

NOTICE #1, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011



Dear Parents,

**Congratulations to your child!** They have been selected to take part in this season's HMS Drama production entitled "Dress Rehearsal for Murder" and/or "Anti-Bullying Skits". We were able to take on 41 young theatre thespians for this play and we are very happy that your child has earned the privilege to participate.

Our play will be featured in this year's NBTA Provincial Drama Festival in Fredericton. This means that on Monday May 9<sup>th</sup> we will be taking a two night trip to the provincial capital. We will return late Wednesday night (9pm). These three days will be very exciting and at the same time educational (shhh...don't tell the kids!). We will be taking in plays, workshops, ceremonies and we will be putting on our play as well (it will be performed on Tuesday at 2pm in the Black Box Theatre). Costs that we need for you to cover include: \$17 student registration, \$20.00 x 2 for each night's accommodations at UNB, and \$64 dollars for 8 meals (which we will collect before leaving). The total for the 3 day venture will be approximately \$121. **The registration fee (\$17) is payable immediately as it is this fee that secures our spot in the performance schedule.** *We will be selling tickets on a Mother's Day basket to offset these costs and the cost of our t-shirts.* The school has agreed to pay busing (approx \$900), play registration, scripts, royalties and music and the many other miscellaneous costs.

Drama will be an important commitment for your child and they are expected to come to each practice. We will try to give them/you as much notice as possible when it comes to practice and pick-up times. **Please check the Harkins Middle School Website for our link and scheduled practice times.** Students are also expected to attend lunch time practices as needed. As we get closer to the festival, more rehearsal times will be added.

We are looking forward to another very successful year of drama and we are elated to have such a dynamic cast and crew. This will be an invaluable experience for your child and we thank you so very much for your support. We will be performing the play and skits for the public at home after the festival, for your viewing pleasure.

Printed on the back of this notice is a synopsis of our play...it's sure to be a hit!

Please call the school or send me an email if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks again in advance for your interest and support!

Yours in drama,

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Harkins Middle School Drama Club *presents...*

# Dress Rehearsal for MURDER



At the isolated Bide A Wee Bed and Breakfast, an eclectic group of guests, including the famous young heiress, Riviera Carlton, gather for some rest and relaxation. When Riviera's fiancé, Bernard the Mime, turns up dead and his body then disappears, the list of suspects is long — seems like there isn't a man in the place who's not vying for Riviera's affection. The list grows longer as secrets are revealed... Bernard had also asked Bettye, a ridiculous "has-been" actress, to marry him. Tensions heat up to a boiling point with the arrival of Ron "The Ronald" Carlton, Riviera's father, who spouts "You're fired!" as if it were "Good day"! And when Inspector Barish shows up with his newly acquired gun, which he has no idea how to use, it's certifiable mayhem! It takes every bit of logic and deduction for the inspector to solve the mystery of the missing mime. With loads of quirky dialogue, zany stage action and a "no murder after all" ending, your audience will enjoy themselves so much they'll want to bide a wee longer!