

BEHIND THE SCENES

Not only do scenes change quickly, but costumes do, too. Junior Libby Blair decided just a crown would have to work. "I had a green dress to match, but even with help, the change was impossible," Libby said. (KMcCorkle)



Libby Blair, 11

QUICK CHANGE

Warm up games before show tend to end with uncontrollable laughter. Junior Conner Patterson watched more than he played. "It was hilarious watching people play the crazy games," Conner said. [AMaynard]



Conner Patterson, 11

IT'S GAMETIME

Performing during the "Noun" song, senior Jaimee Thomason points to her head gear during her song and dance. "Mice are my favorite," Jaimee said. "I knew that's what noun I wanted to be." [KMcCorkle]



Jaimee Thomason, 12

JUST A THING



SPOT LIGHT

1. **HANDS IN THE AIR**, the cast strikes their final pose with a sign of relief. "I was glad all the rehearsals were over," junior AJ Snyder said. (KMcCorkle) 2. **GATHERED IN BLUE**, the finale company teaches the audience about the magic number three. (KMcCorkle) 3. **WORKING TO OVERCOME** nerves, senior Son Nguyen leads warm ups before show time. "My goal is to touch each individual heart, and get them ready for the show," Son said. (AMaynard) 4. **SINGING ALONE ON STAGE** was new territory for sophomore Jesse Jenkins. "I was nervous at first, but I really love performing," Jesse said. (KMcCorkle) 5. **DURING GAME TIME**, junior Tony Griffin makes everyone laugh as he acts crazy in the middle of the circle. (AMaynard) 6. **PERFORMING AS INTER PLANET JANET**, sophomore Dream Lynx can only worry about staying on stage. "During the rehearsal, I almost jumped off the stage twice," Dream said. "It's all I could think about." (KMcCorkle) 7. **LIGHTING UP THE STAGE** junior Aaron Pitman takes in every moment of performing. "I love doing weird things that make people laugh," Aaron said. (KMcCorkle)



IT'S A SENIOR THING

IT MAY HAVE BEEN GAME TIME, but it was no time for playing around. Warm ups were essential for any good performance, because it gets actors in the zone. Each year, seniors lead the cast in calming exercises before show time. "The first thing I'd tell everyone to do was close their eyes and get focused," senior Cheyenne Gurule said. "As a senior, I knew it was my responsibility to keep everyone calm and ready for the show to start." [AMaynard]



IN THE HOUSE BEHIND THE CURTAIN

BACKSTAGE INCIDENTS KEEP THE CAST CONSTANTLY LAUGHING

THIS HAPPENED

With too many songs to count left to memorize, and already two weeks behind schedule, theater students felt the pressure of "School House Rock." After multiple practices that seemed endless, the show came together just in time for their first performance. The actors had to shake away their nerves and give it their all. "I was so nervous for our first performance," junior Skyler Gatlin said. "I've never been in front of that many people before, so it was a new experience."

THAT HAPPENED

After avoiding ladders and black cats for months, the cast was hit with one stroke of bad luck just before the first show for the elementary. During "the blob" warmup game, freshman Carleigh Turney ran away from "the blob" in a panic, fell into the mirrored wall and hit her head, cracking the mirror. "I was more embarrassed than anything," Carleigh said. "I really didn't expect it to be as cracked as it was."

SO DID THIS

Junior Hannah Rainer never had the intention to totally knock over the sun, but she did. Hannah's job was to push a platform carrying junior Libby Blair,

in her bright yellow sun costume, onto the stage. Unfortunately, Hannah forgot one important part of her job. Her cue. "Realizing that I pushed Libby way too early, I jerked her back and she completely fell over" Hannah said. "After I saw her laughing, we both laughed so hard we cried."

AND THIS TOO

After one long rehearsal, sophomore Jesse Jenkins sparked the idea of a "gender switch." This meant letting all the guys perform "Interplant Janet" as the girls. With the OK from Mrs. Sutton, the boys took the stage and made the whole crew laugh until their stomachs hurt. "Since we rehearsed so much, we had all the parts memorized," Jesse said. Page by Caroline Crain

THIS TOO



After barely making it onstage in time, sophomore Kiki McClure represents an immigrant in the "Great American Melting Pot" song, "My song was right before, and I was afraid I was going to be late," she said.