

Dear Parents and Cast Members,

Here is a list of shoes that you will need. I would like you to get them as soon as possible. We would like the cast members to come with their shoes to every practice. If you need different shoes for different characters please bring them with you to all practices.

Dorothy- black or brown lace up flat heeled boots-old fashioned looking-ankle

Aunt Em- exactly the same- I might have a pair in the shed

Uncle Henry- brown round toed flat heeled or 1" heeled work type boots, in Texas, these are called ropers I need them to be used or look used.

Zeke, Hunk and Hickory –same as Uncle Henry

Miss Gulch and witch-black pointed ankle lace up heeled boots. The heel should be about 2".

Professor Marvel-black dress shoes with side buckles on the top of the shoe.

Wizard- a pair of shoes that I can paint green- perhaps the same as professor, but a second pair.

Munchkin boys and girls- white, tan or pale pink ballet shoes (many of these will be painted)

* **special note- trumpeter and fiddler** will need white only- no other color. You will find out soon who you are.

Trees-tan ballet or jazz

Crows- black ballet or jazz

Winkies-black jazz or ballet, black socks

Jitterbugs - not sure yet!

Jitterbug band- not sure yet!

Tinman- needs to try on costume first to see if cover boots fit

Lion-tan jazz

Scarecrow- tan jazz

Lullaby League- white ballet only (pointe if all three of you are doing pointe) but you must all be the same

Lollipop Guild-tan jazz or ballet- you will have cover boots over them

Flying Monkeys-black jazz or ballet

Ozian Citizens and Dancers- will need to wait for more info on each character just come to practice in some sort of dance shoe until you hear from me, most likely the older girls will be in tan character and little girls will be in black mary janes. Older boys will be in dress black or brown "church style" no rubber soles and little boys will be in something similar.... I will keep you posted.

Remember many of these shoes will get painted at some point, so if you can get a hold of an old pair that would be good. Lullaby League needs to remain white though!! Also, if you need street shoes, go to value city or value world (used clothing). I will check the costume shed for tan character but they are large sizes and also some men's dress black and Miss gulch.

Thanks so much for getting these soon and please stay tuned for more information.

Mrs. Schutt

Helpful Hints to Parents at Auditions

In sending this note, I will try to answer some frequently asked questions parents may have in trying to figure out if this production of The Wizard Of Oz is right for them and their child.

Yes, this is a big commitment and I want to be up front about added costs and time involved in working on any show, especially one of this magnitude, particularly on sets and costumes. I will speak mostly of costumes, since that is my committee, however, there are so many areas you could be involved!! From auditions to tech week, we literally have 10 weeks to complete everything! Construction of over 300 costumes is expected and my experience over the past 10 years is that an average of \$15.00 per costume(not actor) and hundreds of hours of labor is easily what we spend. For a show like this, it will be more. I can assure you, your children will look adorable on stage and that is what they love!! This is huge and scary, but I know we can do it. The bonus is that you get to make new friends, you feel a lot of pride in mastering a new "craft" that you never thought you could do!! And your child will see you participating in a family activity for the good of the entire show. Not to mention all the giggles and laughter going on!!

There is an expectation that certain character costumes will have to be sent home with a child to be made by a parent and returned within about 3 weeks. Then it will be fitted and embellished.

I will also hold special workshops that will be mandatory for those particular character's parents. For example: if your child is a poppy, you will be expected to attend the poppy workshop day to help assembly line the poppies. These dates will be posted below and emailed to cast. But, please stay tuned for changes. In addition to the workshops, I will also be at many rehearsals with things to do so please feel free to stay even if you are not a rehearsal parent. (rehearsal parents must be in the auditorium and not in the lobby)

You will be responsible for cost of shoes and legwear that your child will need. (Could be ballet,jazz,character,or street...)

You will be responsible for the cost of leotard and tights if that is what your child's costume requires. I will make a mass order and take \$ at that time.

You will be responsible for purchasing a HEAVY DUTY HANGING GARMENT BAG by tech week for each child you have in the show. Their costume parts will remain in this bag at all times from tech week on. DYPAC will have quality heavy duty garment bags in black available for ordering but the cost is not yet determined- we will try to keep it low. My experience is that the dollar store, Meijer,Target,Walmart garment bags are not quality! They do not even last through tech week! More information will come on these.

You will be responsible for purchasing makeup for each child you have in the show- more information will come

You will be responsible for special purchase of costume parts if your child's costume requires it.

As I said, there are other expenses such as cast pary, etc..., that will be explained at the mandatory parent meeting, but I think it is helpful to know some of the expectations before hand.

Lastly, I am very excited to tell you about our "Oztacular Mentoring Day". This is something near and dear to my heart for kids young and old to bond and get the best experience out of a DYPAC production that they can. This is mandatory and all kids will be assigned a big or little sister/brother that will be their budy throughout the production.They will show them the ropes of theatre.We will play games, meet and greet,laugh alot,eat pizza and alot more!! The "experienced" kids will come one hour early for training. I need about 10 parents to volunteer for this day.I More information will be coming.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER!!!

MENTORING DAY HAS BEEN POSTPONED!!!!!!!

Sept 13- costuming workshop 9-2 at the dental office 254 WEST OAD, CORNER OF 3RD AND WEST, BACK DOOR

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Oct 25-costuming workshop- location tba

Nov 1 or Nov 3- costume parade-stay tuned

Thankyou for considering DYPAC and a wonderful opportunity for your child star to shine!

Shelly Schutt