

Meet the Cast

Peoria Area Performing Arts School presents

Roald Dahl's
James and the Giant Peach JR.



Amelia McQuellon – Guest Alumni Performer – Ladahlord (Sunday)

I'm 16 years old and a sophomore at Dunlap High School where I'm involved in Choir, Theatre, Speech and Yearbook. I love performing and have been doing shows since I was in my first show at Peoria Players in 7th grade. Since then, I've been in 20 shows in and around the Peoria area and am ecstatic to be performing in my 21st with my *James and the Giant Peach Jr.* castmates. You may have seen me last year with PAPAS portraying Fiona in *Shrek Jr.* I hope you enjoy the show! :)

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Margot McNutt – *Guest Alumni Performer (Ladahlord – Mon/Tues)*

I am 15 years old and am going to be a sophomore in high school this fall. I enjoy spending time with my siblings and friends, running and doing show choir. I hope you enjoy the show!

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Noah Bush - *James*

I'm 10 years old and have been involved in PAPAS since I was 4. This is my 6th show in Peoria and my 5th PAPAS show. I'm a 4th grade student at Hickory Grove Elementary School and my passions include singing, dancing and acting. I also love football and wrestling and play the viola and drums. I love my family and my little brother who support me. I am so excited for *James* and getting to do this great show with my friends. I love my PAPAS family! (Also, I don't die in this show, so that is always a plus).

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Sophie Noonan - *Spiker*

I'm 14 years old and this is my second production with PAPAS. I attend school at Princeville Junior and Senior High School, and I enjoy activities such as reading, writing, hanging out with my friends, and, of course, singing. I hope you enjoy the show!

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Zoe Kostouros - *Sponge*

I'm 14 years old and just graduated from Dunlap Valley Middle School, where I did speech team and chorus. I enjoyed four fun, memorable years in PAPAS' show choir. I love performing in community theater with PAPAS, CCT, CSK and HWDC. Catch me next as Isir in CCT's *Aladdin Jr.* in July and the Baker's Wife in HWDC's *Into the Woods* in August! Thank you, Bryan for this opportunity and Lori for all the incredible voice lessons. Love to my family, cat JJ and friends!

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Cate Boley – *Teacher & Matron Nurse*

I'm 13 years old and am just finishing up my 7th grade year at Boley Academy. This is my fourth PAPAN production and my eighth community theater production. I'm smack dab in the middle of the nine children in my family. I like picking out clothes and dancing, but my favorite activity is hanging out with my friends. Thanks for coming and I hope you enjoy the show!

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Micah Glasssett - *Billy Cop*

I am currently an 8th grader at DMS, have a brother in 6th grade and a dog named Piper. This is my 2nd PAPAS production. I love theatre. I especially love comedy and impromptu theatre like "Whose Line is it Anyway". I also love art and animation. I am looking forward to doing many more shows in the Peoria area. I hope you enjoy the show!

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Trevor Goodell – *Bobby Bobby Cop*

I am 9 years old and a 4th grader at Banner Elementary. This is my second PAPAS show. I like to play video games, sports and Legos.

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Mira Bianchi – *Mrs. Trotter / James' Mother*

I'm 12 years old and this is my first production at PAPAS. I haven't done any other shows, so I'm very excited! I play the oboe in my school's band. I also play basketball, volleyball and I am a competitive figure skater. I'm so excited to perform in this show and hopefully many others!

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Ellie Harr - *Ladies Garden Guild / Soloist*

I am 12 years old, going into 8th grade and homeschooled. This is my sixth PAPAS production. I've also performed at Corn Stock for Kids, Peoria Players and CCT. I am also a part of PAPAS show choir competition team, Vocal Velocity. I love pickles and strawberries. My favorite place to be is at my Youth Group at church. I hope you enjoy the show!

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Riley Nowlan - *Ladies Garden Guild / Soloist*

I am 13 years old and will be starting 8th grade at Concordia Lutheran School in the fall. This is my 3rd PAPAS production. I am also a member of PAPAS' Vocal Velocity show choir. Thanks to all my friends and family. Enjoy the show!

