2016 LES Variety Show – “LES - Having Fun at the Beach" Parent Information

For 24 years, LES PTA has hosted a variety show for the students of LES. This is an opportunity for students to show off their talents or just have fun on stage in front of their peers and family. There are no auditions. Every student is invited to participate. The show will take place at Gaithersburg High School’s Performing Arts Center – on Friday, April 8 at 7pm.

Now is the time to start planning your child’s act for the 2016 LES Variety Show. This year’s theme is “LES-Having Fun at the Beach”! It is recommended that you plan your act with the theme in mind, but not required.

The 10 Guidelines for the show are listed below. Please read over these carefully. If you have any questions, contact Kim Braun at kimburton@aol.com

1. Sign up your child and his/her act. You can begin to sign up on Friday, February 12th. An email will be sent out the morning of 2/12 with links to the sign up form. 
**Sign up Deadline: Monday, February 22.** Participants must be signed up in order to be in the show.

2. There are 3 MANDATORY scheduled rehearsals. Participants must attend the following scheduled rehearsal nights:

   **Mandatory Preview night - February 23 or February 24 (LES cafeteria stage)**
   Preview Nights - All acts must be determined by preview night. They do not have to be complete, but we’ll need a good idea of the theme of the performance so we can line up the order. Bring your music!! At least one parent responsible for the act must be present. You must sign up for one preview night. The sign up form link can be found on the participation form.

   **Mandatory Open Stage Night - March 22 or March 23 (LES cafeteria stage)**
   Open stage Nights –Bring your music!! This is the last chance to practice on a stage before dress rehearsal. At least one parent responsible for the act must be present. A sign up for these nights will be emailed to all participants after Preview Night.

   **Dress Rehearsal – April 7 (Gaithersburg High School)**
   This is the night before the show when we run through each act in the show order and work out any issues. It is very important.

3. Number of acts per child: Each child may participate in only one act with the exception of 5th grade students – who may participate in the overall 5th Grade Act and also participate in a separate act.

4. Songs/acts must be appropriate (family friendly): We reserve the right to ask for a change if a song/act is deemed inappropriate.

5. No repeat songs: A song may only be used once in the show – please have a second-choice song ready. (This is determined on a first-come, first-served basis as participants sign up beginning 2/13)

6. Length of act: Each act is limited to 2 minutes. Acts can be shorter than 2 minutes. That is fine, just not longer please.
7. Music for act: The music should be formatted electronically. Music should be edited and put in an MP3 format. It can then be sent to our director via email (ablloyd@comcast.net) or given to him on a flash drive at the Preview Night. Please bring your music to the rehearsals in an electronic format (cell phone or MP3 player). We will have docking station with speakers to use during rehearsals this year. No CD player will be available. If you get the music to our director at Preview Night, he will have your music for all of the mandatory practices. If you have any questions, we can answer and make it happen - no worries!

8. Practicing: It is up to the performers to practice their act and have it stage ready on their own.

9. One parent per participant must volunteer for show. Each parent of a participant is asked to sign up for and fulfill a role as a Variety Show volunteer, in order for his/her child to participate in the show. It takes a lot of volunteers to make the show a success. There are jobs to fit all kinds of schedules and demands. A volunteer sign up will be emailed after the Preview Nights.

10. Costumes and props: Each act is responsible for its own costumes and props. On show night we will have a prop person to help set up the props that have been provided.

Remember, you can begin signing up on Friday, February 12th. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Braun at kimburton@aol.com

Thank you for your interest,
The 2016 LES Variety Show Committee