

The  
**WIZARD**  
of  
**OZ**

Spry Middle School **2017** Musical Production

PERFORMANCES

**FRIDAY**  
**March 10**  
7:30pm

**SATURDAY**  
**March 11**  
2:30pm

**SATURDAY**  
**March 11**  
7:30pm

By L. Frank Baum With Music & Lyrics of the MGM Motion Picture Score By Harold Arlen & E.Y. Harburg  
Background Music by Herbert Stothart

Spry Drama Club is proud to present

# The Wizard of Oz

This classic tale, in which a Kansas farm girl travels over the rainbow to discover the magical power of home, has been entertaining audiences for generations.

Dorothy Gale, a young girl living on a Kansas farm with her Aunt Em and Uncle Henry, dreams of escaping her mundane life ("Over The Rainbow"). The family's mean neighbor, Miss Gulch, threatens to impound Dorothy's cherished dog, Toto, so Dorothy and Toto run away. They meet up with kindly Professor Marvel, who subtly convinces Dorothy to return home. Suddenly a cyclone hits, and Dorothy and Toto, seeking shelter in the house, are transported to the Land of Oz.

In Oz, Dorothy is greeted by Glinda, the Good Witch of the North. Apparently, Dorothy's house has landed upon – and fatally stricken – the Wicked Witch of the East. The Munchkins, now freed from the Wicked Witch of the East, celebrate and hail Dorothy as their new heroine ("Ding Dong! The Witch Is Dead/ Munchkin Musical Sequence"). The celebration is interrupted as the Wicked Witch of the West suddenly appears, seeking vengeance. Unable to reclaim her sister's shoes, which are now on Dorothy's feet, the Witch vows to return and quickly vanishes. Dorothy, seeking a way back home to Kansas, sets off to see the Wizard of Oz ("Follow the Yellow Brick Road").

Along the way, Dorothy meets three new friends, each of whom lacks a crucial characteristic: The Scarecrow ("If I Only Had A Brain") The Tinman ("If I Only Had A Heart") and the Lion ("If I Only Had The Nerve"). Together, the four new companions make their way towards Oz ("We're Off To See The Wizard"). Unfortunately, the Wicked Witch has a new plan for retrieving the ruby slippers and sends the Jitterbugs to make Dorothy dance until the shoes fall from her feet ("Jitterbug"). The plan fails, and Dorothy, Toto and their new friends find themselves at the gates of the Emerald City ("Optimistic Voices").

The travelers, arriving at the Emerald City, are delayed by a stubborn Doorman, but once Dorothy's friends point out she's wearing the ruby slippers, they receive a warm welcome by all the Ozians in the ("Merry Old Land Of Oz"). When the Wicked Witch arrives in the Emerald City demanding that the residents turn Dorothy over to her, the Ozians protect her and the Wicked Witch leaves. As the group awaits its audience with the Wizard, the Lion boasts he is "King Of The Forest." Finally, they meet the imposing and irritable Wizard, who demands the broomstick of the Wicked Witch of the West.

The four friends travel deep into the haunted forest to attempt this seemingly impossible task. Suddenly, they are attacked by the Wicked Witch and her gang of Winged Monkeys. The Wicked Witch's flying monkeys swoop down, capturing Dorothy and Toto. At the castle, the Witch vows to take Dorothy's life. Meanwhile, the Lion, Scarecrow, and Tinman infiltrate the castle disguised as Winkie guards. The foursome and Toto are reunited, but the Wicked Witch interferes, threatening the Scarecrow with fire. Dorothy, dousing the flames with a bucket of water, accidentally strikes the Witch, who smoulders and melts into nothing ("Ding Dong The Witch Is Dead – Reprise"). The four friends, triumphant, take the Witch's broom back to the Wizard.

The Wizard remains imperious and imposing, but Toto pulls aside a curtain to reveal a meek and ordinary man speaking into a microphone. The Wizard, revealed to be a "humbug," nonetheless grants each traveler's request, giving the Scarecrow, the Tinman, and the Lion each a token of his newly-acquired ability. The Wizard offers to take Dorothy back to Kansas in his hot-air balloon, but the balloon accidentally takes off, and Dorothy is left alone and crestfallen. Glinda appears and explains that Dorothy has always had the power to return home. All she has to do is close her eyes, tap her heels together three times, and repeat to herself, "There's no place like home."

Back in Kansas, Dorothy awakens, surrounded by her family and friends. When she tries to explain her amazing experience to them, they suggest that perhaps this was all a dream. Either way, Dorothy realizes that it doesn't matter. The important thing is that she is home, surrounded by all the people she loves and cares about. Now join us in celebrating the joy and healing power of *home*...

