

# The GRUNCH

A New Children's Musical



## Calling all 3rd, 4th, & 5th Graders!

IT'S TIME TO STEAL THE SHOW AT THIS YEAR'S MUSICAL AUDITIONS!

Auditions will be taking place in the music room on three separate days, according to grade level:

**3rd** WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH - AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 5:15PM

**4th** THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST - AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 5:15PM

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*Rudy Grunch is a grumpy 6th grader who always feels like an outsider. When the entire school gets excited about the annual school musical, he comes up with a perfect plan to ruin it for everyone...he'll steal the sets, costumes, and lights the night before it opens!! But will the spirit of theatre save the show?*

## WHAT DOES A MUSICAL INVOLVE?

Singing, dancing, acting, and a whole lot of energy!

## WHAT IF MY STUDENT LOVES TO SING AND ACT BUT HAS NO PRIOR DANCE EXPERIENCE?

Not to worry! In rehearsals, we'll teach them everything they need to know!

## THIS SOUNDS AWESOME! HOW DOES MY STUDENT SIGN UP?

**The Grunch** involves a three-step audition process. Your student will complete all three steps on the same day.

This means that, unfortunately, not every student who auditions will be selected for the musical.

## AUDITIONS?

Yes - auditions for **The Grunch** will take place on three separate days, according to grade level.

**Students interested in trying out must attend their specific grade-level audition day.** Students who do not attend auditions or do not hand in their audition paperwork by the specified deadline will be ineligible to be cast in this production.

## WHAT SHOULD BE PREPARED?

Step #1 of auditions will consist of dancing. Students will not need to prepare anything. All dancing will be taught to them during this audition time.

Step #2 of auditions will consist of singing. Students are asked to prepare *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*. Song lyrics are attached.

Step #3 of auditions will consist of reading. Students are asked to prepare a short scene. This script is attached.

Coming prepared to auditions will increase, but not guarantee, your student's chance of getting cast.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF MY STUDENT IS SELECTED?

If selected, your student will be required to attend rehearsals on Mondays and Wednesdays after school until 5:15 pm, in addition to scheduled Saturday rehearsals. Rehearsals will run from December to March, with a final production date on the evening of Saturday, March 28th.

**Transportation from rehearsals is required by parents / guardians and will not be provided by the school.** More information (calendars, costume info, etc.) will be sent home upon casting.

If cast in Moraine's production of **The Grunch**, students are committing to attend every required rehearsal. If unable to attend, families must notify the Directors in advance. Excessive absences will result in removal from the production. Directors have the authority to remove students from this production based upon classroom and/or rehearsal behavioral issues.

## QUESTIONS?

Please contact Mrs. Donatelli and Miss Namachar at:

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# READING AUDITION

*Reading does not need to be memorized.*

**ALL students will read for the part of Grunch. A director will read the part of Mills.**

**Grunch:** At last! We're away from that nonsense. All of these theatre wanna-be's singing and dancing are missing the entire point of what it means to be alive ! Life is painful, it's ugly, it's disappointing...the exact opposite of a musical!

**Mills:** They do have beautiful costumes every year.

**Grunch:** Oh sure, *beautiful* costumes and *incredible* sets, and *sparkly* lights...why don't people appreciate true talent! Like the fact that I won the Whoover Regional Chess Tournament last year. Did I get a write up in the paper? Did I get flowers and balloons? Did I get hundreds of people showing up to my match and a standing ovation? No!!!!!!!

**Mills:** I was there.

**Grunch:** Of course you were, you're my little brother! Mom says you *have* to stick with me.

**Mills:** I just don't get what bothers you so much about school musicals?

**Grunch:** Where do I start?! The auditions, the fundraising, the endless morning announcements! Oh Mills, I can already see it.

# SINGING AUDITION

*Song does not need to be memorized.*

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Some - where o - ver the rain - bow way up high.  
There's a land that I dreamed of once in a lull - a - bye.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song, with lyrics 'Some - where o - ver the rain - bow way up high.' The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with lyrics 'There's a land that I dreamed of once in a lull - a - bye.' A small number '5' is written to the left of the second staff. The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes, with some beamed eighth notes for the 'rain - bow' and 'lull - a - bye' parts.

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