



Springfield Hospital

Where People Come First

2024 Apple Blossom Notes for Children

The Springfield Hospital staff, the Volunteer Apple Blossom Director, and Apple Blossom Committee members are excited to announce the 66th Apple Blossom for 2024. All area high school seniors are invited to participate in this community event of young people performing song and dance, including the traditional features that make the Apple Blossom so special.

And one thing that makes this special is the children! Children in grades Kindergarten – 4th are invited to participate.

Here are some notes about the 2024 event:

- ✓ The event will be a bit shorter than in the past, which means less dance numbers to learn. We are adding a special community dance at the end of the performance for families, friends, and community members to celebrate Apple Blossom. Our Director for 2024 is Ashlee White.
- ✓ Young children in K-4th grade may participate. The young girls are responsible for choosing their partner. Information about both children must be filled out below by a parent or guardian.
- ✓ Rehearsals will be held at Riverside Middle School, Springfield, VT. An “Orientation Rehearsal” will be held on Sunday, January 28, 2024, 1-3pm. This will be an opportunity to meet the director and production team, along with learning more about Apple Blossom for 2024.
- ✓ General rehearsals will begin on Sunday, March 17, 2024. Rehearsals will be on Sundays, 1-3 pm, except for holidays and school vacations. There will be additional rehearsal times the week of April 28 - May 2. A full schedule will be shared in January.
- ✓ Some rehearsals will be recorded for practicing at home.
- ✓ The performances will be on Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4.
- ✓ The attire for this year’s event is described below.

This fundraising event will support Springfield Hospital’s 2023-2024 annual giving campaign. The support of the community businesses, individuals, and families has been extraordinary during the past years. We anticipate a positive response from the community.

Participation

Applications are due January 19, 2024. The minimum number of high school partnerships is twelve. The number of children partnerships will equal the number of high school partnerships. Children applications will be accepted unless the number of applicants exceeds the capacity of the production. In that case, a random drawing will be held to select the children partnerships.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals are very important as there is a limited number of times that have been scheduled. Rehearsals will be held on Sundays, 1-3 pm, starting March 17. There will be additional rehearsal times the week of April 28 - May 2.

Attire

The young girls will be ordering their own dress as per the instructions of the Director of Apple Blossom. The cost of the dress will be approximately \$60. Black ballet shoes, flats or similar will be worn. You can use ones you already have, or Ashlee can provide a link for shoes in January.

The young boys will be wearing a suit that will be purchased online. The cost will be approximately \$40. Black dress shoes or black sneakers will be worn. Ashlee will provide a link for the suit in January.

Applications

Due January 19, 2024

Mail completed application to:

Springfield Hospital

c/o Sandy Peplau

PO Box 2003

Springfield, VT 05156

or deliver to the information desk at Springfield Hospital

or email, speplau@springfieldhospital.org

Questions- Contact: Sandy Peplau, Marketing & Development Department, 802-885-7686, speplau@springfieldhospital.org

Please note that changes to the production, including cancellation, may happen at any time as directed by the Director and/or the Apple Blossom and Development Committees of Springfield Hospital.

