



April 28, 2019

The Walnut Grove PTO knows many students are busy building strong foundations inside *and outside* the classroom. We want to showcase those talented Dragons on the WGES stage on April 28th in the annual Talent Show. If your child is interested in participating, visit www.wgespto.com and complete the entry form. **Entry forms are only available online this year.**

<i>Singer</i>	Dancer	PIANIST
Comedian	Guitarist	<i>Violinist</i>
<i>Poet</i>	Gymnast	Magician
		Actor

Dates to Remember:

Feb. 13th - Online Entry Forms Available

Mar. 8th - Deadline for Entry Forms

Apr. 2nd - (3pm-6:30pm)- Casting Call

Apr. 18th - (3pm-6:30pm)-Dress Rehearsal

Apr. 28th - (2pm/4pm)- Talent Show Performances



GUIDELINES

1. Each student is allowed one Solo Act and one Group Act. A separate entry form is required for each Act.
2. If a Group Act is chosen, each student in the group must complete a form.
3. Acts may not be longer than 2 1/2 minutes. They may be shorter than 2 1/2 minutes.
4. Masters of Ceremonies (MC) roles are only open to WGES 4th graders. A 4th grader may perform one Act and also participate as an MC.
5. SINGERS: You may sing a cappella (no background music) or with accompaniment (background music). You or someone else may play the piano or another instrument as your accompaniment. Or you may use an accompaniment track that can be purchased and downloaded from the internet (Ex. Search "Karaoke Tracks" in the iTunes Store). You are not allowed to sing along with the original recording artist nor lip sync. Lyrics must be school-appropriate. You must provide printed lyrics at the Casting Call.

****READ CAREFULLY**

ENTRY FORMS: We are paperless! Entry forms will only be available on the WGES PTO website- www.wgespto.com.

DEADLINE to complete the entry form: **MARCH 8TH**

MUSIC SUBMISSION: If you plan to use background music/accompaniment track (singers, dancers, etc.), you will attach a M4A or MP3 file when completing the online entry form. No other forms of music (i.e. CDs) will be accepted this year.

You will also provide cutting/editing instructions for our sound technician, Debbie Edwards, to not exceed 2 1/2 minutes.

Mrs. Edwards will professionally edit your music and then return it via email by **March 20th**. That will give you two weeks to rehearse with the edited music before Casting Call.

For further instructions on music submission, visit www.wgespto.com/MusicSubmissionTips

Questions? Contact Eisha Epps- PTO Talent Show Coordinator -emesngr@verizon.net

DRAGONS AT WORK- Talent Show 2019

Music Submission Tips:

How do I find background/accompaniment music?

If you would like to **sing** with background music in the Talent Show, you can search for accompaniment tracks online at www.itunes.com or www.karaokeversion.com. After you find a track you like (making sure it is in a key you can easily sing), purchase that track.

If you would like to **dance** to music in the Talent Show, you can search for song tracks on a site such as iTunes.com. Please make sure the lyrics are school-appropriate. You can use “radio-edit versions” or KidzBop versions if needed.

How do I attach a music file from my computer?

You will be required to submit your music on your Talent Show entry form. When you click on “Choose File,” you will have the option to search all files on your computer. Search your Music/iTunes folders. You will see songs or tracks you have purchased. Double-click on the song/track you would like to use in the Talent Show and it will attach to the entry form.

I am aware the Act cannot exceed 2 1/2 minutes but my song lasts longer. How do I explain how I would like it cut or edited?

Our sound technician, Debbie Edwards, is able to professionally edit music so it sounds the best for each student and the audience. You can use the song lyrics and track numbers to describe how you would like the song to be edited.

Ex. for a Singer: *My child would like to sing the 1st verse, the chorus, skip or cut the 2nd verse, sing the 3rd verse, and repeat the chorus.*

Ex. for a Dancer: *My child would like to dance from the beginning of the song until 1:43, skip to 2:04, and then end after the words “call me maybe.”*

If you are unsure how to best cut/edit the song, type *Please Advise*.

You can text Mrs. Edwards (817)937-2207 for advice **before March 8th**.