

## Announcing exciting changes to the theater program for the 2010-2011 school year!

*If you haven't already heard...*

We are happy to announce that our own 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher Mrs. O'Morlen and Heather Jaasko-Fisher will be leading a 6-week theater workshop and production for grades 3-5. Our goal is to create a fun experience where students can build confidence and develop acting skills while working in a collaborative environment. We welcome students of ALL ability levels. The group will end their workshop experience with a performance for the school community. Each participant will receive 2 complimentary tickets and then tickets will be available for the school community. The change in program is due to several factors including: the desire to involve all children who want to participate (**eliminating the need for an audition to participate**), the intent to have the **theater process be the primary emphasis**, and the utilization of the **wealth of expertise** we have in our own school building. Our directors will need our support as we build a bank of costumes, props, and set materials, but as you can see below they are experienced and ready to teach our students!

Mrs. O'Morlen has a bachelor's degree in theatre with an emphasis on directing. She has taught drama classes for the Broadway Center for the Performing Arts and Tacoma Little Theatre. She assisted Heather Jaasko-Fisher on numerous productions at Grant Center for the Expressive Arts while her children attended school there. She is still active in the theatre community and is the props master for Tacoma Opera.

Heather Jaasko-Fisher taught music and drama at Grant Center for the Expressive Arts for 11 years. She taught regular drama classes during the day K-5 and also ran after school enrichment classes. In addition, Heather has taught drama classes for Tacoma Little Theatre. Some of the productions she has done are Oliver, Annie, and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Currently Heather is a field supervisor for the education students at UPS.

Grades 3-5 program dates and times: **3:30-5:30 Mon/Wed from April 11 – April 27. M/W/F May 2-May 20 (6 weeks)**. Performance: Friday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. **In order for children to have a successful experience it is important that they attend all classes, in addition to the final performance.** Fees and details: \$50.00 fee to participate (payable to WA-Hoyt PTA). Pack a small snack for after school. **A MAXIMUM OF 35 STUDENTS WILL BE PARTICIPATING.** Enrollment will be on a first-come first-served basis and requires completion of this form and the enclosed payment for the workshop. A lottery may be necessary if we cannot determine who registered first.

**AGAIN, PLEASE CHECK YOUR FAMILY AND STUDENT'S SCHEDULE CAREFULLY AS PRACTICES ARE MANDATORY UNLESS THE PARTICIPANT IS ILL.**

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Student name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of parent for participation: \_\_\_\_\_

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