

Mrs. Carroll's Classroom
Ivy Preparatory Academy

May 1, 2010

Dear Parents:

I'm writing you for two reasons. I am so excited to share with you the plan for your Literature-6 scholars for the last month of school. We are going to be staging the play Macbeth. Every one of my classes is participating. We are going to split the play so that every class will be portraying a portion of the play and every scholar will have the opportunity to take part in putting on the show. We will be using the No Fear Shakespeare version of Macbeth for the parts, although we will be rewriting some of the monologues and stage directions.

This exciting project needs some parental support and participation. I really need your help. We will be making scenery, costumes, and props, as well as learning the lines and how to effectively present them. I have purchased some of the supplies to make the backdrops but we will need more. I am looking for Home Depot, Walmart, and JoAnn Fabric types of items. If you would like to help, we are looking for gift cards to Walmart, Home Depot and JoAnn Fabrics or money. We will be beginning to sew, paint and create by Wednesday, May 5, 2010. I am also including a list of the things that we know we will be using. I'm sure I'm forgetting some important things but so far I know that we need:

Slat wood to attach backdrop fabric

Large painters' canvas (9' X 12') to paint for backdrops

Fabric for costumes such as white gauze, loose weave pieces to make the basic costumes, fabric to create Scottish kilts, ribbon, curtain material – Specifically we need loose weave fabric in black, white or taupe as well as different plaids for the tartans

Rope to use for pulleys

Acrylic Paint – basic colors

Paint brushes (can be cheap – like the foam brushes)

Fake swords and daggers

Stage Makeup

Mosquito Netting to create ghosts

A strobe light and fog machine – these would just be loaners

I am also looking for some parents that can come in and help when we begin sewing and painting. It's definitely helpful to have an adult at each station; but I've been a working parent so I understand if coming in during the work week may not be possible for some parents. I am planning to have at least one Saturday work session so that everyone can help.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I can be reached at 770-342-0089 or at jcarroll@ivyprepacademy.org. Thank you in advance,

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