**Thank you for coming.**

**Enjoy the show!**

A Heart is not judged by  
how much you Love;

but by how much  
you are Loved by others

-wizrd of oz

YOU'VE ALWAYS HAD  
THE POWER MY DEAR,  
YOU JUST HAD TO  
LEARN IT FOR YOURSELF

Glinda  
the good witch

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Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard  
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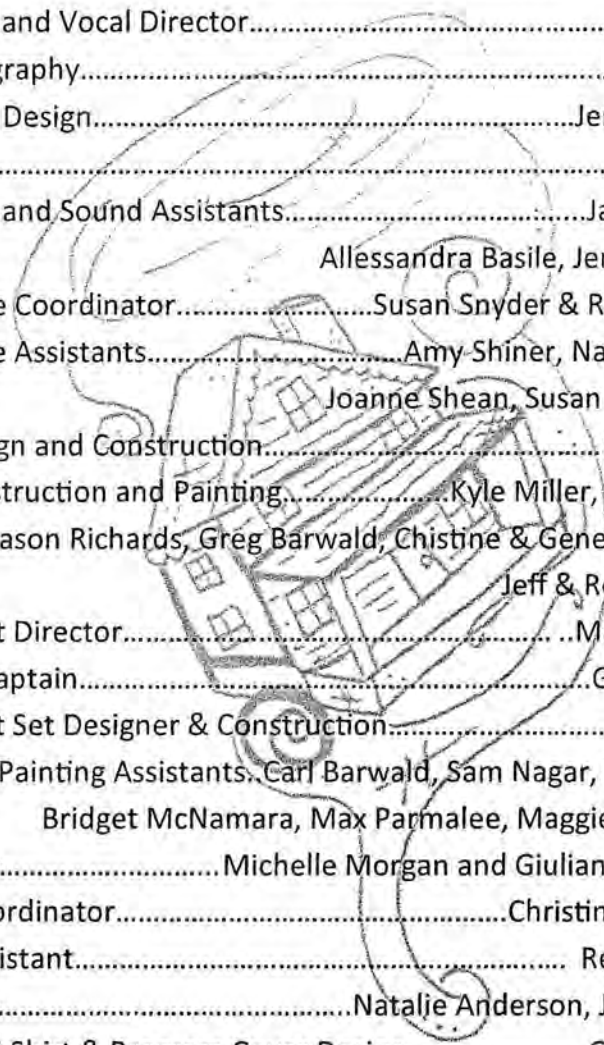
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# PRODUCTION STAFF



Artistic Director.....	Bill Ambler
Production Manager.....	Tricia Mungo
Musical and Vocal Director.....	Ron Strong
Choreography.....	Jackie Collins
Lighting Design.....	Jenna Cooman
Sound.....	Bill Eberts
Lighting and Sound Assistants.....	Jacob Marcus, Alessandra Basile, Jennifer Brown
Costume Coordinator.....	Susan Snyder & Rebecca Baier
Costume Assistants.....	Amy Shiner, Nancy Tischner, Joanne Shean, Susan Glastonbury
Set Design and Construction.....	Sandy Nagar
Set Construction and Painting.....	Kyle Miller, Scott Holley, Jason Richards, Greg Barwald, Chistine & Gene McNamara, Jeff & Rebecca Baier
Assistant Director.....	Maya Richards
Dance Captain.....	Giuliana Zane
Assistant Set Designer & Construction.....	Sam Nagar
Student Painting Assistants.....	Carl Barwald, Sam Nagar, Maggie Nagar, Bridget McNamara, Max Parmalee, Maggie McNamara
Program.....	Michelle Morgan and Giuliana Capezuto
Prop Coordinator.....	Christine McNamara
Prop Assistant.....	Rebecca Baier
Publicity.....	Natalje Anderson, Jenifer Calus
Poster, T-Shirt & Program Cover Design.....	Greg Barwald
Cast Pictures.....	Julie Burley, Jean Clark
Tri-Board Display.....	Linda Lindsay
Doors and Display Cases.....	Lilly Fursman, Jean Clark
Stage Crew.....	Clare Prizzi, Emma Thorpe, Kenna Donalty, Sammi Peeso, Danielle Reitnauer, Erik Hendershot

We would like to thank everyone on this page for the contributions you made above, as well as, the many other areas so many of you helped with.

## The Wizard of Oz Ordinances Strictly Enforced

No smoking anywhere on school grounds.

No flash photography as it is distracting and dangerous to our performers.

Please silence all cell phones, pagers and any other electronic devices.

We appreciate your cooperation. Our actors and crew will be available after the show for pictures.

Some where  
over the rainbow  
skies are blue,  
and the  
dreams  
that you dare  
to dream  
Really do  
come true.



# The Directors Would Like To Thank the Following:



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Our apologies to any staff, students, parents or friends whose name we may not have mentioned due to our oversight or to our printing deadline. Your support is very much appreciated.

