from three different schools. Elementary school children will arrive back at their home schools by 3 PM in time for dismissal.
- On **Friday, November 4th**, students **meet at the PAC** promptly at **5:45 PM** - over an hour before the concert begins. **Parents must provide transportation for their children to and from the PAC**. The show will conclude before 8:30 PM.

Concert Attire: Black bottoms and a solid, bright colored top.

*This opportunity is being offered on a first come – first served basis. Therefore, it is imperative that **students return the permission slips** to Ms. Visceglie ASAP and no later than **Wednesday, October 19th**. By signing below, you also agree to allow your child to be videotaped for educational purposes.*

We are forever grateful for your support in helping to make this a rewarding and memorable day of *Broadway* for your children. Thanks to your generosity, stars will shine a little brighter for our brothers and sisters in South Africa!

Best wishes,
Ms. Leah Martin, *HS Music Chairperson (7-12)*
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I give my 5th/6th grader _____ in class _____ permission to use district bus transportation to attend **a rehearsal at the CSHHS PAC** with "Broadway in South Africa" on **Thursday, November 3rd from 12:50 PM - 3:00 PM**. I will provide transportation for my child to and from the PAC for the **evening concert on Friday, November 4th**. Finally, I agree to allow videotaping for educational purposes.

Parent signature

Date

Phone Number

Email Address