

Talent Show

Overview:

The objective of a Talent Show is to create an open and inviting environment for learning and exploration by sharing unique skills and expertise with friends, parents and community. The experience should be focused on the students but if the teacher permits, parents and students could work together to create a routine to perform.

Tips for planning a “Talent Show”

- Promote the idea early to allow kids to start thinking about ideas.
- Offer examples of the type of talents they could showcase.
- Be clear about expectations and rules.
- Encourage a variety of talents.
- Be available to help kids with ideas, costumes and other props the school may be able to help with.
- Encourage practice at home to promote parent engagement.
- Rehearse individual entries to make sure they are school/age appropriate.
- Have an official rehearsal of all entries to provide a time frame to help with program set-up and act changes.
- Spend time helping with presentation and music.
- Use rehearsal to test sound system.
- Spend time with program order to encourage a co-operative audience.
- Start and finish the show with the two strongest acts.
- Print a program so that participants are clear about when they present.
- Using older siblings to help with actual performance promotes confidence and validates contestants.

Benefits of a Talent Sharing event:

- Allows kids to present learning in a different way
- Empowers kids to plan, organize and demonstrate creatively
- Promotes peer mentoring
- Helps build community
- Promotes social competence
- Opening the school to parents helps promote parent engagement
- Demonstrates unique skills and helps build confidence
- Begins to teach kids about being a part of a live audience
- Celebrates the whole notion of multiple intelligences

Talent Show Rules and Guidelines:

- Only school attendees can enter or perform (parents can be included if the teacher allows it)
- Animal performances are not allowed
- Each performance cannot exceed five minutes
- All acts must pass the teacher first and must therefore be kid appropriate
- Each performer can only perform once
- Keep your talent show as free of competition as possible

Talent Show Ideas

- Singing
- Dancing
- Playing a musical instrument
- Magic
- Comedy
- Readers theatre/skit
- Sports demo

