

Dear CTE Families

Thank you for being a supporter and friend of CTE! **We have great news, good news, and some not so good news. *Scroll down to see how you can help us continue CTE for another year.***

Great news!

2024 will be the Summer of Seuss - Arts Fest will be a "Seuss Fest" filled with many classic Dr. Seuss stories and Showcase will be "Seussical Jr."

Registration opens February 15th, 2024.

Good news! We listened to your feedback and want to let you know what changes we are planning for 2024.

Showcase: Age range to be expanded back to 6th-12th Grade

Showcase: Program length to be expanded to 5.5 weeks (Jun 26-Aug 3, 2024)

Showcase: Matinee returning!

Arts Festival: Age range to be expanded back to 1st-6th Grade

Arts Festival: After Care to be offered from 12:00 PM-3:00 PM (additional charge).

Arts Festival: Capacity to be expanded to 75 students, split into 3 separate rehearsal groups (Pints, Musical, Non-Musical)

Arts Festival: Program length Jun 26-July 18 with shows on July 19 & 20, 2024.

Tech Team: Program length Jun 26-July 18 with shows on July 19 & 20, 2024.

Production Team: Program length expanded to 5.5 weeks (Jun 26-Aug 3, 2024)

Spotlight: Pausing in 2024 for Redesign

Now for the not so good news...

The cost to run CTE is again projected to be close to \$140,000 in 2024. Even with maximum attendance our revenue (including projected sponsorships and grants) will fall about \$30,000 short. CTE has some cash reserves on hand but without more sponsors or grants this could be the year the money runs out.

If you have been with us for a while, you know that we strive to keep our programs affordable for families. All performances remain free to attend for families and the communities. We continue to keep tuition costs reasonable, and we want to keep looking for creative ways to keep our program as accessible as possible in our community.

Why CTE is vital

As CTE board members and members of the CTE community we have seen the program welcome two and possibly three generations of participants. We can see firsthand how CTE is changing lives giving students the opportunity to try new skills both in performing and in creating performances. It is well known that arts education offers non-academic benefits such as promoting self-esteem, motivation, aesthetic awareness, cultural exposure, creativity, and improved emotional expression.

Now more than ever access to arts education is important to students. And there are not enough arts opportunities for everyone to participate so it is very important to maintain those that do exist. CTE has been around since 1982 offering opportunities for youth to mentor youth and to explore all aspects of theatre and to find value in every role on stage and off, as defined in our Mission Statement:

CTE's mission is to collaborate with young people to create an environment of respect and compassion where they can discover for themselves their unique gifts and personal worth.

How can you help?

We are a small Board of Directors and we need the help of the CTE community of friends and families.

- Would you be willing to reach out to businesses and additional family and friends for sponsorships to fully fund the upcoming season?
- Do you know a small business owner? Would you be willing to reach out on behalf of CTE?
- Do you have experience writing grants? Would you be willing to lend your expertise? Do you know of any grants that we are unaware of?
- Join the Board of Directors!

No gift is too small and a multitude of gifts large and small will mean the 2024 season can continue as planned.

We make it easy for family, friends and businesses to provide sponsorships. Simply go to our website ctekids.org and click on the Donate/Sponsor button on the home page to donate via Paypal, or mail a donation to:

120 State Ave NE, #303 Olympia, WA 98501

If you are interested in grant writing or joining the Board please contact us at Info@CTEKids.org.

With gratitude,
CTE Board