



WINTER 2020 VARIETY SHOW

BENNY'S BIG TOP BASH

- PARENT MEETING:** Thursday, January 16th, 2020 at 6:00pm; cafeteria
➤ This meeting is only mandatory for parents new to the Variety Show. All are welcome, we will review the plans to make this a great year for our talent showcase!
- REGISTRATION DUE:** Friday, January 24th, 2020
- EMCEE TRYOUTS:** Wednesday, January 22nd before school at 8:15am; stage
- EMCEE REHEARSAL:** Tuesday, January 28th before school at 8am; stage
Thursday, February 6th before school at 8am; stage
- CREW REHEARSAL:** Tuesday, February 7th after school; stage
- MANDATORY TECH REHEARSAL:** Friday, February 14th after school 4pm; stage
- DRESS REHEARSAL:** Thursday, February 20th at 4:30pm; stage
- SHOW DATE:** Friday, February 21st at 6:30pm

TECH REHEARSAL DETAILS:

- * Each individual act will be given a time slot.
- * These are closed rehearsals, only the act on stage will be allowed in the cafeteria.
- * Time slots will be distributed the week prior to rehearsals. The start time is 4 pm.
- * Only the first 4 acts will be dismissed from school to the stage, all other students must be dismissed and return with a parent 10 minutes prior to their scheduled time slot.
- * A parent must be with each group and is responsible for the behavior of all students in their act.
- * The entire act must be performed (including all choreography and planned gestures).

DRESS

- REHEARSAL:**
- * Thursday, February 20th @ 4:30pm until we finish.
 - * ALL performers dismissed to their parents and must reenter the school at 4:15.
 - * Emcees and crew will be dismissed directly to the stage.
 - * We will be running through the final lineup of the show as if it is the actual show. Each and every child needs to be there with costumes and props.
 - * Children will perform in groups at an assigned block of time. It's important that all children in each group are present for the entire time window.
 - * Children must stay in the cafeteria with their group and a parent. Anyone caught running through the school or playing in the hallways will not be able to participate.

SHOW DETAILS:

CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT 1ST ACT PERFORMERS

- * All first half performers must check in to the SAC room between 6-6:15pm.
- * Performers dismissed to parents in front of the stage at the end of the first half.
- * All first act performers are the responsibility of their parents during the second half of the show and must be seated in the audience.

CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT 2ND ACT PERFORMERS

- * All second half performers must check in to the SAC room at intermission.
- * Performers dismissed to parents in front of the stage at the end of the show.
- * All second half performers are the responsibility of their parents during the first half of the show and must be seated in the audience.

FIFTH GRADE ACT CHECK-IN

- * Check in to the **Science Lab** during intermission. They will be seated on the floor in front of the stage during the second half of the show.
- * These students are the responsibility of their parents during the first half of the show and must be seated in the audience.

REGISTRATION

FEES:

- * \$12 PTA members/\$15 non-members / due from all performers, crew, emcees.
- * FEES DUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JAN. 24TH.

Pay at:

https://benfieldparents.membershiptoolkit.com/variety_show

You must be logged in to the website to view and purchase registration.

- * Money goes toward show fees, thank you gifts for school staff and the PTA.
- * Registration of acts and student participation fees are separate. Only one registration per act is needed. All students pay individually.

Link to registration form (1 per act):

<https://forms.gle/syqzxd4ir6SKeTTr8>

INDIVIDUAL ACT INFORMATION:

- * 2 minute time limit maximum per act.
- * Acts can be less than 2 minutes. If we receive more than 40 act registrations, solo and partner acts will be limited to 1.5 minutes.
- * One act per child, not including 5th grade act.
- * Songs must be approved and not duplicated between acts. First come, first serve.

* Props. Props must be light and easy to carry and must be essential for the act in order to be considered. Props must be able to be carried by the performers. NO BACKDROPS. No tables unless pre-approved. No large sets that can't be carried by children. NOTHING CAN LEAVE THE STAGE OR BE THROWN TO THE AUDIENCE.

* Costumes. Costumes must be age appropriate for an elementary student audience. When in doubt, go for more fabric or coverage. Torso must be covered. No swimsuits. Leotards must be paired with tights or shorts. Happy to answer any questions regarding costume guidance.

Interested but no group?--

We will do our best to help to link interested children together or with an established group. Please fill out the registration form and follow the instructions.

Have a group with room for one or a couple more?—

Please help us maximize participation by letting us know during your registration

EMCEES:

- * Open to 5th graders only.
- * Must be comfortable speaking and acting in front of 800+ people.
- * Students need to prepare a 2 minute skit related to the show theme for the audition.
- * Show skits are a collaborative effort between the students, their parents and the show directors. Allowing your child to audition means you are willing to work with them on their skit.
- * Must be available for crew rehearsals, both tech rehearsals, dress rehearsal and the show.
- * Emcees may participate in 5th grade act.

STAGE CREW

- * Open to 5th graders only.
- * Limited amount of spots available. We regret turning any child away, but there is only so much room backstage.
- * Must be available for crew rehearsals, tech rehearsals, dress rehearsal and the show.
- * Parents are a key part of stage crew, please consider volunteering with your child.

5TH GRADE ACT:

Additional details TBD
* Rehearsal dates tentatively scheduled: February 13th and 18th immediately after school on the stage.

MUSIC

INSTRUCTIONS:

For acts requiring music, deadline for submission is January 27th.
* Please be sure that all music contains appropriate language and themes.
* Music may be e-mailed to benfieldvs@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERING

RESPONSIBILITIES:

EACH FAMILY IS REQUIRED TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE SHOW!
* Should you have extenuating circumstances that prevent you from volunteering, please e-mail Aristia Kinis Glinka or Lisa Crislip at benfieldvs@gmail.com.
* If you do not sign up, your child will not perform.
* Sign Up Genius will be e-mailed in February.

BACKGROUND CHECK

Volunteers working directly with children, are required to have the standard county background form completed and it can only be done online. Instructions are as follows...

- * log onto www.aacps.org
- * select parent tab
- * drop down to forms
- * under miscellaneous select "chaperone/volunteer"
- * read page and then click the corresponding tab
- * read screening criteria and hit submit button
- * this will bring you to the online authorization process log in page

TICKETS:

- * Everyone 3 and older must have their own ticket.
- * Performers do not need tickets.
- * Must be purchased online through PTA website. Tickets not available at the door.

<u>Ticket Prices</u>	PTA Member	Guests of PTA Member (relatives, etc.)	Non-Member
Adult	\$10	\$12	\$15
Child 3-18	\$5	\$7	\$10
Child 2 and under	FREE	FREE	FREE
Teacher	FREE	N/A	\$5

TEE SHIRTS:

- * Available for purchase on the PTA website for \$15 each; date TBD and will be put out after registration is complete