# Cast

Dorothy Gale.....	Aydan Baier
Aunt Em.....	Lauren Farrow
Uncle Henry.....	Andrew Painton
Hunk/Scarecrow.....	Matteo Capezuto
Zeke/Lion.....	Mason Burley
Hickory/Tin Man.....	Brendan Mathewson
Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch.....	Tarra Lindsay
Glinda.....	Samantha Morgan
Professor Marvel/Wizard of Oz.....	Matthew Hewitt
Doorman.....	Samantha Marra
Guard.....	Zachary Gibson
Lead Jitterbug/Dance Captain.....	Giuliana Zane

## Jitterbug Dancers

Izzy Arena	Deborah Burden	Evelyn Heinzman
Francesca Barbieri	Elizabeth Clark	Kayla Richardson
Analiessa Brown	Charlotte Fursman	

## Tornado Dancers

Maggie Anderson	Haley Kucewicz	Mackenzie Wesley
Sophia Bianchi	Alexandra Paulus	Giuliana Zane
Kaitlynn Burke	Genevieve VonAhnen	
Lady in Chair.....	Chrissy Bober	
Rowboat Man #1 .....	Olivia Owens	
Rowboat Man #2 .....	Maya Richards	

## Munchkins

Izzy Arena	Evelyn Heinzman	Sam Nagar
Francesca Barbieri	Tara Koning	Jacob Owens
Shelby Boise	Samantha Marra	Matthew Pariseau
Analiessa Brown	Jessica Miller	Kayla Richardson
Elizabeth Clark	Ariel Milner	Giuliana Zane
Stella Gibney-Hodges	Destyni McBride	
Zachary Gibson	Lina Neubauer	
Munchkin #1.....	Charlotte Fursman	
Munchkin #2.....	Chrissy Bober	
Mayor of Munchkin City.....	Bridget McNamara	

Barrister.....Deborah Burden  
 City Father #1.....Eve Kowalczyk  
 City Father #2.....Carl Barwald  
 Coroner..... Marisa Ross  
 Three Tots..... Jane, Bradstreet, Lilly Ippolito, MadeleineTischner  
 Four Tough Kids..... Sara Kidane, Stephanie Schoone,  
 Heather Shiner, Kate Wojtas  
 Woman.....Sophia Vignieri

### **Winged Monkeys**

Shelby Boise                      Eve Kowalczyk                      Marisa Ross  
 Sara Kidane                      Stephanie Schoone                      Heather Shiner  
 Nikko.....Stella Gibney-Hodges

### **The Winkie Guards**

Orion Bohrer-Curtin                      Lina Neubauer                      Maya Richards  
 Jacob Horton                      Sam Nagar                      Roman Snyder  
 David Lynch                      Andrew Painton                      Kyle Swingly  
 Destyni McBride  
 Leader of the Winkies.....Sydney Tudisco

Crows.....Orion Bohrer-Curtain, David Lynch, Roman Snyder,  
 Jacob Horton, Cameron Maines  
 Apple Trees..... Lauren Bogert, Makenzie Hendrickson, Anna Holley

### **The Ozians**

Carl Barwald                      Anna Holley                      Matthew Pariseau  
 Sophia Bianchi                      Lilly Ippolito                      Alexandra Paulus  
 Chrissy Bober                      Tara Koning                      Kyle Swingley  
 Lauren Bogert                      Haley Kucewicz                      Heather Shiner  
 Jane Bradstreet                      Cameron Maines                      Madeleine Tischner  
 Deborah Burden                      Bridget McNamara                      Sophia Vignieri  
 Kaitlyn Burke                      Jessica Miller                      Genevieve VonAhnen  
 Makenzie Hendrickson                      Ariel Milner                      Mackenzie Wesley  
 Olivia Owens                      Jacob Owens                      Kate Wojtas  
 Oz Woman.....Maggie Anderson

# Scenes and Musical Numbers



## Act 1:

Scene 1: Kansas, 1931, Outside the Gale Farm

“Over the Rainbow” ..... Dorothy

Scene 2: The Roadside Encampment of Professor Marvel

Scene 3: Outside of the Farm / Cyclone

Scene 4: Munchkinland

“Munchkinland Musical Sequence” (Part I).....Glinda,  
Munchkins, Dorothy, Munchkin #2,  
Munchkin #1, Mayor, Barrister,  
City Father #1, City Father #2, Coroner

“Munchkinland Musical Sequence” (Part 2).....Tots,  
Tough Kids, Munchkins, Mayor, Barrister, City Father

“Yellow Brick Road” ..... Mayor, Munchkin #1, Woman,  
Barrister, Coroner, Munchkins

Scene 5: A Fork in the Road / Cornfield

“If I Only Had a Brain” ..... Scarecrow, Dorothy

“We’re Off to See the Wizard” ..... Dorothy, Scarecrow

Scene 6: The Apple Orchard

“If I Only Had a Heart” ..... Tin Man, Dorothy

“We’re Off to See the Wizard Trio” .....Dorothy,  
Scarecrow, Tin Man

Scene 7: Dark and Creepy Forest

“If I Only Had the Nerve” ..... Lion, Tin Man,  
Scarecrow, Dorothy

“Jitterbug” .....Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man,  
Lion, Jitterbugs, Jitterbug Chorus

“Optimistic Voices” .....Ensemble

## Intermission

There will be a 15 minute intermission.  
Refreshments are available in the East Cafeteria.