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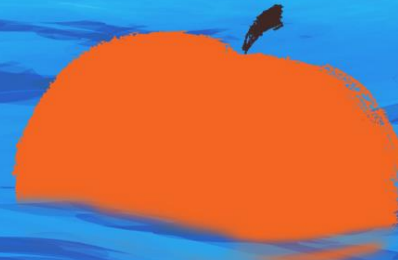


Lillianna Poole - *Ladies Garden Guild / Soloist*

I am 11 years old attending Germantown Hills School. I've danced for eight years. This will be my fourth show - I've been in *Shrek* (Pig), *High School Musical* (summer camp), *Peter Pan* (Lost Boy) and a ballet for *Giselle*. An interesting fact about me is that I'm missing a rib!

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Dylan Nowlan – *Guest Alumni Performer – Grasshopper*

I'm 15 years old and just completed my Freshman year at Richwoods High School. This is my 4th PAPAN production. I love working with Bryan and Lori! Enjoy the show.

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Raegan Copeland - *Ladybug*

I'm 12 years old and attend Jefferson Elementary in Morton. This is my first play with PAPAS! I am in show choir with Vocal Velocity and have performed in the Morton Youth Theater productions of *Annie*, *Frozen* and *Beauty and the Beast*! My favorite things to do are dance, sing, act and hang out with friends! My favorite subject is Reading. Thank you for coming and enjoy the show!

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Jack Ward - *Centipede*

I'm 14 years old and I've been doing theater for around five years and with PAPAS for about three years. I just graduated from Dunlap Middle School and will go to Dunlap High School at the end of the summer. I love every type of art, painting, drawing, singing, dancing - you name it! I've also been a part of *The Christmas Carol* at the Scottish Rite, PAPAS's Vocal Velocity show choir and last year's *Shrek Jr.* I hope you enjoy the show!

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Daniel Duran - *Earthworm*

I am 13 years old and in 7th grade at Central Intermediate in Washington where I participate in speech, band, choir and boys' ensemble. I am also a member of Vocal Velocity show choir at PAPAS. Most recently, I was Benjamin in *Joseph*. I hope you have a peachy time.

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Grace (Gracie) Mathews – *Spider (Sun Matinee / Tues)*

I am 13 years old and in 8th grade. I am homeschooled and fill my time doing community theater, PAPAS show choir and playing the ukulele, just to name a few. I've been performing since I was 4 years old. This is my 35th production! I love to spread positivity and mental health awareness, especially on social media (@graciekoofficial). I hope you enjoy this fabulous production!!

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Nora Ward – *Spider (Sun Evening / Mon)*

I am 12 years old and attend Dunlap Middle School. In my free time, I love to sing and dance to songs, but I also love to snuggle with my dog Tilly. At PAPAS, I also do Vocal Velocity show choir. I have two brothers, one older than me and I have one that is younger than me.

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Boey Tyra – *Matilda (Sun Matinee / Mon)*

I am 11 years old and just completed 6th grade at Dunlap Middle School where I participated in basketball, volleyball and chorus. This is my second PAPAS show - I played Teen Fiona in *Shrek* last year. I love animals, camping, hiking, and swimming. Thank you to all my friends and family for their love and support! Enjoy the show!

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Brylie Detra – *Matilda (Sun Evening / Tues)*

I am 13 years old and attend Rolling Acres Middle School. I was a cheerleader this year for girls and boys' basketball. I have participated in *Hairspray*, *Les Mis*, *High School Musical*, *Oklahoma*, *Shrek Jr* and *Joseph!* I will be participating in *Footloose* this summer too. I am a member of Vocal Velocity show choir. I love to sing and dance! I also love Snapchat. Hope you enjoy the show!

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Addison Quilleash – *Veruca Salt* (Sun Matinee / Mon)

I am 10 years old and so excited to be in my first PAPAS musical. I have also been in *Mulan Jr.* I love singing and I have been dancing for 5 years. I am in 5th grade at Germantown Hills Middle School and I just made my school's dance team for next year! I also love playing the piano. Thanks for coming and enjoy the show!

