

RAMAYANA 2016

Act I: Pre/K Forest Animals; 1st & 2nd Grades Jungle Creatures; and Parent Volunteer Information

Saturday, June 4th at MMS Gym is a VERY IMPORTANT rehearsal for students to attend and to promptly arrive at 11:30*. We will be conducting final costume fittings. No supervision will be provided, so please be prepared to supervise your own children. You may want to bring a lunch or a snack.

~~No classes all week (June 6-10) as we devote our attention to Ramayana rehearsals & performances.~~

Tech Week Cast Call for Pre/K, 1st & 2nd Grades

- * **Monday, June 6th** – 11:00 AM – All PreK – 2nd Graders called
 - * **Tuesday, June 7th** – 11:00 AM - All PreK – 2nd Graders called
 - * **Wednesday, June 8th** – 10:30 AM Arrive for Cast Call, Tech Dress Rehearsal
 - * **Thursday, June 9th** – 5:30 PM Arrive, 7:00 PM Curtain: Dress Preview Performance
 - * **Friday, June 10th** – 5:30 PM Arrive, 7:00 PM Curtain: Performance
 - * **Saturday, June 11th** – 5:30 PM Arrive, 7:00 PM Curtain: Performance
 - * **Sunday, June 12th** – 12:30 PM Arrive, 2:00 PM Curtain: Performance
- *students may leave after their scene or are dismissed by the directors

LOCATION: The Mexican Heritage Theater is located at 1700 Alum Rock Road, San Jose, CA, a few blocks from Highway 101. It takes 45 minutes from MMS and about 50 minutes from Santa Cruz. From MMS take 152 to 101 and head north. The Alum Rock exit is just past the 280/680 interchange. From Santa Cruz take the 17 highway North to 280 South to 101 North to the Alum Rock Exit.

PARKING: The theater is located on the corner of Alum Rock Rd. and King St. On Tuesday and Wednesday you can park in either the lot on King St. or the lot on Alum Rock Rd. Street parking is also available. Thursday through Sunday you can ONLY park in the King Street lot or on the street. Parking is limited so please carpool.

Pre/K – 2nd Dressing Rooms will be located in the "Plaza Area" at the theater. Signs will be posted.

AND FINALLY: Please meet your children immediately following their performances to help them out of their costume and to remove their makeup. There is NO SUPERVISION once their performance is over.

Tickets: All children 2 years and older must have their own ticket. Only children under the age of 2 can sit on their parent's lap according to the Fire Marshall's Code. If you are planning to have your child watch the show after their scene then they must have a ticket to come into the theater. To purchase your tickets for Friday, Saturday or Sunday performances please go to www.mountmadonnaschool.org and click on the Ramayana icon. To purchase tickets for the Thursday Preview Show (family only) you will need to use this link: Ramayana-Preview.brownpapertickets.com

Supervision: Those of you who are supervising are responsible for keeping the children in good form during the waiting period. This includes while costumes and makeup are being applied and until parents have come to collect them at the end of their performance.

The waiting period is sometimes tedious for children so activities are helpful. Since the children are in costume they should not have strenuous or messy activities. Board games and coloring/writing activities are good.

COSTUMES: Before changing into the costume, please have your child use the toilet. Then find the costume and help your child dress, placing street clothing in the brown paper bag with child's name on it (provided). Paper bags will be stored together. For children with furry costumes it is a good idea for them to wear a light undershirt and shorts/underwear since the costumes get very hot on stage. For those with stiff head pieces it is a good idea to bring bobby pins and hair gel, and hair rubber bands (some will be provided).

MAKEUP: Stage makeup and application supplies are provided by the school and will be in the room when you arrive. If you have face painting items or a mirror to bring please feel free. The rule of thumb will be light on the make-up, just noses, lips, eyes, whiskers but not necessarily the full-face makeup. Baby wipes are helpful for heavy make-up removal. If you have make-up questions ask Jessica Cambell.

REFRESHMENTS: Children often like to eat while they're waiting! Each child needs to bring individual snacks/lunch and drinks. Snacks should be simple finger food that is non-juicy, non-melty and non-staining. Also, please keep in mind other children's allergies – so NO PEANUT items please. If you bring something to share please be sure it can be shared with all the children (both food and toys).

CAST & CREW DINNER: All parents who have helped with the *Ramayana!* and all students are invited to the Cast Dinner that is served in the Gallery after the Sunday performance. It begins at approximately 5:30 pm or as soon as Cast Circle is over. There is no charge for the dinner.

BREAKDOWN: All parents are encouraged to help with the strike that begins with the Pre-2nd area being broken down, items staged and ready to load on the trucks.

Important Bits and Pieces to Keep in Mind

1. Please sign your child IN & OUT so supervisors don't fret.
2. Bring jackets with your child's name inside and dress your children in layers.
3. Some are newcomers to the *Ramayana!* If you see a need, please feel free to respond to it: ask for help, initiate positive actions or make constructive suggestions.
4. After the Call to Theater: take children to the restroom. An adult must accompany students. Some children will need help with their costumes. Please let others know if you are leaving with children to the restroom – there may be others to go as well.
5. All costumes must be left at the theater! Please pin the costume onto the hanger with your child's name on it and return it to the costume rack after each performance.
6. No food or drink is allowed in the theater.
7. Parents are not allowed backstage. Space in the backstage area is extremely limited. Please be assured that parents who have been assigned to escort the Forest Animals and Jungle Creatures into the theater and out again do carefully supervise your children. You can wait for your child outside the backstage exit after they have completed their performance. All PreK-2nd students will be done by end of the 1st act.

Everybody is Responsible & Helps Clean-Up!

Coordinators: Costumes Pre/K, 1st, 2nd: Jen Goldstein
Supervision & Makeup Pre/K, 1st, 2nd: Jessica Cambell

We wish to express our appreciation to all of you for your efforts in creating another great Ramayana! experience for our children!