### Act 2:

Scene 8: The Gates of the Emerald City

“The Merry Old Land of Oz” .....Emerald City Chorus, Dorothy,  
Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion

“If I were King of the Forest” ..... Lion

Scene 9: The Wizard’s Chamber

Scene 10: The Haunted Forest

Scene 11: Inside the Witch’s Castle

Scene 12: The Haunted Forest

“Winkies March” ..... Winkie Guards

Scene 13: Inside the Witch’s Castle

“Over the Rainbow” (Reprise)..... Dorothy, Aunt Em

“Winkies March” (Reprise)..... Winkie Guards

“Ding Dong! The Witch is Dead”..... All

Scene 14: The Wizard’s Chamber / Oz

Scene 15: Dorothy’s Bedroom



## GET TO KNOW US

**Maggie Anderson** (Tornado Dancer; Ozian) Grade 8: This is Maggie's third year in Spry's Drama Club, having performed in "Seussical Jr." and last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Outside of school, Maggie enjoys dance, track, skiing, singing and reading. Favorite part of being in the production: "I love the tornado dance, the choreography and songs and acting. I enjoy doing it with my friends."

**Izzy Arena** (Munchkin; Jitterbug) Grade 7: This is Izzy's stage debut and first year in Spry's Drama Club. Outside of school, Izzy enjoys soccer and softball. Favorite part of being in the production: "It's very fun and the people you meet are so nice."

**Aydan Baier** (Dorothy) Grade 7: This is Aydan's second year in Spry's Drama Club, having performed as a Silly Girl in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." She has performed in over thirteen productions most recently "Elf", "Seussical" and "Fame." Outside of school, Aydan enjoys lacrosse, tap, ballet and jazz dance, vocal lessons, community theater, skiing and playing the clarinet. Favorite part of being in the production: "I have always loved entertaining and performing for large crowds. I want to have fun and be in the action on stage. I enjoy taking on challenging roles and working with different people."

**Francesca Barbieri** (Munchkin and Jitterbug Dancer) Grade 7: This is Francesca's second year in Spry's Drama Club, having performed in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." She has also performed in "A Terrible, Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day." Outside of school, Francesca participates in competitive dance, and also enjoys gymnastics and running. Favorite part of being in the production: "What I like most about being in the play is meeting all these new people."

**Carl Barwald** (City Father #2; Ozian) Grade 6: This is Carl's first experience with theater and Spry's Drama Club. Outside of school, Carl enjoys baseball, helping build the set for the play and hanging out with friends. Favorite part of being in the production: "What I like is that it's fun and that I can make new friends."

**Alessandra Basile** (Lighting) Grade 6: While this is Alessandra's first year in Spry's Drama Club, she has participated in drama productions at Strike It Up for three years as well as a year at Spotlight Theater Camp. Outside of school, Alessandra enjoys playing soccer, singing, playing piano and volunteering weekly at YMCA East Side Camp. Favorite part of being in the production: "I am with my friends."

**Sophia Bianchi** (Tornado Dancer; Ozian) Grade 7: Having performed as a Featured Dancer in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr.", this is Sophia's second year in Spry's Drama Club. She has also participated in a "A Christmas Carol". Outside of school, Sophia enjoys dance, playing the piano and baking. Favorite part of being in the production: "I get to spend time with friends and learn new things."

**Chrissy Bober** (Munchkin; Ozian; Lady in Chair) Grade 7: This is Chrissy's second year in Spry's Drama Club, having performed in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Outside of school, Chrissy enjoys swimming and Marching Band. Favorite part of being in the production: "I like spending time with my friends."

**Lauren Bogert** (Apple Tree; Ozian) Grade 8: This is Lauren's second year in Spry's Drama Club, having performed in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Outside of school, Lauren enjoys field hockey, art and singing lessons and babysitting. Favorite part of being in the production: "Being in the end result."

**Orion Bohrer-Curtin** (Crow; Winkie Guard) Grade 8: While this is Orion's stage debut, it is his second year in Spry's Drama Club, having participated as a member of the Lighting Crew in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Outside of school, Orion enjoys tennis and playing guitar. Favorite part of being in the production: "Being social and nice."

