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## Ashwaubenon High School Hosting Kids Drama Workshop January 21st

<u>Ashwaubenon, WI – January 13, 2012</u> – Students in the Ashwaubenon High School Performing Arts Club are hosting their second annual "Kids Drama Workshop" on Saturday, January 21. Third through eighth grade children from the Green Bay area are invited to participate in the workshop where they will be given the exciting opportunity to jump up on stage and see what it's like to be in the spotlight. The workshop costs \$25.00, which includes a snack and a souvenir, and takes place from 8:45 a.m. to noon at Ashwaubenon High School, 2391 S. Ridge Road. Registration forms are available on the AHS website at <a href="http://www.ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us/highschool/perf\_arts\_club.cfm">http://www.ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us/highschool/perf\_arts\_club.cfm</a>.

The attendees will be divided into smaller groups according to their grade levels. These groups, led by Ashwaubenon High School musical and drama directors and Performing Arts Club members, will take part in various sessions, including basic acting techniques, body movement, voice projection, stage make-up, improvisation, and use of stage props. The AHS students will also conduct several theater games with the younger children to encourage character development and confidence in their performance skills – this is always a highlight for the kids!

In the final session of the workshop, AHS students who recently performed in the musical 'Fiddler on the Roof' will teach one of the scenes to the attendees. This activity gives the participants exposure to reading scripts, stage blocking, and actually performing on the stage with other cast members. Parents and families are invited to watch their children perform in the 'Fiddler on the Roof' scene which takes place in the AHS Auditorium.

This workshop is not only a great learning experience for the attendees, but also for the Ashwaubenon High students who are excited to share their time and talents. Last year's workshop was well-attended, and a follow-up letter from one parent commented, "You opened a whole new world for my daughter. She left this experience having learned a lot and made some new friends! This had a huge impact on her, it's is all she spoke about for days!"

For more information, please contact Workshop Directors Helen Marcks or Bernie Rocheleau at 920-492-2950 or hmarcks@ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us and brocheleau@ashwaubenon.k12.wi.us, respectively.

### Attachments:

Picture: ASD-HS-DramaWorkshop.jpg - AHS Teacher and Choreographer Nancy Bassindale (center) leads the 2011 Kids Drama Workshop attendees in a warm-up aerobic dance and vocal activity. Registration Form: Kids Drama Workshop Reg Form 2012 Color.pdf

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