

Peach Blossom Information
Thursday, March 12, 2015
9:00-11:30 at Fresno State

If you are driving your child to the Peach Blossom Festival we will meet at the fountain at Fresno State at 9:00 am. Once we are all there, I will check us in and we will proceed to our assigned rooms. After performances, students will bring me their forms and return to Manchester (most likely by 11:30).

I will bring Peach Blossom Festival certificates and t-shirts to students in their classrooms at Manchester before dismissal.

Here is my contact information should you need to get ahold of me the day of the festival. **Jamie Scott -964-7288**

Parking Information

As of 2014 Fresno State Parking is no longer free for Peach Blossom!
There will no longer be coupon codes.

Parking is \$3 a car. Please purchase a parking pass at the kiosk. Cash or credit card accepted.

Please park in the Green Student Lots and display your parking pass on your dash.

Where will we perform?

We know that most of the kids look forward to performing on a stage however space is limited on the campus. We only put the larger choruses on stages or in bigger rooms. Most of the individual performers will perform in classrooms all over the campus.

Manchester's Room Assignments:

Library Room 3212 or SA (Speech Arts) 151

How can our parents find their children? (VERY IMPORTANT!!!!)

From the Peach Blossom Festival Website The important thing for parents is to KNOW the name of the school and the SELECTION – they can go to the information booth outside and ask any committee member for a map and where their school is performing. Unfortunately many parents come not knowing which selection their

child will be performing. They become angry with the committee members for not knowing which (of the 10) selections their school submitted is the one their child is performing. We no longer accept individual student names so it is important for parents to KNOW the actual name of the selection – if not they will be sent to three or four locations. Also we try to make sure our committee will know all of the possible variations of your school name but it would be helpful if parents also pointed out the correct name of the school – for example: Does your school go by White Elementary or Eric White Elementary – the city would also be very helpful. Please help us have a pleasant festival – The largest cause of stress comes from parents who rush in at the last minute and want to know where their child is but they do not know the name of the school, or the selection. More often than not they take their frustration out on our committee members. Although we empathize, we feel just as frustrated not being able to help them.

Evaluation of Presenters

Info from Peach Blossom Festival Website

The Peach Blossom Festival is run strictly as a festival, not as a contest. Entrants will be evaluated on the basis of their artistic performance, but not ranked against other schools.

Much of children’s literature is specifically written to be read aloud. The words and sentence structure are designed so as to “take on new life” when read orally. Participants are encouraged to let the words “dance” off their tongues, to use animated facial expressions, and to incorporate hand and body gestures that are creative and descriptive. ***Props are not allowed.***

Participants will be judged on eye contact, voice quality, body movement, and overall performance. Also students will be judged on the age appropriateness of their selections (e.g. students in 6th grade should have more difficult selections than students in 2nd grade).

Some basic criteria used in rating:

Superior – great use of creativity, arm and/or body movements, great vocal quality, eye contact, expression of face and voice, memorized

Excellent – creativity, some gestures, good vocal quality, good eye contact, mostly memorized or performed extremely well from a script

Good - vocal quality, gestures, some eye contact, maintained in character with or without script

Fair – vocal quality good, with or without script