



**Newbury Elementary School
A Night of Stars
January 26, 2020**

FAQ's

When is the performance?

The performance will take place on Sunday, January 26 from approximately 4-6 PM (exact time depends on the number of performances). Performers would need to arrive at approximately 2:45 PM that day to prepare (time may be subject to change).

Is there a dress rehearsal?

Yes, there is a mandatory dress rehearsal scheduled for Wednesday, January 22 from 4:30-7:30 PM. Most performers would only need to be there for half the time (either 4:30-6 or 6-7:30), depending on the line up of acts. Adult supervision is required during the dress rehearsal. Please bring reading materials or quiet games to keep performers occupied while waiting.

When does the sign up end?

The deadline for signing up is Friday, January 3, 2020. Please sign up on Sign Up Genius before then. To find the sign up, click the link at www.nesgrows.com or go to Sign Up Genius directly at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4DAFA72AA6FC1-nesanight3>.

Are there auditions?

Yes, there will be auditions. Auditions are to ensure appropriate content only. There will be no judging at this event. Performers should wear their costume to the auditions and have their own music ready on an iphone or ipod. Sign up for an audition on SignUpGenius through our website nesgrows.com.

When are the auditions?

Auditions take place Wednesday, January 8 from 4:15-5:45 PM and Thursday, January 9 from 6:15-7:45 PM. Adult supervision is required during the audition. Sign up for one ½ hour time slot.

What happens during the audition?

Performers remain outside the auditorium until their time slot begins. During the audition, the group of performers enters the auditorium with their accompanying adults and remain quietly in their seat until their name or group is called. Please be respectful of other performers during their time on stage and be quiet and supportive. We want to provide a positive environment to enable individuals to give their best performance.

What do I do if my child gets stage fright?

If your performer becomes upset during the audition or the show, first let the adults on stage handle the situation. We recommend that parents wait before stepping in. If your child signs up but does not want to perform, as may happen, please just let us know as soon as possible if your child won't be doing the show.

What happens if a performer cannot make one of the audition days?

Live auditions are preferred. However, performers may submit a video of their performance instead of attending a live audition. Video a short 20-30 second clip and email it to nesgrows@gmail.com or upload the video to Dropbox and email the link to the same address. Contact us to confirm it has been received or if you have any questions.

How do I sign up for an audition?

Sign up for an audition on Sign Up Genius at the link on our website nesgrows.com.

Should performers wear their costume to the audition?

Yes, please do.

Are performers responsible for their own music?

Yes, if an act requires accompanying music, bring it on an iPhone (or similar) to the audition, ready to go, OR contact us at nesgrows@gmail.com to make alternative arrangements. Music must be uploaded in mp3 format by Friday, January 17 to be ready for the dress rehearsal. Please upload your mp3 music file to this Google folder ASAP:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1N8h7D2-5FJo6CSAb22HOhrUxQ0ULbcQZ>

Please DO NOT upload a Spotify link that cannot be turned into a file. We've found that the most successful way is to purchase songs from Amazon (not iTunes). If you need to cut the song short, please edit this BEFORE you upload the file so that it is at the exact point you want it to be. Questions about music, email Chad Foster at chadf@nealadv.com.

Is there a time limit for each performance?

Yes, each performance may be at most 3 minutes long.

Does it cost anything to participate?

No, there is no cost to participate.

Who can participate?

Performers may be current students, staff, and families at NES. Performances may be singing, dancing, playing, juggling, reciting a poem, or anything at all. Acts may be group or solo acts. In addition to performers, we are also looking for emcees/hosts - auditions will be necessary for this position as well.

Do you have an illness policy?

Yes, please follow the school rules for illness. Find the information on page 20 of the School Handbook

<https://www.tritonschools.org/newbury/resources/school-handbook/>

What is the emcee/host position?

We are looking for students who would be willing to be on stage between each act and introduce each act as well as tell a few jokes. The students will need to be at the entire dress rehearsal. Please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4DAFA72AA6FC1-nesanight3>.

Can a performer participate in more than one act?

Yes, anyone can participate in more than one act but no more than two acts and only one solo act per person please.

Will there be any opportunities to practice on the stage?

Yes, several Open Stage sessions will take place during the week of January 13.

These are completely optional times for performers to use the stage to practice (please bring your own music on these days.) Sign up for 15-minute time slots on SignUpGenius to reserve your slot at nesgrows.com.

When will tickets go on sale?

Tickets will go on sale beginning in January. Emails will be sent out about purchasing tickets. Performers do not need to purchase a ticket.

Can my performer watch the show?

We will be reserving some seats by the auditorium side door for performers to watch the show while they are not on stage – this way it will be easy for them to access the Green Room with fewer disruptions. Performers may also remain in the Green Room during the show. Please inform the adult in charge if you leave the Green Room with your child.

How much will tickets cost?

Tickets cost \$10 per person for general admission purchased ahead of time and \$15 at the door.

Do you need volunteers to help with the dress rehearsal and show?

Yes! Please sign up at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A4DAFA72AA6FC1-2020>

or contact us at nesgrows@gmail.com to find out more.

Will there be a Night of Stars program?

Yes, we will have a program and advertisements and parent/family ads will be accepted. Please go to the NESGROWS website at www.nesgrows.com or contact nesgrows@gmail.com for more information.

Will you be offering food during the dress rehearsal and/or show?

We will organize a pizza dinner for those interested (for a minimal cost) during the dress rehearsal since it is dinner time. We plan to sell some food such as bake sale items and snacks before and after the final performance. Some of the funds raised usually go to a local charity and this will be announced at a later date but before the show.

Where does the money that you are raising go?

All funds from advertisements and ticket sales will go towards the NES schoolyard as we continue to enhance the outdoor spaces for play and learning. For more information go to www.nesgrows.com or contact nesgrows@gmail.com.