This is a very long message. It contains lots of details about the last days of rehearsal, the performances this weekend, costumes and hair styles.  **Please read it carefully**.  If after reading it, you have any questions, please feel free to call me. (252) 531-7423

All right...to begin:

Please be assured that the costume design for the show considers, as much as possible, your child’s comfort and sensibilities. Sometimes children or parents are unhappy with the “look” of a costume.  While a sense of style is a wonderful attribute in the social development of children, please keep in mind that this is a cooperative and integrated effort.   **Changes in costumes are not allowed unless cleared through me or Vicki Everhart, the wardrobe mistress.**

Smiles and Frowns Playhouse generally provides all the necessary costume items for your children.  We ask you to provide socks/tights and underclothing.  However, there are some actors in this show who were to provide their own shoes.   **MONDAY, November 6th,** please bring them to the theater with you. I would like to make sure that we have everything that is needed for each costume. They will be returned to you on Tuesday with the other parts of your costume.

**Tuesday night** (don’t forget to wear your pajamas for pajama night!)  costumes and shoes will be handed out to the actors as they leave.  If a part of an actor's costume is not ready, none of that actor's costume pieces (including shoes) will be distributed.  In that case, report to the theater on Wednesday in street clothes for the technical rehearsal.  
  
The shoes you will be given are not designed to be worn outside, especially not when it is wet.  Please keep their use on exterior surfaces to a minimum and wear other shoes and bring your costume shoes with you if it has been raining or rain is forecast during the performance.  
  
**Please do not eat or drink in your costume, except for the snacks and water provided backstage during the show.**    
  
**Please be sure to wear antiperspirant while in costume.** We do not wash the costumes until after the end of the performances.  
   
**Hats, aprons, jewelry etc**. are considered props and will not be sent home with you on Tuesday.  They will be available for you to put on when you arrive at the theater.  They will be placed for you along the bottom level of the bleachers in alphabetical order on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Wednesday they will be on the front row of seats in the auditorium. Please return them to their correct place before leaving the theater.

**Wednesday night —**You will **wear your costume to the theater f**or the technical dress rehearsal.  That includes your socks and shoes. Your **hair needs to be styled** as requested.  You do not need to wear your makeup. Please bring a set of clothes to wear home Wednesday night in case we have to keep your costume to make last-minute alterations.

**Thursday, Friday and Saturday— report to the theater in costume with hair styled and make-up completed at your assigned call time**.  (Information about makeup and call times will be posted separately.)

**Hosiery Notes:**

Actors wearing knickers: Please wear white or off-white trouser socks that cover all the skin up to where the knicker ends.

Female little people/villagers: Will receive nude tights to wear with their tunics (little people costumes) and dresses (villager costumes). You will change from one costume to the other during intermission.

Female actors wearing long dresses: Wear black socks to match your black shoes.

Male actors (or female actors playing men) wearing long pants: Wear black socks long enough to cover all the skin.

Natalie, Makayla: You will receive your socks with your costume.

**General hair notes:**

If your hair will not stay in place when it is pulled back or braided, please use bobby pins and hair spray to immobilize the wandering strands.

**Female little people (except fairies):** If your hair is long enough to be pulled back, the hair from your ears forward needs to be pulled straight back into a high ponytail with the rest of your hair hanging down your back. Your hair will be sprayed with sparkles for the little people scene when you will wear the little green hats. When you change your costume, you also need to change your hat from the green one to a white one that will be assigned to you.

**Male little people/villagers:** Your hair needs to be slicked back and kept off your face.

**Fairies:** Your hair will be sprayed to be sparkly and wind-blown.

**Riley, Trinity, Alexa, Jessie, Emerson:** Your hair needs to be pulled back into a low bun.

**Megan, Natalee, Katie, Ava:** Your hair needs to be pulled back away from your face securely with a hair band or made into braids. No ponytails.

**Owen:** Your hair needs to be slicked back so it doesn’t come forward when you remove your hat to bow. Otherwise your hat will be on your head and your hair needs to stay under it.

**Makayla, Natalie, Anna:** Your hair needs to be braided into a single braid down the back of your head or in two French braids that go back behind your ears and down or in some other way that will keep it in place.

**Stephen, Matteus, Jayden, Cody:** Your hair must be neat and controlled so that it doesn’t fall forward into your face.

**Kayla, Kaitlyn, Avery, Maisy:** Since you are cast as male characters, your hair must be slicked back. If it’s long enough to make a ponytail, please make a very low ponytail that will go inside the collar of your shirt.

**Casey:** Wear your hair free, but bobby pinned enough to keep it out of your face.

**August:** As Madden your hair needs to be messy, but still off your face. Then during the break between your roles, please style it the way you normally do.

**Hannah:** Cassie will be helping you with your hair. It will be braided and a tiara will be fastened into it.

**Daisy:** Your hair needs to be neat and cleanly styled.

**Actors playing animals:**

Since you will be wearing a hood, keep your hair pulled back so it doesn’t show outside of the hood. Long hair should be braided so it can be run down the back of your head into the neck of your costume.

**Final Costume notes:**

* Pants must be worn around the natural waist and generally shirts are to be tucked in.  There are a few shirts that have outside belts.
* Females wearings lace-up cumberbunds or vests, please lace them with the tie at the bottom.
* Please remember, extra pieces such as hats and aprons are considered props and will not be sent home.
* Please do not wear your own jewelry. NO earrings, watches, bracelets, necklaces, etc.
* If you wear corrective glasses, please consider leaving them backstage during the performances unless you require them to avoid tripping and falling on stage (Safety First).

**TO RECAP: Final thoughts/reminders.....  
  
Come dressed in your costume (no makeup) on Wednesday** **night with your hair fixed and the right socks and shoes.** Please also bring "street" clothes in case there are any problems with your costume.  All costumes assigned to you remain the property of Smiles and Frowns Playhouse.  As such, they are to be treated with care.  We do not launder the costumes during the run of the show.  They are cleaned after the show closes**.**

**Thursday night is a full-dress rehearsal. Actors will need to report at the theater in full costume and make-up as indicated in a separate communication about call times.**

**No eating or drinking while in costume. Please be sure to wear antiperspirant while in costume.   
  
Be sure that you come to the final performance on Saturday with “street” clothes**. You will not be allowed to leave before returning your costume.

**Scripts must also be returned after the final performance. Actors will not be allowed to audition again until scripts and costumes are returned.**

Thank you so much for reading all the way to the end of this very long document.  Like I wrote earlier, if you have any questions about this information, please feel free to call me. (252-531-7423)  
   
I'm looking forward to another amazing show.   
  
Susan McCrea