

May 27, 2010

Dear Students and Parents:

I want to take this time to thank all of you for the lovely flowers and warm wishes given me during this last week. Your thoughtfulness and warm wishes are truly appreciated.

Tonight is the night for our final performance of our Shakespeare play. Yesterday the students had a chance to perform for the school and other visitors. They were amazed at the quality of their performance. We have been receiving many words of praise.

Our Ashland Shakespeare Festival trip is rapidly drawing near. At this time, we will be able to provide \$30.00 toward food for each child. We will have continental breakfast each morning while there. Plan for one meal out on Wednesday evening, two meals on Thursday and Friday each. I would recommend at least \$ 10.00 per meal. We will be stopping for lunch on our return on Saturday and that is provided for. It is up to all students to bring their own spending money for souvenirs. Please remember to bring the money for food and souvenirs in on June 16 and your chaperone will have an envelope for each of you to put your money in. The chaperone will keep the money for you and will give it to you as needed.

While in Ashland, it is important that you (student) pay for your own meals so that you will be able to figure out the amount of tip you need to pay the waiter/waitress. It will be your decision on whether the service was appropriate and deserving of the tip. Usually a tip of 15% is given. Remember that a tip is only expected when you are being served. Fast food restaurants do not fit into this category.

We will be activating a telephone tree from the McDonald Restaurant, in Wilsonville, OR, on Saturday when we are ready to leave. If you have not done so, **please send in the number at which you can be reached that afternoon.** You will be called and given the approximate arrival time. It is important that you be in the **school parking lot** on time so that we all can go home shortly after arriving. It is a long trip and we all will be tired.

Finally, each student is expected to bring a sack lunch for the Wednesday trip down to Ashland. You will find an order form for a lunch, from the school lunch program in the Thursday note envelope. If you prefer to purchase a school lunch, please have your order in by Wednesday, June 9th.

Looking forward to seeing you all tonight at the play!

Mrs. Albert