



September 9, 2021

Dear Parents of Willy Wonka, KIDS cast:

I am looking forward to the start of rehearsals, and seeing your children Tuesday afternoon, **September 14, 2021, at the ALF Chapter House!**

****For the first two weeks of rehearsals, we will meet at the ALF chapter house, NOT Lanterman Auditorium.** The ALF chapter house is located in back of the Assistance League offices at 4607 Oakwood Avenue. Please drop off your child in the parking lot and we will show them the way in. All rehearsals following the first two weeks will be held at **Lanterman Auditorium** – 4491 Cornishon Ave.

We start rehearsal promptly at 3:45 p.m., so please make sure that your children are there on time! We usually break at 4:30p.m. for 10 minutes, so please have your child bring a snack and water.

- **Please join me this Thursday, September 16, from 5:30-6:00 p.m. (right after rehearsal) for a parent information meeting.** We will go over volunteer jobs and any other questions you have about the program.
- I need your help planning rehearsals! Please email me (fikek_drama@alflintridge.org) if your child needs to miss rehearsal. It is so important that I know what days each child will miss. Please keep in mind that we currently have a waiting list. If your child isn't able to attend all or most rehearsal days, please consider letting a child on the waiting list have a spot.
- If I don't hear from you, I will expect that your child will not miss any rehearsals. Thank you!
- **The last week of the program is really important AND MUST NOT BE MISSED.** The final week of rehearsal is November 1st – November 5th. On November 5th, the cast will arrive at 3:45 p.m. as usual. We will break at 5:45 p.m. for dinner and for the cast to dress and get ready for the 7:00 p.m. performance!

- **Your child must know his/her lines by Tuesday, October 26th!** Please help them start to learn the lines as soon as they get their scripts. You will be receiving a rehearsal schedule with other important dates in the coming week.

COVID-19

ALF Drama will be following current LCUSD COVID-19 guidelines. Drama staff has been vaccinated. Staff and students will wear masks during rehearsals and face shields during the performance, if necessary, at that time. All participants will be socially distanced. Class size has been reduced and sanitizing protocols will be in place. ALF will continue to update its procedures as COVID-19 guidelines evolve.

COVID-19 protocols also include:

- DO NOT drop off your child at rehearsals if they are showing COVID-19 symptoms (cough, fever, sore throat, body aches, chills, shortness of breath, loss of smell and/or taste, nausea or vomiting, etc.)
- Temperature checks and health questionnaires will be asked by assistant director Tristan Waldron every day before entering the rehearsal space
- If your child answers “yes” to any of the health questions, they will be separated from the group until a care-taker can pick them up, as they will not be permitted to join rehearsals
- HEPA air purifiers will be running in smaller and/or less ventilated rooms and hand sanitizer will be offered regularly
- Snack time will be outside and socially distanced
- If any child or staff member in our group tests positive for COVID-19, we will immediately go virtual for 2 weeks
- If your child has had exposure to someone with COVID-19, it is YOUR responsibility to keep your child home and follow the appropriate quarantine measures for everyone’s safety involved.

For your reference, here is a link to a comprehensive guide to LCUSD COVID-19 measures:

https://www.lcusd.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1688868&type=d&pREC_ID=2138811

We recognize that these procedures are constantly changing and evolving, and we appreciate your cooperation and flexibility during this time. Your children’s health and safety is our top priority, as well as the health and safety of our staff. If you have any questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me or the Assistance League Drama Chairs (contact info below).

With that being said, I am so excited to get started after this long hiatus from live performances! I’m looking forward to seeing both new and returning students for another fun and unforgettable production!

Thanks,
Katelyn Fike (Director)
Tristan Waldron (Assistant Director)

If you would like to contact Linda Fors or Kathy Kumagai, Assistance League Drama Chairs, please email drama@alflintridge.org. ALF programs phone: (818) 790-2211