

Shutesbury Elementary School

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Dear SES.

I love theater and have performed many times. My passions for acting and directing are equally strong. I've directed over forty plays at recess, but have never gotten to officially direct a show. Finally, after four and a half years of hard work, my dream finally came true. Our new principal, Ms. Mendonsa, loves theater and acting. Now, with her help, I have put together a drama club for after school on Thursdays. To help the club get off to a great start, I have put together a performance, to let people act! Our production for this year is... (Drum roll) THE WIZARD OF OZ! I have written a shorter version of the show. Students in grades K-4 are able to sign up to be a part of the club. It will take place on Thursdays after-school from 3:10-5:00. It will start on October 9th. We will have the show take place in January. I hope you join!

Sincerely, Arin Andrews, SES Third Grader

9/26/14

Dear SES Students and Families,

Arin Andrews and his supportive family in their quest to help Arin realize his dream of directing a musical have inspired me. Students in grades K-4 are invited to sign up to be a part of a "beginners" drama club at SES. This club's goal is to rehearse and perform Arin's abridged version of **The Wizard of Oz.**

Arin's parents, and possibly some community artists that may serve as mentors to Arin and the process, will supervise the club. I will also be ensuring the organization and safety of the program. The program will take place on Thursdays from 3:10-5:00, and will run from October 9th- January.

If your child is interested in this opportunity, please sign and return the attached permission slip. We are asking for a fee of \$10 per student for the assistance from local artists to help with the process. Permission slips are due by October 3, 2014

If you have any questions about the process of the program, please contact me at school.

Thank You, Jackie Mendonsa, Principal