Morningside Variety Show 2018 - Frequently Asked Questions

- **Who are the audition judges?**
  The Judges’ Panel includes: MES teacher/s; the MES Student Council President (5th Grader); and representatives from the PTA.

- **I have never been to an audition before. What is it like?**
  Performers bring any items essential to their acts to school on audition day, and remain in class until they are escorted to the auditorium by a student representative (shortly before the assigned time slot). Parents may meet their performers in the auditorium to assist with costumes and props and watch auditions. Performers wait in a special seating area in order of scheduled appearance. Each performer's name and the title of the act will be announced to the judges. Auditions are performed on the floor in front of the judges' table (if an act requires a wooden surface, the stage may be used by request). Students return to class immediately after their audition.

- **How are students evaluated?**
  Students are typically evaluated within their grade and within their type of act (e.g. dancers, singers, musicians) to ensure that diverse groups and acts are represented in the final show. Judges use a numbered scoring system and confer regarding their scores at the end of each grouping of acts. All final decisions are made at the end of the auditions to determine the best and most balanced show.

- **How many acts are chosen for the show?**
  Typically 25 to 28 acts are chosen based on the length of the acts. This number represents all grades, and provides for a reasonable length show for attendees.

- **Do the judges consider whether a student has participated in prior years?**
  All students who audition are judged by the same criteria each year that they audition. Each student starts with a clean slate each year.

- **Can a student perform in multiple acts?**
  It’s okay to audition in two acts, but if both are chosen for the show, the performer is required to select only one act to perform in at the show.

- **When will we get the results of the audition?**
  Audition results will be emailed home at the end of the audition week.

- **If my child does not make the show, are there other opportunities to participate?**
  All students whose audition acts are not selected are encouraged to participate in the Halftime Show. This is a large, energetic group number with fun choreography suited for a range of dance abilities, usually with music related to the show’s theme.