**Shelby Boise** (Munchkin; Monkey) Grade 6: This is Shelby's first year in Spry's Drama Club and stage debut. Outside of school, Shelby enjoys playing soccer, singing, music and making fun videos on camera. Favorite part of being in the production: "I love dancing and singing in Munchkin Land, but I also really like becoming a monkey."

**Jane Bradstreet** (Tiny Tot; Ozian) Grade 6: While this is Jane's first year in Spry's Drama Club, she is no stranger to the stage. She has performed in several productions including "The Nutcracker", "Schoolhouse Rock" and has participated in the Webster Theatre Guild. Outside of school, Jane enjoys singing and acting. Favorite part of being in the production: "I like how you get to meet new people every day."

**Analiessa Brown** (Munchkin; Jitterbug) Grade 6: This is Analiessa's first year in Spry's Drama Club. She also performed in "Schoolhouse Rock" in elementary school. Outside of school, Analiessa enjoys cheerleading, volleyball and lacrosse. Favorite part of being in the production: "What I like most about being in the play are the people I'm in it with. I have met many caring people. I also love how everyone is very supportive of one another."

**Deborah M. Burden** (Barrister; Jitterbug; Ozian) Grade 7: Deborah is no stranger to the stage. This is her second year in Spry's Drama Club having performed in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Deborah also performed in Webster Schroeder's production of "Hairspray". Outside of school, Deborah enjoys dance and playing the violin. Favorite part of being in the production: "I enjoy acting out different characters throughout the play."

**Kaitlynn Burke** (Tornado Dancer; Ozian) Grade 7: This is Kaitlynn's second year in Spry's Drama Club having performed in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Outside of school, Kaitlynn plays soccer. Favorite part of being in the production: "I love that my parents encourage me and the singing and the dancing."

**Mason Burley** (The Lion; Zeke) Grade 6: This is Mason's acting debut. While it is his first year in Spry's Drama Club, Mason has experience performing through dance. Outside of school, he enjoys karate, dance and plans to join the Swim Team. Favorite part of being in the production: "I mostly love all of the real life people because they are the characters and they have the talent and I want to live up to that."

**Matteo Capezzuto** (The Scarecrow; Hunk) Grade 8: This is Matteo's third year in Spry's Drama Club, having performed in "Seussical Jr." and as Cogsworth in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Outside of school, Matteo is a WEB Leader and enjoys soccer and volleyball. Favorite part of being in the production: "I love acting and getting to be someone different and also hanging out with all my friends."

**Lizzie Clark** (Jitterbug; Munchkin) Grade 7: This is Lizzie's stage debut and first year in Spry's Drama Club. Outside of school, Lizzie participates in dance. Favorite part of being in the production: "I like interacting with everyone and I love dancing and singing and acting."

**Kenna Donalty** (Backstage Crew) Grade 7: This is Kenna's first experience with theater and Spry's Drama Club. Outside of school, Kenna enjoys track, the ukulele and Builder's Club. Favorite part of being in the production: "I like being able to help and have fun with my friends."

**Lauren Farrow** (Aunt Em) Grade 8: This is Lauren's third year in Spry's Drama Club having performed in "Seussical Jr." and in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Outside of school, Lauren enjoys babysitting, field hockey, and dance. Favorite part of being in the production: "I enjoy singing and acting as a different person. I also enjoy staying after school and acting with my friends."

**Charlotte Fursman** (Jitterbug; Munchkin) Grade 7: While this is Charlotte's first year in Spry's Drama Club, she does have previous experience from her elementary school years. Outside of school, Charlotte enjoys dance. Favorite part of being in the production: "Making friends."

**Stella Gibney-Hodges** (Nikko; Munchkin) Grade 7: This is Stella's first year in Spry's Drama Club and her acting debut. Outside of school, Stella enjoys art and music (ukulele and bass). Favorite part of being in the production: "It's fun to pretend to be someone else with singing and dancing and you get to make new friends or hang out with old ones."

**Zachary Gibson** (Guard; Munchkin) Grade 7: This is Zachary's first experience with theatre and first year in Spry's Drama Club. Outside of school, Zachary enjoys just hanging out and having fun. Favorite part of being in the production: "Being part of a community and just having fun with new people."

**Evelyn Heinzman** (Munchkin; Jitterbug) Grade 7: This is Evelyn's first year in Spry's Drama Club and her stage debut. Outside of school, Evelyn enjoys softball and volleyball. Favorite part of being in the production: "I like that I made new friends."

**Erik Hendershot** (Backstage Crew) Grade 7: This is Erik's first experience with theater and in Spry's Drama Club. Outside of school, Evelyn enjoys softball and volleyball. Favorite part of being in the production: "I like that I made new friends."

