

February 25, 2004

Dear Parents,

Here is an update on (a) meeting dates, (b) the story about the “Fish Who Couldn’t Swim,” and (c) preparations for our **trip to Greensboro on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**.

### Meeting Dates

We will meet as often as we can from now until the competition. We will need at least one work-day to let them create their costumes and the set. All help is welcome (☺) – as is your input on scheduling or other creative ideas regarding costumes, set, and/or props.

February 26	2:30 – 3:30	practice story, brainstorm costumes
<del>February 27</del>	<del>2:30 – 3:30</del>	<b>CANCELED</b>
February 29	3:30 – 4:30 ??	<i>Costumes, set building @ ???</i>
March 1	2:30 – 4:30 **	practice story, tell jokes
March 2	2:30 – 4:30 **	review competition guidelines
March 3	2:30 – 4:30 **	rehearse story
March 5	2:30 – 3:30 **	dress rehearsal

I have listed our ‘workshop’ on **Sunday, February 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 4:30**, but I don’t know yet where we’ll have it. I’ll let you know on Thursday. I am also open to suggestions re: which day (Sat or Sun) to meet. The girls need time to build their set and make their costumes. It is unclear right now what we’ll need – but I know there will be paint, cardboard, and perhaps even a little sewing involved! Anyhow, I’ll let you know.

### The story: *The Fish Who Couldn’t Swim*

The girls have created a great story – with some really funny jokes. As a reminder, the charge is for them to create a humorous story with a main character and at least 3 jokes (one of them, original) and to perform the story from end to beginning. Our team has created a story about the *fish who couldn’t swim*. I will send you a copy of their story – and a copy of your child’s lines for the performance – as soon as I get them typed up.

### Preparing for Greensboro

**Schedule:** I have gathered some information to help us plan for the competition in Greensboro. It is a one-day event, beginning at 7am. Our team is scheduled to **present at 12:50p** in the middle school cafeteria. I see no reason to be there at 7am. I think we should plan to **be there by noon**.

**Lunch:** I have been advised by those who have gone before that lunch can sometimes be a problem – long lines, etc. So, I suggest we pack lunches for our kids for the day. Perhaps we might consider eating lunch together at 11:00 or so – picnic-style – at the school?

**Transport and Accommodations:** A few of the families will be traveling to Greensboro on Friday evening. We’ll be staying at the Homewood Suites, 201 Centreport Drive, Greensboro, NC 27409. (FYI – I booked this via <http://www.freehotelsearch.com> (or 1-800-359-4827). A 2-

room suite with 2 queen beds and a living room with a sleeper couch costs \$89 for the night – which includes a hot breakfast). The hotel is 5 miles from the Northwest Guilford Middle School, the site of the competition. If you plan to go down on Friday night and would like to get the girls together to hang out, let me know so I can coordinate.

**Directions to Northwest Guilford Middle School from Boone:**

1. Take 421 South to I-40
2. Take I-40 East to Greensboro
3. Take the Sandy Ridge Rd Exit toward the Farmer's Market (exit #208)
4. Turn LEFT
5. Turn RIGHT onto W. Market Street. Go about 1 mile
6. Turn LEFT onto Pleasant Ridge Rd. Go 2 miles
7. Turn LEFT onto NC 68 north. Go about 0.5 miles
8. Turn RIGHT onto Edgefield Rd. Go about 1.3 miles
9. Turn LEFT onto Alcorn Rd
10. Bear RIGHT onto NW School Rd.

**Directions to Northwest Guilford Middle School from Homewood Suites:**

1. Turn RIGHT onto Triad Center Dr.
2. Turn LEFT onto NC 68 north. Go 3 miles
3. Turn RIGHT onto Edgefield Rd. Go about 1.3 miles
4. Turn LEFT onto Alcorn Rd
5. Bear RIGHT onto NW School Rd.

**Other info:**

- Turns out, there is another K-2 team from Cove Creek registered. Their performance is at 8:50am, so if any of you are there early, you may want to check them out.
- Information about the competition day is scarce, but I did find OM's guide to what parents should expect for competition day: <http://www.rad.wfubmc.edu/om/parents.html>

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