

# A.R.M.E.S. Drama Budget

Dear Parents:

You totally cool parents make this program happen. I want to thank you for all the work you have already done to make your child such a special and creative being! Being able to work with children like yours makes me the luckiest teacher in all of Greenville. I promise to do my best to supplement your child rearing efforts, returning your child back to you after each class, safe and creatively enhanced, if not always cleaner than when they arrived. Theatre, drama and life are often quite messy.

**Regrettably the cost of everything, field trips, costumes, sets, lights, music, and snacks must come from you parents.** Due to our funding structure the ARMES program has NO money for program supplies. YET, at NO point do we want a child to feel participation in ANY ACTIVITY is dependent on a parent's ability to provide supplies, tickets or funds. **This is why it is so very important for the parents that can, to donate well beyond simply joining the booster club. Donations can come in many forms, give of your time, cook, do snack club with the kids, be a back stage parent, donate to our WISH LIST.**

This year with so many theatrical events scheduled, simply attending class is going to be expensive. If for any reason your child needs assistance with tickets please on the form for tickets simply check “**scholarship ticket**” and a ticket will be provided. However the program can not buy tickets for PARENTS and other siblings.

Many of the program's parents can not afford the cost of field trips or even extra notebooks, I have tried to limit these costs, but producing theatre is expensive! **And attending theatre and Making FILM is also expensive!**

We have enhanced the big room to the point that without BIG money there is little more that can be done. Our homemade sound Flaps turned out to be a great Blessing!! But this year is a year where we return to film and the smaller stage. In order to limit our impact on the school all of our Main Stage productions will be done in March right before spring.

Thank you again. I am looking forward to a WONDERFUL year where we all as individuals grow and where we begin to see our life dreams come into focus.

Thank you  
Dr. Kat Ballou

## **Budget 2011-12**

Classroom Filming equipment (4 tri pods, and supplement mikes) \$600  
Portable Lighting for Filming \$350  
Classroom Speakers for computer \$150  
Scholarship Ticket Fund: \$1,200  
Cakes for 7 after show receptions \$750.  
Production Costs for Both Elizabeth Sue's \$550.  
Production Costs Middle School Show \$300.  
Production Costs Filming R & J \$750.  
Filming Equipment & Production Costs for All Classes  
PSA and Docudramas \$600.  
Production Costs Graduation \$300.  
Audition & Workshop Personnel Costs \$500.  
**Total \$ 5,900**

## **Things We Need**

**Snack Club Basic Supplies** - Paper Cups (SMALL 3 – 7 oz MAX) - Paper towels - Mr. Coffee type coffee filters make cheap paper plates for snacks. **Fruit**, Crackers, Large boxes cereal, pretzels, Cheezits **Popsicles!!!!** Puddings. Large juice bottles (last longer and are cheaper) Granola Bars, Chips, Goldfish, Cereal, (can be mixed for kids) Graham Cracker, Animal, Nilla Waffers, type cookies, chex mix. (NO coolaid, will not have a place to mix it.)

Juice Boxes and pre wrapped snacks are way more expensive but when in production they are they only way we can get snacks to the kids.

For all performances we need kids to have personal water bottles.

i phones (Need one working one and several as props.)

Blank CD's & DVD's

Highlighters

White out

White & **Color** Copy Paper

Colored Index card stock paper

Ink for EPSON: DX 400 Epson 69

**Fabric Spray Freshener!!**

**Batteries (AA, 9-volt)**

**A couple of creative types  
to clean and organize Costumes**

**Class Mom's**, a mom for each class. Last year two of the classes had Mom's, people who came to almost every class, took pictures, ran to the copy machine, worked with small groups, was **THERE FOR EMERGENCIES – It was AWESOME!**

Could be a dad or Grand if your like the creative process!

**Back Stage Mom's** to help the last two weeks of production/Make up Hair/ Last Minute Costume fitting. etc.

**Snack Club Helpers:** 2:45 PM – 3:10 PM EVERY DAY.

If we have no one for clean up the Sterling MS students get no snack.

**E- mail Data base/ addresses typed into my mac!**

**Really HAVE to do this this year, we lost our wonderful**

**Betty who did everything for the program!**

## **Things We Wish For**

**\*\*Class Photographers \*\*Video Yearbook Coordinator**

Cakes and cookies for special occasions --  
This can really help with the budget.

**Small refrigerator for classroom.**

Something to keep juice cold. We have access to freezer for Pops!

**\*\*Like Film Editing, we can use some help!**

**Technical Support for Filming, sound and COMPUTERS!!**

**\*\*THESE ARE NON PAID POSITIONS**