

2018 5th Grade Information



Students 5th grade are able to participate in the Nutcracker on a volunteer basis. Please read all the choices below and choose which option sounds best for you.

Please fill out and sign the permission slip(s) & volunteer contract attached. Turn both in with your parent's signature to the **Nutcracker box in the office by 3:30 pm September 25, 2018.** Incomplete permission slips will not be accepted.

OPTION 1 - Principal Role

2017 Principal Roles

DROSSELMAYER

MAMA MOUSE

RAT KING

NUTCRACKER (*plays NEPHEW as well*)

Twelve students will be selected as principals. Interested students need to obtain the signature of their parents and teacher. Principal cast members are expected to attend and to be on time to rehearsals

Principal Role Auditions- Wednesday September 26th @12:30 pm

Auditions will take place in the MUR. No parents or siblings are allowed in the MU room during auditions. It is not necessary for students to prepare anything in advance of the auditions.

OPTION 2 – Volunteer Dance

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Sugar Plum Fairies

Battle Scene

Chinese Tea

There are no auditions required for the volunteer roles. Parents will be emailed once dances are cast and receive further specific information about assigned dance and show.

This year we must cap our dances to specific numbers. **Spots in all dances will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Please put your permission slips in the Nutcracker box in the office, rather than turning it into your teacher.** You are allowed to indicate up to three preferences and we encourage you to do so. Please make sure the permission slip and volunteer contract are completely filled out, incomplete permission slips may jeopardize your spot. No permission slips will be accepted prior to Monday September 18th. We attempt to give everyone his or her 1st choice but cannot guarantee it. If you have younger siblings, we will do our best to place you the same show, but this cannot be guaranteed.

If you are auditioning for a Principal role, you may also apply for a “volunteer” role as a back-up in case you are not chosen. Turn in both permission slips with volunteer contract.

OPTION 3 - Backstage

5th Grade BACKSTAGE CREW:

We will need 4 Backstage Crew Members per show (12 total) to help run the production.

NEW THIS YEAR! (Please Read) Due to overwhelming numbers of students wanting to work the backstage crew last year, we are implementing a new process this year. If you are interested in being a part of the backstage crew, please answer the following questions. If we receive more applications than we can accommodate, an independent panel will choose the participants based on your answers to these questions (they will not know who wrote each set of responses). You may type or write your answers, it is not necessary to write more than a sentence or two for each question.

Name: _____ Grade _____

Teacher _____

Parent's email: _____

1. What dance did you participate in last year?
2. Why do you want to be a part of the backstage crew?
3. What is your favorite dance/scene in the Nutcracker? Why?
4. What is your favorite Nutcracker memory?
5. What skills or behaviors do you think it is important to have to work on the backstage crew?

Questions: email nutcracker@strandwoodpta.org

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Performance Day: Saturday December 1, 2018

Show 1: Show begins at 10:30am
Show 2: Show begins at 1:30pm
Show 3: Show begins at 4:30pm

Dress Rehearsal: Friday, November 30 @ 10am
Dress Rehearsal: Thursday, November 29 @ 10am
Dress Rehearsal: Tuesday, November 28th @ 10am

Costume Requirements: All costume basics must be obtained and cleared by Instructor no later than November 16, 2018.

If you are having difficulty locating costume basics, please contact our Nutcracker Closet Coordinator at nutcrackercloset@strandwoodpta.org.

Battle/Rats: Black pants & black shirt, black soft-soled shoes/sneakers
Battle/Soldiers: Black pants & red turtleneck, black soft-soled boots (preferred) or shoes (roles will be determined at first rehearsal)

Sugar Plums: Short sleeved pink leotard
Pink tights
Pink ballet shoes

Chinese Tea: Girls: Long sleeved black leotard or shirt, black leggings or pants (not tights), black ballet shoes
Boys: Black pants, black shirt, black shoes

Rehearsals begin week of October 8th. Tentative date/time schedule:

Battle: Monday, 3:00-4:00 pm
Chinese Tea: Monday, 7:10-8:00am
Sugar Plums: Friday 3:00-4:00 pm

Back Stage Crew – 1st Meeting: Tuesday 10/9 | 7:15-8:00am, after the first week, back stage crew will meet Tuesday 7:10 -8:00 am, Thursday 7:10 -8:00 am OR Friday 7:10-8:00am.

Students must be able to attend **all** rehearsals. If your child has a conflict like Student Council, for example, please do not ask if they can come late to rehearsal, or to leave early to attend another commitment. There just aren't that many rehearsals and we need everyone present to properly stage the dances. Please understand, there will be a waiting list of kids who want to perform and any dancer who misses a rehearsal without an excused absence will be replaced. The rehearsal schedule will be finalized based on how many students sign up. All performers will participate in one dress rehearsal during school hours and one Show Performance.

Turn in to the Nutcracker box in office by September 25th.

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

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PRINCIPALS PERMISSION SLIP (turn in only if auditioning for a principal role) Due Tuesday 9/25!

PARENT/GUARDIAN: My child _____ has my permission to attend after school rehearsals for the Nutcracker. I agree my child will attend all rehearsals and be on time. My child has my permission to perform in the Nutcracker performance in December, and I will bring him/her to the performance at the designated time. I have discussed with my child the commitment required to perform a lead role in the Nutcracker and am confident he/she will follow through on this commitment.

Parent/Guardian _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Please list siblings at Strandwood _____

TEACHER: My student _____ has my permission to be out of class to attend two rehearsals, not to exceed 20 minutes each, during the last weeks of rehearsals.

Teacher _____

STUDENT: Please list role preference: We will try our best to cast you in one of your preferred roles. However, if that is not possible we may offer you another role at which time you may choose to accept or decline.

1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____ 3rd Choice _____