

4th / 5th Grade Forensics Program 2011-2012

Nov 9 6:30PM Parent Information Night in the Library

Nov 16 Registrations due

Nov – Dec Select a piece and practice at home

January Practice Sessions (dates to be determined)

After school until 4:30 in classrooms

2:45-3:00 Snack and Meeting *Please send a snack to school.*

3:00-4:30 Practices with High School Student Judges

Thursday, January 26 6:30-8:00 PM in the Marcy Center Festival and Ice Cream Social

What to know...

- At this level the emphasis is on **fun** and **support!**
- Usually this age performs in just a few categories: Prose, Poetry, Group Acting, or Storytelling.
- Note that Prose and Poetry do not have to be memorized.
- Group actors will have to memorize and schedule practices together. But, this is a fun category for the kids who do not want to perform alone.
- While we follow the MLFA rules, children do not compete between each other. Everyone is a winner!

Practice sessions

- are done in the school classrooms.
- High school forensics students will time and judge with appropriate category rules and rubrics.
- They will fill out a form for each performance and give verbal feedback.
- The emphasis is on praise and confidence!
- Most performers will get to practice 3-4 times per Practice Session.
- You can choose to do one or both practice sessions.
- E-mail communications will come asking for your preferences so we can schedule an appropriate amount of judges.

The Festival will be judged as well but with parents and family members for an audience.

For coaching tips and a brief description of category rules go to mlfawisconsin.org. Under "Documents" select "Rules and Rubrics."

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