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Dear Parents/Guardians of 4th Grade Students,

During the month of April, the 4th Grade students will present a Musical in place of being in the Spring Concert. Their Musical is called *Broadway Beat*. The students have begun working on this musical in the month of January to prepare for their performance that will be on Thursday, **April 16th** at 9:15 am.

Broadway Beat

Broadway Beat discusses the history of Broadway and a sampling of hit Musicals. The musicals and their composers discussed are Hairspray, Little Johnny Jones, The Music Man, The King and I, Wicked, Rent, and Grease. To prepare for the performance and practice in between music classes, a link to a Google Drive folder containing recordings of each song have been uploaded to my teacher website, on www.mendhamtp.org. You can listen to and practice the music there. The songs are, You Can't Stop the Beat, Give My Regards to George M. Cohan!, 76 Trombones, I Whistle a Happy Tune, For Good, Seasons of Love, and We Go Together.

Broadway Beat contains enough speaking lines for each child to have one. If a child does not wish to have a speaking line, they will be a Prop or Set Manager. Prop Managers will be responsible for bringing props out at the appropriate time during the musical. Set Managers will help me set up the gym to create the scene for our musical.

Costuming

Costuming for this event is Broadway Basic. If a child wants to dress like a character from one of the musicals we are singing from they may. If a child wants to wear a shirt they got while attending a Broadway show, that is also acceptable. Please direct any other costuming questions to my email, aallen@mendhamtp.org. Students should wear their costuming to school on Thursday, **April 16th** for the performance and in-school assemblies. They may bring clothes to change into afterwards, as the all the performances are in the morning.

The 4th Grade students and I are very excited about this musical revue, and are looking forward to putting on an excellent show for you. Thank you for your support and encouraging your child to practice at home while we rehearse for this show.

Musically Yours,
Ms. Alice Allen