

April 12 and April 13; 6:00 PM

Greeting Brent community!

Brent Elementary is thrilled to announce that the 2017-2018 Spring Musical will be Dear Edwina Jr. Families interested in participating should review this letter and complete the attached forms. Participation in the Spring Musical is composed of: speaking roles, ensemble cast, and stage crew. Speaking roles are open only to 2nd – 5th grade students by audition. Stage crew is open to any 2nd – 5th grade student without auditioning by completing the attached form and turning it in to the manila envelope outside of the music room. Any 1st – 5th grade students may sign up for the ensemble without auditioning by completing the attached form and turning it in to the manila envelope outside of the music room. If your 2nd – 5th grade child/children is not selected for a speaking role they are more than welcome to join the ensemble or stage crew.

Dear Edwina JR. follows the adventures of plucky advice-giver-extraordinaire, Edwina Spoonapple, as she directs the neighborhood kids in a series of upbeat production numbers for the latest edition of her weekly "Advice-a-Palooza." Edwina and her friends share wisdom on everything from trying new foods to making new friends through clever, catchy and poignant songs.

Key Dates for Dear Edwina Jr.

- Return attached participation form to the manila envelope outside of the music room by Wednesday November 22
- Audition schedule will be posted at the front office on Tuesday November 28
- Audition for speaking parts will begin the week of December 4 from 8:00 AM – 8:35 AM in the music room (#206)
- Final cast list will be posted at the front office the week of December 11
- First all cast meeting/rehearsal will be Monday December 18 from 4:45 – 6:00 PM in the multi-purpose room
- Full rehearsal schedule will be posted by Wednesday December 20 and full rehearsals will launch the week of January 8, 2018 **
- Performances will be April 12 and April 13 at 6 PM

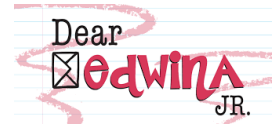
***Students participating in the Spring Musical and enrolled in Springboard will be picked up and returned to Springboard at the appropriate times according to the rehearsal schedule*

The rehearsals will teach students about staging, choreography, set design, acting, props, singing, and community in regards to the performing arts. There is a \$50 participating fee per family. This fee covers production costs related to the musical such as props, scenery, costumes, and licenses to produce the musical. Participation in the Spring Musical is open to all 1st – 5th grade families regardless of ability to pay the participation fee. Families who need the fee waived should contact Mr. Krohn at Joshua.krohn@dc.gov

Finally, and most importantly, volunteers are needed to help make the magic happen! We are need of volunteers to help with props, scenery, costume design, carpentry, photography, producing the playbill, microphones, make-up/hair, and many other aspects of the musical to make this an amazing experience for our students. Volunteer forms are attached to this packet.

Looking forward to a great production!

Sincerely,



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Erin Kelly

Joshua Krohn

Stacy Miller

Dear Edwina Jr. Parent Volunteer Form

We will need volunteers to help with creating props with the stage crew, costumes, working with kids on scenery creation, photography, the playbill, chaperones to help with the kids during rehearsals, selling concessions, carpentry, microphones for the kids, and student make-up on the evening performances.

Please fill out and return this form to Mr. Krohn by Friday December 15. Thank you for your participation. Please select what area/areas you can lend support.

- Costumes
- Props/Scenery
- Microphones
- Playbill
- Stage Crew (Saturday work)

- Photography
- Carpentry
- Concessions
- Student Make-up/Hair
- Rehearsal Chaperone

Parent Name (please print)

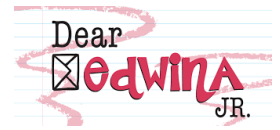
Date

Child's Name (please print)

Email

Phone

Area of expertise or preferred volunteer opportunity



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Dear Edwina Jr. Student Participation Form

This form must be returned to the manila envelope outside of the music room no later than **Wednesday November 22, 2017**

Speaking Parts (by audition only) 2nd – 5th graders only

Name: _____ Grade: _____

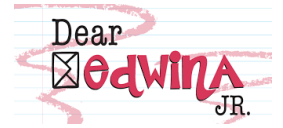
Ensemble (no solo speaking part; no audition) 1st – 5th graders only

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Stage Crew (3-4 weekend commitment; no audition) 2nd – 5th graders only

Name: _____ Grade: _____

I understand that there is a \$50 family fee for participation in any role (speaking part, ensemble, stage crew) that must be paid online at the Brent website. It is also understood that the success of a musical depends on ALL cast and crew members being committed to attending ALL scheduled rehearsals. I understand that if my child/children are unable/unwilling to make this commitment that participation in the musical is NOT recommended by the Brent directing team.



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Parent Signature

Date