**Makenzie Hendrickson** (Apple Tree; Ozian) Grade 7: Having performed in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr.", this is Makenzie's second year in Spry's Drama Club. Outside of school, Makenzie enjoys dance and horseback riding. Favorite part of being in the production: "Hanging out with my friends."

**Matthew Hewitt** (The Wizard of Oz; Professor Marvel) Grade 8: While this is Matthew's stage debut, it is his second year in Spry's Drama Club, having participated as a member of the Lighting Crew in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Outside of school, Matthew enjoys babysitting and participating in CYO basketball. Favorite part of being in the production: "I like how everyone is very nice and friendly."

**Anna Holley** (Apple Tree; Ozian) Grade 7: Having performed in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr.", this is Anna's second year in Spry's Drama Club. She has also performed in "Imagine" through Summer Stars and the RBTL. Outside of school, Anna enjoys softball, photography, dance, singing, playing the clarinet and hanging out with friends. Favorite part of being in the production: "Getting to perform on stage and meeting new people."

**Jake Horton** (Lead Crow; Winkie Guard) Grade 8: This is Jacob's second year in Spry's Drama Club, having performed in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Outside of school, Jake enjoys volunteer work and magic. Favorite part of being in the production: "The positive energy all around."

**Lily Ippolito** (Lullaby League; Ozian) Grade 6: This is Lily's first year in Spry's Drama Club. She has also performed in the Russian Moscow production of "The Nutcracker." Outside of school, Lily enjoys dance. Favorite part of being in the production: "What I like most about being in the play is being with the whole cast and being up on stage and the rehearsals. It's just all so much fun."

**Sara Kidane** (Tough Kid; Winged Monkey) Grade 8: This is Sara's third year in Spry's Drama Club, having performed in "Seussical Jr." and in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Outside of school, Sara enjoys soccer. Favorite part of being in the production: "I like it at the end when we perform."

**Tara Koning** (Munchkin; Ozian) Grade 7: While this is Tara's stage debut, it is her second year in Spry's Drama Club, having been a member of the Back Stage Crew in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast, Jr." Outside of school, Tara enjoys softball. Favorite part of being in the production: "Making new friends and learning new dances."

**Eve Kowalczyk** (City Father #1; Monkey) Grade 8: This is Eve's second year in Spry's Drama Club, having been a member of Stage Crew in Spry's production of "Seussical Jr". She has also performed in other productions including "Jungle Book" and "Seussical" at acting camp. Outside of school, Eve plays tennis and field hockey and is a volunteer in Leaders at the YMCA. Favorite part of being in the production: "Being creative and getting into character. It's really fun."

**Haley Kucewicz** (Tornado Dancer; Ozian) Grade 6: This is Haley's stage debut and her first year in Spry's Drama Club. Outside of school, Haley enjoys softball and is involved in her church. Favorite part of being in the production: "I like getting to know new people and dancing."

**Tarra Lindsay** (Wicked Witch; Miss Gulch) Grade 8: This is Tarra's third year in Spry's Drama Club having been in "Seussical Jr." and in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Outside of school, Tarra likes to run in Track and Field and hang out with her friends. Favorite part of being in the production: "I like that you get to spend time with your friends during Drama Club and it's just really fun to act on stage."

**David Lynch** (Crow; Winkie Guard) Grade 6: This is David's first year in Spry's Drama Club. While this is David's first musical, he has performed as Max in the play "Where the Wild Things Are." Outside of school, David enjoys being involved in activities at his church and watching YouTube. Favorite part of being in the production: "I like being friends with new people."

**Cameron Maines** (Crow; Ozian) Grade 7: While this is Cameron's first year in Spry's Drama Club, he is no stranger to the stage. He has participated in other plays through Drama Club in elementary school and through the Penfield Recreation Center. Outside of school, Cameron enjoys photography. Favorite part of being in the production: "Socializing with friends while enjoying the play."

**Sammie Marra** (Munchkin; Doorman) Grade 8: This is Sammie's stage debut and first year in Spry's Drama Club. Favorite part of being in the production: "Being able to perform in front of a large audience."

**Brendan Mathewson** (Tin Man; Hickory) Grade 7: This is Brendan's first year in Spry's Drama Club and stage debut. Outside of school, Brendan enjoys baseball and drawing. Favorite part of being in the production: "Working with my friends."

**Destyni McBride** (Munchkin; Winkie Guard) Grade 7: Having performed in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr.", this is Destyni's second year in Spry's Drama Club. Outside of school, Destyni enjoys listening to music, playing with her dog and doing crafts. Favorite part of being in the production: "I love having fun and being with my friends. I love being a part of something."

