April 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for your interest and your child’s interest in the 5th Annual Summer Performing Arts Program. The Program is accepting applications for incoming 4th – 8th graders. This program is made possible by the Merced County Education Foundation and the Merced County Office of Education (MCOE) in partnership with the Merced Union High School District (MUHSD). We are excited to announce we will be performing “Disney’s The Jungle Book Kids”! Your child will have an exciting and busy summer learning many aspects of a theatrical production.

A theatrical production is a demanding, yet fun and rewarding experience so it is very important your child stays healthy. Please help your child eat right and get a good night’s sleep every night. This will be an amazing experience for your child, one that will stay with him/her for a lifetime! Your child may not have been involved with a theatre production before so we will try to answer all your questions in this packet. If you have any questions regarding the production, please do not hesitate to call Crystal Langley at (209) 628-7708.

The Summer Performing Arts program will be held this year at Buhach Colony High School Theatre, 1800 Buhach Road in Atwater, during the following dates and times:

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* July 21 thru 23 are performance days. It is very important that students arrive on time.

Registration fee per participant is $70 on a first come, first served basis.

Please make checks payable to “MUHSD”.

ALL forms must be filled out, signed by a parent/guardian and student.

Turn in registration forms and $70 registration fee to

Crystal Langley
Buhach Colony High School
1800 Buhach Road
Atwater, CA 95301
(209) 325-1400
Summer Performing Arts Program

Important Dates and Information:

● **Breakfast and lunch** will be provided each day, free of charge to all student participants. Students may bring nutritional snacks and water bottles. Please arrive by **8:30 am** for **breakfast**.

● **June 13**: Mandatory Parent Meeting at 9 am on the first day of the program in the Buhach Colony Theatre.

● **July 21, 22 & 23**: Performances; Students need to arrive promptly at 5 pm. Show starts at 6 pm.

**Expectations**

1. The program begins promptly at the scheduled times. Students may begin arriving at 8:30 am each day for breakfast (no breakfast during performance days). Lateness will not be tolerated.

2. Dress appropriately. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and comfortable, close-toed shoes. No sandals, flip-flops or high heels.

3. Bring a pencil, a binder and your script every day.

4. No gum, food or drinks in the theatre. Students may have bottled water with a cap.

5. Hair should be kept out of the face. The face is the most expressive part of your body and it needs to be seen. Bring a headband, barrette, rubber band, etc. This goes for gentlemen as well as the ladies.

6. Students must stay quiet during the rehearsal process. Excessive talking is disruptive to the actors on stage.

7. Stay in the rehearsal area. Students are not allowed to roam the campus unsupervised.

8. No dating among cast members. It causes tension and mistakes.


10. Stay positive! Negative comments/bullying will not be tolerated in any way.

11. If you are going to be absent or late, you must notify Ms. Langley at (209) 628-7708 immediately.

12. Your appearance is very important to the production. Please check with Ms. Langley if you are considering a change to your appearance (hair cut/color, etc.).

Summer Performing Arts Program Contact Information:

For questions regarding the production:
Crystal Langley, Theatre Production Manager
Golden Valley High School
2121 E. Childs Avenue, Merced
Phone: 209-628-7708 Email: clangley@muhsd.org
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Production Contract

The following are the basic responsibilities expected of students participating in the Summer Performing Arts Program. Students and parents are required to read and sign this form, which will serve as a contract that signifies their agreement to fulfill these responsibilities and to indicate their knowledge of these responsibilities.

1. I understand that the Summer Performing Arts Program will run from June 13, 2016–July 23, 2016, and that students are expected to attend every day.

2. I understand that students must be on time every day. Tardies will count against students.

3. In case of emergency, I agree to let the teachers and/or theatre production manager know as soon as possible if I am going to be absent.

4. I agree to fulfill my responsibilities and meet deadlines.

5. I agree to follow the rules of the theatre and be on my best behavior at all times.

6. I agree to cooperate with all staff and students involved in the production.

7. I understand that I may be dismissed from the program for missing rehearsals, being tardy or for lack of cooperation.

8. I acknowledge that I have received a copy of the MCOE Summer Performing Arts Program Expectations.

9. I understand that performances dates will be July 21, 22 & 23.

10. I agree to turn in completed registration forms and the registration fee of $70 by Monday, June 13th.

I, the student (Print Name) __________________________________, have read the responsibilities described for the program. By signing, I agree that I have received a copy of the program expectations and I agree to fulfill the responsibilities listed above.

Student Signature: _____________________________________________ Date: ________

I, (Print Name) ________________________________________________, parent/guardian, have read the responsibilities described for the MCOE Summer Performing Arts Program. By signing, I understand that my child and I have agreed to fulfill those responsibilities.

Parent/Guardian Signature ________________________________________ Date: ________