

# Into the Spotlight

## Students take the stage

Theatre is an easy art to love. "You can be anyone you want when you're acting, and there are no boundaries," True Pham (8) explained. Some love theatre so much that not only do they take the class but also go on to join drama club or the school musical. Rachel Pierron (8) is one of these committed actors. "I really like the bonding experience you get from working with other people, it's great for team building and it's just a lot of fun." Really theatre is just one big family with their heart's full of love and laughter. From defeating the awful rain when attempting to camp to having a friendly "dancing with theatre students" competition, the theatre kids do everything together. "The rain was absolutely terrible," Blake Houston (7) said

referring to the overnight trip the Into the Woods members went on. But not even a storm or waking up in a rain soaked sleeping bag will stop them from having a good time. Luckily the play was more of a success than the camp out. With almost all their shows being completely sold out the spring musical turned out to be an amazing.

There are many different parts to the theatre family and so much that must go into a finalized performance. Not only must the actors practice hard but there is also the extremely important, dedicated crew managing backstage. If they weren't there making sure everything runs smoothly, there would be no show. Lights, camera action!

Story by Kimmy Wilson

### Behind the Scenes

1. Calling the cues, Harriet Butler (8) is ready to start the show. "I liked getting to work with different parts of the play," she says. 2. Carefully adjusting the controls, Calvin Williams (8) works the sound board. 3. Before the show, Rachel Pierron (7) places down stage markers.

Photos by Mira French



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### Hungry Like the Wolf

Proudly singing and howling Annabel Dwyer (7) lets out her inner wolf. Hunting for her prey, she's ready to tear down anything in her path. "Annabel was an amazing wolf—they were all wonderful. I'm so proud of them," said Ms. Pena Brooks, director.



### Backstage Buddies

After the final 'Into the Woods Junior' performance, Ms. Pena and Ms. Waggoner hug happily. With tears of joy the two directors, managers and friends were thrilled with the outcome of their play. "I really like the people [in 'Into the Woods Junior'] it was a really strong and supportive group. I chose to be in the musical because it feels like theatre requires skill that can come to life such as speaking fluently and performing under pressure," declares Seth.



### Cape as Red as Blood

Examining Red Riding Hood's cape the baker, played by Seth Ellington (8), thinks about stealing it to break his curse. Under the cape is Julia Veri (7) holding a basket on her way to her Grandmother's house. Nothing can be taken for granted as they brave the woods.



### Cow as White as Milk

Alex Clark (8) bends over to his dear friend Milky White (the cow) played by Ireland Cosgrove (7). By practicing so much together, they have also become real life friends outside of the theatre. Together, Jack and Milky White brave the woods as they are met with obstacles and challenges.

<p>Ryan Robertson (6) has 3 dogs.</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Sanjana Aluru (8) has been to 0 countries in South America.</p> <p>0</p>	<p>Isaiah Hernandez (8) had 5 pets when he was 5 years old.</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Marcus Tita (7) has broken his right arm 3 times.</p> <p>3</p>	<p>Hulices Velasquez-Diaz (6) has 0 pets.</p> <p>0</p>	<p>Dominick Dawson (8) has 5 siblings.</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Maximilian Dobbs (6) has 4 members in his family.</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Julian Juarez Ruiz (6) has 8 cousins.</p> <p>8</p>	<p>Michael Howell (7) broke his arm when he was 8 years old.</p> <p>8</p>	<p>Erin Lin (6) has been to Hawaii twice.</p> <p>2</p>	<p>The month Aryana Miller-Fortman (6) was born in starts with a 0.</p> <p>0</p>	<p>Ryan Schuelke (6) has 4 people in his family.</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Jonathan Alvarado's (7) brother is 6 years old.</p> <p>6</p>
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## THE AUDITION

Members of the Theatre 3 class work on their show, "The Audition." The show is about high school students auditioning for the play "The Chorus Line." A classic play-within-a-play, this portrayal of high school life and the stress of actors takes you on a roller-coaster of emotion. "It was really great because everyone in it was really kind," says Nicholas Heinen (8). Photos by Mira French



**The Show Must Go On...**  
 .. and on and on, again. When Rapunzel's prince, Blake Houston (7) was stricken ill with the flu, eighth grader, Megan Gilbert jumped into character with less than a day's notice. She and Ben Baskin (7) sang about the *Agony*, in finding one's true love.  
 Photo by Lucia Melendez

From top right to left: Josephine Clarke (8), Emma Rodriguez (7), Winn Philpott (7), Sarida Morejon (8), Kimmy Wilson (8), Maggie Bishop (8), William Thompson (7), True Pham (8), Andrew Bolduc (8), Nicholas Heinen (8) and Annabel Dwyer (7).

## Cinderella Story

Photo by Lucia Melendez

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**Hair as Yellow as Corn**  
 "Rapunzel, Rapunzel, let down your hair," was what sixth grader Sofia Buntz heard as she played her role as a princess trapped in a tower deep in the woods. "I really like acting and singing and I feel like I improved my musical theater skills by playing Rapunzel," states Sofia.



**Spellbound**  
 Grimacing into the light the Witch played by Mira French, (8) plots her evil plans to reverse her curse to become beautiful again. In return, she promises the Baker a child. "It's really rewarding to see the other side of the fairy tale and play the antagonist," explains Mira, "I really like having the feeling of power over the other characters in the play."



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Photo by Savannah Riddles

By itself, the stage is just a slab of wood. Put Katie Havranek (7) on it, and then you've got theater. Starring as Cinderella in the production of Into the Woods, Katie is no stranger to the theatre. "I'm definitely going to continue pursuing it in high school, and maybe as a minor in college," said the seventh grader. Katie's been involved in productions since she was in fourth grade, and her most recent one was Kealing's production of Into the Woods Jr. "That was a really special show for me," Katie says. Living on the stage isn't always easy, but she always pulls through. "My character had a lot of high notes, and that was challenging," she says. For Katie, her act doesn't need any cleaning up. Story by Kimmy Wilson

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<p>Aidan Chang (7) was 6 when he first learned how to skip a rock.</p>	<p>Damon Johnson (8) has 5 dollars.</p>	<p>Victoria Juarez (6) has 2 cats.</p>	<p>Esmeralda Bautista (6) has 1 sister.</p>	<p>Nishimwe Emeline (6) has 8 favorite songs.</p>	<p>Cole McCrary (8) has 1 sister.</p>	<p>Johnathan Castillo (6) was 4 when he had a pet bird.</p>	<p>Logan Poore (6) started soccer in 2006.</p>	<p>Christopher Kellar (6) climbed Enchanted Rock when he was 9.</p>	<p>Eliana Patt (7) has been to 5 countries including the United States.</p>	<p>Adam Scott (7) went to Machu Picchu 1 year ago.</p>	<p>Gricelda Hernandez (8) has 9 cousins.</p>
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