All the world's a stage, ![C:\Users\vega\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\I2A6FX7M\MCj03432010000[1].wmf]()
And all the men and women merely players.
They have their exits and their entrances;
And one man in his time plays many parts.

"As You Like It" (2. 7.143-7)

**What Drama Does:**

* It creates enthusiastic students who learn to speak out clearly and relate confidently with others.
* Develops all students. All students, from the shy to the outgoing, can develop at their own pace, with plenty of positive encouragement.
* Develops reading comprehension.
* Allows students an alternative extracurricular activity.
* It is just plain awesome!!!!

**How much does it cost?**

* This drama program will have to be self-sustaining for now. We will have to raise and use our own money and resources. However, we may have a small budget as this program is established.
* Costumes will have to be borrowed and made as well as the set and props.
* We need lots of talented people; even people who don’t like to act!

**Will it be lame?**

* Mrs. Richards has a lot of experience working with drama. She has been a part of at least 10 productions at Walla Walla University and continues to have connections with that program. She has also established and directed drama programs at three different schools.
* She loves scripts that are from many different genres, including musicals.
* She will work very hard to bring about the best productions possible.

**What will we be doing?**

* We will be working on monologues, scenes, production, and directing.
* There will also be a musical for the Easter program, which we will participate in.
* We will also perform a play for Family Weekend in May.
* All students who are in the drama class will be expected to participate, however, that includes set, sound, management, etc.
* We will also use our textbook *Speech for Effective Communication*. These assignments will be limited, however, they will be a part of your overall grade.
* There will also be a variety of field trips to see plays performed in the surrounding community. These will count as extra credit toward your grade if you attend these and do a writing assignment following the performance. You, however, will be responsible for the cost of attending the play. These dates will be announced as they are confirmed.

**How will we be graded?**

All acting assignments must be ready for presentation on their due dates. If it is a scene that must be performed, you must be ready to present it to the class on the due date and ready to perform it for the performance. All students must be a part of the Easter program as well as the spring play. You may choose to do tech or be a part of the actual acting. However, there will be a tryout for the various acting parts.

90% Participation

10% Reading/quizzes/classwork