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Raegan Monroe – *Veruca Salt (Sun Evening / Tues)*

I am 12 years old and in 6th grade at Monroe Grade School. I have been with PAPAS now for 4 years. I love hanging with all the friends I have met here and look forward to more years to come. I hope you all enjoy the show.

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Tyler Goodell – *Willy Wonka*

I am 12 years old and in 7th grade at Dunlap Middle School. This is my second PAPAS production. I like to swim, play chess, and watch *Star Wars* and Marvel movies.

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Mary Christianer – *Grand High Witch*

I am 13 years old. This is my first show with PAPAS. I have two brothers. I love dogs. I enjoy doing crafts and painting. My favorite food is prison style chili mac.

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Natalie Krumholz - *Sophie from BFG*

I'm 10 years old, and this is my first PAPAS show! I've been in *Big Fish* with Children's Community Theater and *The Nutcracker* with Central Illinois Ballet. I also play soccer with Peoria FC United. I hope you enjoy the show!

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Frankie Boley – *Shark / Company*

I'm 11 years old and will be headed to 6th grade at Boley Academy next year. This is my third PAPAS production. I have six brothers and two sisters. When I'm not on stage, I like playing baseball, hanging out with friends and playing video games. I'm grateful you came to see the show and I hope you enjoy it!

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Levi Creasy – *Shark / Company*

I am 11 years old and go to Norwood Elementary School where I just played Isir in *Aladdin*! I have also been a cheerleader in Norwood's production of *High School Musical* and I have been in Eastlight's *Joseph*. I love to cook, write and hang out with my chihuahua, Dolly. I also love my family - especially my niece, nephews and little cousins!

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Jonah Ducharme - *Buzz / Shark / Company*

I am 11 years old. This is my 2nd PAPAS production. I had a blast participating in *Oklahoma* last summer. I'm also in Mixed Harmony show choir and love my friends at PAPAS! I enjoy being homeschooled because we go on cool field trips and I get to be with my little sister all day. My favorite subjects are history and animal sciences. I love pizza and Oreos.

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Brooklyn Lindsay – *Shark / Company*

I am 12 years old and attend Dunlap Valley Middle School. This is my first performance with PAPAS and I am so excited! I also love to swim, play volleyball and golf and hang out with my friends and family. I am so excited to be a part of this fun show and hope everyone has a great time!

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Riley Peck – *Shark / Company*

I'm 10 years old and attend Peoria Heights Grade School. This is my third PAPAS production. My favorite subjects are math and art. I have an older sister and younger brother. I enjoy Harry Potter and Legos.

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Quinn Maue – *Shark / Company*

I am 13 years old and homeschooled. This is my first theater show ever. I like video games and YouTube.

