

November 1, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Arts Department at Welland Centennial is very excited to announce the musical chosen for this year's school production. Opening on April 26th, Centennial will present the celebrated hit musical "***The Music Man***". To read a synopsis of the story and hear the musical numbers, visit our website at: centennialmusicman.weebly.com.



This year we are planning to include some younger members of our school community in our production. We will be looking for approximately 12 children (age 8-13) who have a strong interest in appearing on stage and have the dedication to commit to this project. As we're sure you can appreciate, a project of this magnitude involves a serious commitment from everyone involved.

Students involved in this production will need to be self-disciplined, focussed and able to take direction quickly. The children will appear in approximately 8 scenes so their involvement is quite extensive. We will also be interested in casting a young girl in the role of **Amaryllis** and a young boy in the role of **Winthrop**. We would like to meet with interested students and their parents on **Wednesday, November 16th at 5:30** at Centennial. We will teach a couple of the songs at that time and then ask you to return on **Wednesday, November 23rd at 5:30** to sing for us and we will make the final decision regarding casting at that time. If your child plays any type of band instrument, please indicate that on the permission at the bottom of this letter.

There will be 5 evening shows and two matinees that will take place on April 25, 26, 27, 28, May 2, 3, 4. There are only 2 daytime matinee performances so students will only miss two school days. All rehearsals take place after school. Although the complete rehearsal schedule has not yet been determined, your child will be required primarily on Mondays after school until we are closer to the production. Typically the week before we open the show, there will be rehearsals every day after school in order to fit in full run thrus and dress rehearsals. If you think your child would be able to take part in this valuable experience, please sign this letter and bring it to the meeting on November 16 at Centennial. If you are planning to attend, please send a quick email to Iraina.Neufeld@dsbn.edu.on.ca or send a note to your child's teacher who can forward the information to us at Centennial.

We look forward to meeting you on November 16,
I. Neufeld, D. Braun, & D. Colonico

My child _____ is interested in taking part in the production of ***The Music Man*** at Centennial this year. I am aware of the commitment required and I support my child's initiative to become involved. We will attend the meeting on November 16 at 5:30 at Centennial.

Parent/Guardian

My child plays the _____.
(musical instrument)