



Oakridge Public School

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Dear Parents,

Our junior students have the opportunity to join the Briardale students for a performance of the "Shoe String Opera" on Friday, January 22nd.

Shoestring Opera's mandate is to bring the magic of opera to children everywhere. Shows are designed to fit both school settings. Using minimal props and costuming, stories and music from classic operas are brought to life in a lively and accessible child-friendly format.

This performance is called "The Shoe String's Magic Flute" and it is a story based on Mozart's opera about the character, Allegra. She finds a golden flute buried in a pile of leaves and when she blows it, strange things happen. Another character, Papageno (a bird catcher who has a padlock on his mouth) appears and they have to learn why he has the padlock on his mouth before they can find their way out of the forest.

The performance features two singer-actors, a cellist, and a pianist. There is a question and answer time after the performance.

We will be walking over to Briardale and leaving at 1:35 p.m. The show will start at 2:00 p.m. and last for approximately one hour. We might be a few minutes late returning at the end of the day, so please adjust your schedules accordingly. If your child takes the bus home, please make other arrangements for that day. The cost for this performance will be \$3.00.

Please fill out the permission slip below and return it, along with the \$3.00 by **Wednesday, January 20th**. We will also need some parents to walk over with us. Please indicate below if you would like to come. There is no cost for parents.

Sincerely,

Mrs. L. Klassen

- My child _____ has permission to walk to Briardale School on Friday, January 22nd.
- I have included \$3.00
- I would like to join you. Parent Name _____