**Bridget McNamara** (Mayor; Ozian) Grade 7: This is Bridget's second year in Spry's Drama Club, having performed in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." She has also performed in other productions including "Orphan's Christmas Star" and "High School Musical." Outside of school, Bridget enjoys singing lessons, playing the violin and creative writing. Favorite part of being in the production: "It lets me express my creative side without feeling judged."

**Jessica Miller** (Munchkin; Ozian) Grade 7: This is Jessica's second year in Spry's Drama Club, having performed in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." She has participated in Drama Kids productions for five years. Outside of school, Jessica is a cheerleader, a member of Special Olympics swim team and is involved in her church youth group. Favorite part of being in the production: "I love singing, acting and dancing. I also love spending time with friends."

**Ariel Milner** (Munchkin; Ozian) Grade 8: This is Ariel's third year in Spry's Drama Club having performed in "Seussical Jr." and in last year's performance of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." She has performed in camp skits. Outside of school, Ariel enjoys singing, drawing, hanging out with friends and family, and Cross Country. Favorite part of being in the production: "Being with friends."

**Samantha Morgan** (Glinda) Grade 8: This is Samantha's third year in Spry's Drama Club having performed in "Seussical Jr." and in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Outside of school, Samantha loves to sing, dance and read. She plays field hockey, does the Morning Show and serves on the Teen Advisory Board. Favorite part of being in the production: "I love bonding with everyone and learning the songs, dances and scenes."

**Sam Nagar** (Munchkin; Winkie Guard) Grade 6: This is Sam's stage debut and first year in Spry's Drama Club. Outside of school, Sam enjoys singing and playing video games. Favorite part of being in the production: "All the friends you make."

**Lina Neubauer** (Munchkin; Winkie Guard) Grade 7: This is Lina's second year in Spry's Drama Club having performed in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." She has also performed in several other productions including "Seussical the Musical", "Charlie Brown" and other Strike It Up Original shows. Outside of school, Lina enjoys singing competitively and dance. Favorite part of being in the production: "I like learning the different parts of the show."

**Jacob Owens** (Munchkin; Ozian) Grade 7: This is Jacob's first year in Spry's Drama Club, however he is no stranger to the stage. He has been in two plays at Spotlight Theater. Outside of school, Jacob is in Boy Scouts. Favorite part of being in the production: "I like that I am part of it and I like dancing and acting."

**Olivia Owens** (Ozian; Rowboat Woman) Grade 8: While this is Olivia's first year in Spry's Drama Club, she is no stranger to the stage. She has performed in three plays through Drama Kids. Outside of school, Olivia enjoys softball, singing, playing the ukulele and acting. Favorite part of being in the production: "I think my favorite part about being in the play is being able to have some fun with the people in Drama Club while doing the things you love."

**Andrew Painton** (Uncle Henry; Winkie Guard) Grade 8: This is Andrew's first year in Spry's Drama Club and his stage debut. Outside of school, Andrew enjoys basketball, swimming, volunteer work and baseball. Favorite part of being in the production: "Hanging out with friends."

**Matthew Pariseau** (Munchkin; Ozian) Grade 7: This is Matthew's first year in Spry's Drama Club, although he did perform in a play of "Beauty and the Beast." Outside of school, Matthew enjoys playing tennis. Favorite part of being in the production: "I like being the first thing some people see."

**Alexandra Paulus** (Tornado Dancer; Ozian) Grade 6: This is Alexandra's first experience with theater and her first year in Spry's Drama Club. Outside of school, Alexandra enjoys horseback riding lessons and being on the IEA team. Favorite part of being in the production: "It's super fun and I meet new friends."

**Sammi Peeso** (Backstage Crew) Grade 7: This is Sammi's first experience with theater and in Spry's Drama Club. Outside of school, Sammi enjoys playing volleyball and basketball, swimming and participating in church groups. Favorite part of being in the production: "I thought stage crew would be fun because I would be with my friends and the crew."

**Clare Prizzi** (Backstage Crew) Grade 7: This is Clare's second year in Spry's Drama Club, having been a member of Stage Crew in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Outside of school, Clare enjoys playing the ukulele and violin and drawing. Favorite part of being in the production: "Helping our and making friends."

**Danielle Reitnauer** (Backstage Crew) Grade 7: This is Danielle's first experience with theater and in Spry's Drama Club. Outside of school, Danielle enjoys track, playing guitar, Builder's Club and Circle of Friends. Favorite part of being in the production: "I like getting the chance to help backstage."

**Maya Richards** (Rowboat #2; Winkie Guard; Jitterbug) Grade 7: Having performed in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr.", this is Maya's second year in Spry's Drama Club. Outside of school, Maya is in Girl Scouts, enjoys volleyball, softball, dance, playing the tenor saxophone and hanging out with friends. Favorite part of being in the production: "Acting practice and seeing the show come to life on stage."

