

2020 BES VARIETY SHOW: GENERAL INFORMATION

Each year, the BES PTA Variety Show showcases the talents, creativity, imagination, and whimsy of the BES students. It is important for our kids to have opportunities to shine and do something they feel confident about. This performance is not about being the best but participating in something the kids can feel good about and of course, have FUN! Think of participation in the Variety Show as a unique club for your child.

- Katharine and Sebastian Gordon, your **volunteer** Variety Show Directors
(mom and dad of Graham in 1st grade and Elliot in 3rd)

Your child's participation includes:

2 – Rehearsals (one at BES Gym and one at Bannockburn Community Clubhouse)

1 - Dress Rehearsal/Pizza Party @ Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School

1 - Performance @ Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School

And a lifetime of fun memories!

Plus, 5th graders are eligible to serve as Masters of Ceremony (MC) during the Variety Show by introducing the acts.

So how much for all of the above?

\$50 fee per performer

\$25 fee for an additional performer (sibling) in the family – if you have more than one child participating in the Variety Show we would like to make the financial burden of participating a little easier.

\$25 fee for Master of Ceremony Only. 5th graders who are in both an ACT and an MC only need to pay the \$50 performer fee.

PTA scholarships to participate in the show are available; please contact our school counselor Christina Castellano with scholarship requests @ christina_l_castellano@mcpsmd.org.

Registration & Parent Organizational Call:

- A. January 2 - 12, 2020: Online registration only through Pay 4 School Stuff. www.pay4schoolstuff.com
- B. Wednesday, January 8, 2020: (8:00 pm) Parent Conference Call: an organizational call with the director to answer questions. At minimum, one parent from each Act should dial-in.
Dial-in Number: (425) 436-6200 Participant Access: 338-338

Rehearsal and Show Schedule:

Because there are only a few rehearsals, it is very important that all performers and MCs come to ALL of the rehearsals and be ready to perform their Act. Acts with more than three kids must have a parent

present to chaperone them at each rehearsal. We are running things a little differently this year so please make sure you read through all instructions.

- A. January 17, 2020: any recorded music used in an Act needs to be submitted by this date. If music is not received by this date, we cannot promise to have it for the January 24th rehearsal.

- B. Friday, January 24, 2020 (1:30-5:00 pm BES Gym): 1st Rehearsal
Please come ready to perform! After registration closes and we see how many kids/acts we have, we may assign your child's act a specific rehearsal time/window.
NOTE: Parents will be responsible for getting their kids home from BES gym.

- C. Wednesday, February 12, 2020 (4:00-7:00 pm Bannockburn Community Club - 6314 Bannockburn Dr): 2nd Rehearsal
Please come ready to perform! After registration closes and we see how many kids/acts we have, we may assign your child's act a specific rehearsal time/window.
NOTE: Parents will be responsible for getting their kids to and from Bannockburn Clubhouse.

- D. Saturday, February 29, 2020: (4:00-7:00 pm Bethesda-Chevy Chase HS auditorium): Dress Rehearsal/Pizza Party
ON A SATURDAY NOT A WEEKDAY
NOTE: Parents will be responsible for getting their kids to and from B-CC HS Auditorium.

- E. Sunday, March 1 2020: (2:30-6:30 pm B-CC HS auditorium): the evening of the performance. The show starts at 3:30.

About the Acts:

- A. Each Act in the VS may consist of one BES student (i.e. performer) or a group of BES students in grades 1 - 5.

- B. Kindergartners are welcome to participate in the Variety Show by joining the Kindergarten Act (a fun group dance act supervised and directed by kindergarten parents). The Kindergarten Act is a wonderful tradition of the BES Variety Show - and the kids love it! Kindergarten boys and girls are invited to join the Kindergarten Act and learn all about the Variety Show in a supervised setting. Savy Welch and Meredith Fishburn (current kindergarten parents) are organizing this year's Kindergarten act. Please contact Terri Payne (terripayne@gmail.com) if your kindergartener is interested in participating. Many kindergartners who participate in the Kindergarten Act go on to perform in the Variety Show in solo or group acts as older BES students. It's a great way for our youngest BES kids to participate in the Variety Show with support and direction.

- C. Each Act may be a maximum of 2 minutes long.

- D. We have a limited time to put on the show and will be limiting how many acts we have. Students are

permitted to be in only one Act (limited exceptions may be granted but must be discussed with and approved by the director).

- E. Each Act may be a maximum of 2 minutes long.
- F. 5th graders are eligible to serve as masters of ceremony (MCs) for the show by introducing the Acts. They may serve as an MC and perform in an Act. All MCs must attend ALL rehearsals (exceptions must be approved by MC volunteer coordinator Erin McCahill (erin.mccahill@gmail.com)).
- G. Each Act may be a maximum of 2 minutes long.
- H. Students must come to ALL rehearsals ready to perform their Act (exceptions must be approved by the director in advance).
- I. Acts using music: **MUSIC IS DUE BY JANUARY 17.** Email an mp3 or a YouTube link of your desired music to the director (besvarietyshow@gmail.com). We can pull music from YouTube and cut songs to the desired length with a fade out.
- J. And in case we forgot to mention it: Each Act may be a maximum of 2 minutes long.

Parent Volunteers:

To successfully run and operate the Variety Show, we need lots of parent volunteers. The expectation is one parent from each family will volunteer at a minimum once at either a rehearsal or the night of the show. After registration closes, parents will receive an email with a link to the volunteer Sign-Up Genius.

Student Service Learning (SSL) Volunteers:

There has been a high volume of students and parents reaching out about their children's desire to SSL volunteer for the Variety Show. We love the enthusiasm, and we will definitely need some SSL volunteers, but we fear we will not be able to take everyone who is interested. If you have a child interested, please email the SSL volunteer coordinator, Catherine Bise (catherinebise@gmail.com), to make her aware of your interest, and you will be added to receive an email with the SSL volunteer sign-up schedule via Sign-Up Genius.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Katharine and Sebastian at besvarietyshow@gmail.com.