

A reminder to join us for a fun evening as we build the houses that will represent Dondero at Portsmouth's popular Fairy House Tour. All houses will be displayed along the tour either in the special elementary section in Prescott Park or for the People's Choice Award in the Wentworth Gardner House. Two tickets will be given for every house built and delivered to the school by Monday, August 30th.

If you plan to attend, please reply so we can make sure that there are enough supplies on hand!

What: Building the Fairy Houses.

Theme: Fairy Houses around the World

Date: Wednesday, August 25th

Time: 5:00 to 7:00 pm

Where: On the grounds at Dondero School

Dress: Fairy Attire is welcome (although not required!)

Who: All students are welcome to build the Fairy Houses. Parents should accompany their children to help guide them.

What to Bring:

- Natural Building Supplies. We'll have supplies on hand, but please bring along your own collection of natural supplies for your house and to share with others.
- Bases. The Fairy Houses will need to be transported, so the houses must be built on a base. There will be a collection of bases available for you that evening, however if you have any ideas or preferences for a base, please plan to bring your own. Suggestions include cardboard, small cookie sheets or wood planks.
- Glue or Glue Gun. (optional, but helpful if you can bring some).

Suggestions for Natural Supplies: bark, twigs & branches, grasses, pebbles, sand, rocks, feathers, pinecones, acorns, shells, dried flowers, milkweed pods, pine needles, moss, hay

The Fairie's Rules and Considerations when building and collecting your materials:

- Fairy Houses can be built by children or families and must be made of all natural materials with the exception of a glue/glue gun (and glue must not be noticeable).
- Fairy Houses are usually built into the landscape however, because our houses must be transported to the Fairy House Tour, the houses should be built on either a natural or a man-made "base". If a man-made base is used, the base must be entirely covered by natural materials (ie., not visible).

- You should be careful as you collect your natural materials. Please do not disturb living materials and be considerate of nature and any growing plants.

Parent's Considerations

Please encourage your child to **incorporate the theme**. The library has great books to help provide inspiration and there will be some available that evening to peruse.

If your child plans to build on their own, please drop the house by August 30th to be displayed in the front lobby case and considered for the 6-8 houses that will be displayed in the elementary school section. Also please have your child **label their creations** with their names, teacher & grade and a brief write up about their Fairy Houses.

If you are not able to attend but your child wants to build a house, you can "commit" to build to me by Saturday, September 4th and your child will still receive the 2 free tickets. However, the houses will not be guaranteed to be on display in the lobby or considered part of the 6-8 that will represent Dondero.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at 603.436.7066!

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