**Kayla Richardson** (Jitterbug; Munchkin) Grade 7: This is Kayla's second year in Spry's Drama Club having performed in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Outside of school, Kayla enjoys dance and bowling. Favorite part of being in the production: "That I get to talk, hang out and have fun with the musical and friends."

**Marisa Ross** (Coroner; Monkey) Grade 6: This is Marisa's first year in Spry's Drama Club, but she is no stranger to the stage. She has performed in several plays including "Miracle on 34th Street", "Seussical Jr.", "Mulan Jr." "Annie Jr." and "Legally Blonde Jr." Outside of school, Marisa enjoys soccer, voice lessons and tap. Favorite part of being in the production: "Getting to act out a different character."

**Stephanie Schoone** (Tough Kid; Winged Monkey) Grade 7: While this is Stephanie's stage debut, it is her second year in Spry's Drama Club having been a member of Stage Crew in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Outside of school, Stephanie enjoys golfing and hanging out with friends. Favorite part of being in the production: "Watching the acting and hanging with friends."

**Heather Shiner** (Munchkin; Ozian; Winged Monkey) Grade 8: This is Heather's first year in Spry's Drama Club and stage debut. Outside of school, Heather sings in a professional chorus called the Bach Children's Chorus. Favorite part of being in the production: "Making friends and performing for everyone."

**Roman Snyder** (Crow; Winkie Guard) Grade 6: While this is Roman's first year in Spry's Drama Club, he has experience performing in several productions including "School House Rock Live", "The Cleanest Town in Texas" and "The Kidnapping of Kitty O'Hara". Outside of school, Roman enjoys hockey, singing and baseball. Favorite part of being in the production: "Being dramatic of course and hanging with friends."

**Kyle Swingly** (Ozian; Winkie Guard) Grade 6: This is Kyle's stage debut and first year in Spry's Drama Club. Outside of school, Kyle enjoys collecting tiny turtle statues. Favorite part of being in the production: "The rehearsals with my friends and Mr. Ambler."

**Emma Thorpe** (Backstage Crew) Grade 7: This is Emma's first year in Spry's Drama Club. Outside of school, Emma enjoys painting. Favorite part of being in the production: "It's really interesting so far and I really like to work backstage behind the scenes."

**Madeleine Tischner** (Tot; Ozian) Grade 6: This is Madeleine's stage debut and first year in Spry's Drama Club. Outside of school, Madeleine enjoys dance and piano lessons. Favorite part of being in the production: "I love how everyone in Drama Club makes it so fun and exciting to be there."

**Sydney Tudisco** (Leader of the Winkies) Grade 7: This is Sydney's stage debut at Spry's but she is no stranger to the stage. Sydney has performed in thirteen plays between her old schools and Drama Kids International. Outside of school, Sydney enjoys dance, gymnastics, acting and singing and doing plays. Favorite part of being in the production: "Costumes and the experience of the play itself is amazing."

**Sophia Vigneri** (Munchkin; Ozian) Grade 8: This is Sophia's second year in Spry's Drama Club, having performed in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." She has also performed in several other productions including "Legally Blonde", "At the Bandstand", "On the Radio", "Harmony High" and "High School Musical." Outside of school, Sophia enjoys horseback riding and piano. Favorite part of being in the production: "I enjoy being part of a cast to make a great musical."

**Genevieve VonAhnen** (Tornado Dancer; Ozian) Grade 7: Having performed in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr.", this is Genevieve's second year in Spry's Drama Club. Outside of school, Genevieve enjoys dance. Favorite part of being in the production: "I like how I get to make new friends and get to do what I love almost every day!"

**Mackenzie Wesley** (Tornado Dancer; Ozian) Grade 7: This is Mackenzie's second year in Spry's Drama Club, having performed in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Outside of school, Mackenzie plays soccer, softball and volunteers at Maplewood Nursing Home. Favorite part of being in the production: "I love making new friends and acting with my friends. I also really like trying on the costumes."

**Kate Wojtas** (Tough Kid; Ozian) Grade 8: This is Kate's third year in Spry's Drama Club having performed in "Seussical Jr." and in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Outside of school, Kate is a WEB Leader and enjoys soccer and running track. Favorite part of being in the production: "The thing that I like most about being in the play is the friends you meet."

**Giuliana Zane** (Lead Jitterbug; Tornado Dancer; Dance Captain; Munchkin) Grade 8: This is Giuliana's third year in Spry's Drama Club having performed in "Seussical Jr." and as Silly Girl in last year's production of "Beauty and the Beast Jr." She also participated in plays throughout her elementary school years. Outside of school, Giuliana enjoys dance, being with family and friends and volunteering with kids. Favorite part of being in the production: "Being with my friends and dancing.."

**All the cast and crew would like to thank their parents/guardians for their tremendous support throughout the run of this production!**

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*- Dorothy*

