Hello all!

Thank you very much for letting your student participate in “Mary Poppins” I know that summer is just starting but I wanted to get a head start with the musical as this show will be a massive undertaking. This will be the first time I have directed this show so I am very excited for the challenge. Because of the enormity of the his production, I would like to get as much parent volunteer help as i can get. These shows do not happen without your help, and I extremely appreciate anything you can do to help with the success of this show.

To help finance the show, I am asking that every cast member pay $100. Crew fee is $50. This payment will help with so many things including:

- Costumes
- Set pieces and construction
- Props
- Show t-shirt
- Posters and publicity
- Cast refreshments
- Musicians/accompaniment

If you are unable to pay the $100/$50, please let me know and the payment will be covered by the Pacer drama Parent Club.

Along with the $100/$50, we will need volunteers for different aspects of the show. The following list is the areas that I need help with. I greatly appreciate anything that you can do. If you are able to take lead on any of these areas, please let me know. I would like one point person that I can “go-to” for each area. Thank you to Linda Crisp for organizing this! She will be sending out a “sign-up genius” once the school year gets started. Thanks!

- Set construction/painting
- Costumes – (Cay Borduin is designing costumes but will need volunteers to help)
- Publicity –
- Props and set pieces for the show
- Tickets / Concessions -
- House Manager -
- Lobby Display –
- Backstage supervision
- Fly rail volunteers (helping with the rigging to “fly” actors during the show)

Finally, Ads…. many local companies put ads in the program, and from what I have been told, people and the companies advertised really like this idea. I would like to do that again with “Mary Poppins.” I’ve attached a copy of the order form. Programs can be fairly expensive so these ads help offset the cost. I would like each student to get ONE Ad. This also includes Parent ads where you can write a personal “break a leg” message to your student (with a photo if you choose) and it will be in the program.

There will be a parent meeting Tuesday, Aug. 29th at 6:30pm in the auditorium. I will be emailing you all about the July/August rehearsals over the next few weeks. But should you have questions about anything before then, please feel free to email me over the summer. And again, thank you so much for your help with this show. I am very much looking forward to working with everyone.

Have a great summer!
Andy Ballnik