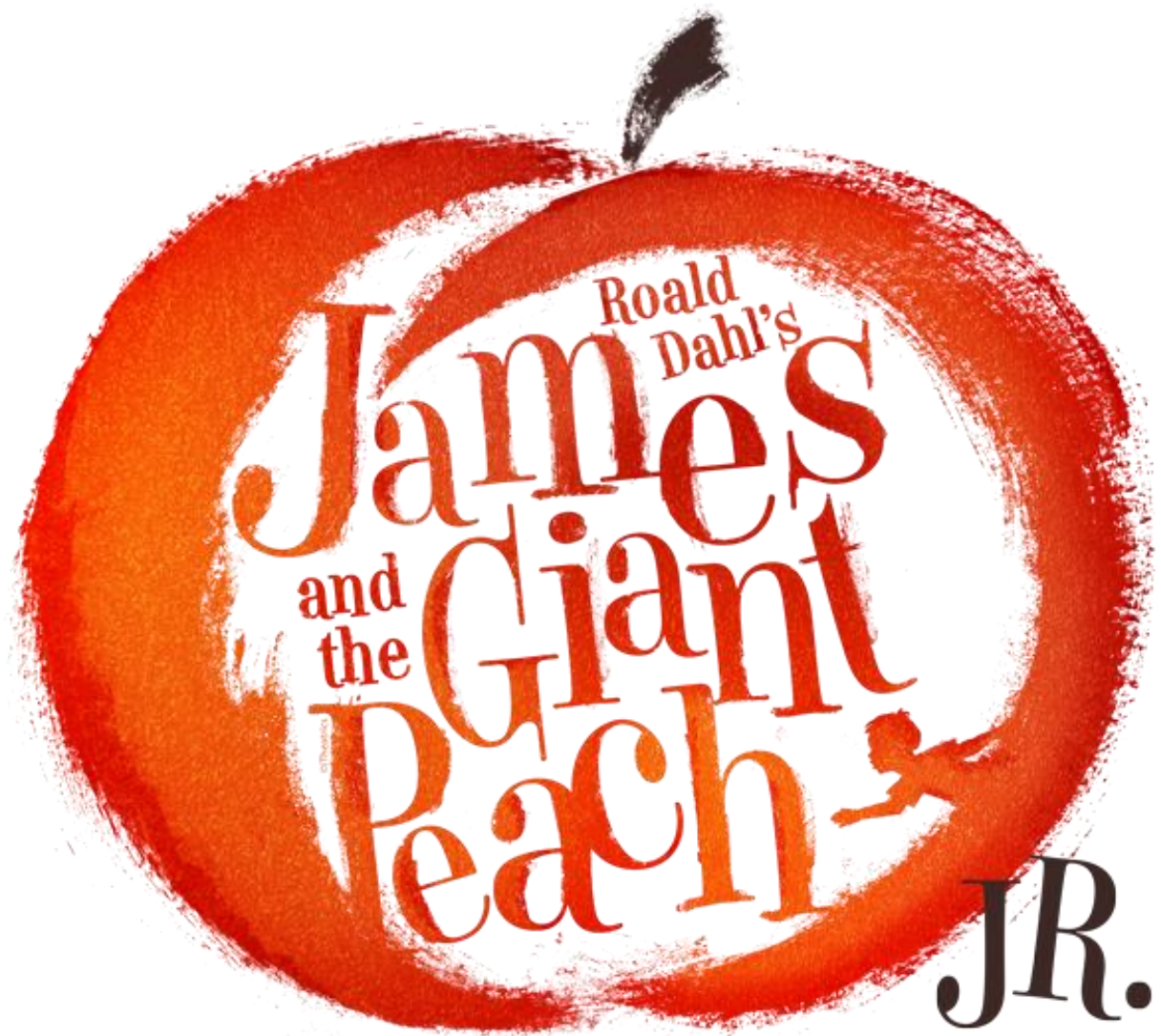
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Ava Taylor – *Shark / Company*

I am 12 years old and attend Rolling Acres Middle School. I've been in PAPAS' Summer Institute productions of *High School Musical* and *Oklahoma* as a camper participant. I'm super excited to be in this show with my cousin Sebastian. At school, I serve as a Student Council member. I really enjoy babysitting and spending time with all my cousins. I also love to spend time on the farm with my daddy. Enjoy the show!



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Henry Boley – *Student, Oompa Loompa*

I'm ten years old and will be done with my 4th grade year at Boley Academy just as soon as I finish my math book! I'm the seventh of the nine children in my family. This is my second PAPAS production. Basketball and baseball are two of my other favorite activities. Thank you all so much for coming out to see the show!

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James Boley – *Student, Oompa Loompa*

I'm eight years old and already finished my math book for the year, so I'm officially a third grader at Boley Academy. I'm the second youngest of nine siblings. I love baseball and singing along to the soundtrack for *Hamilton*. I'm glad to be spending this time with you today. Thanks for coming!

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Morgan Boone - *Student, Oompa Loompa, Little Ladybug*

I am a 4th grader at Dunlap Grade School and am 10 years old. I enjoy hanging out with my friends. I love my Great Grandma Judith, kitty cats and make-up. I am in Music Maniacs and Beginning Acting at PAPAS. I've been in *Shrek Jr*, *High School Musical*, *Oklahoma*, *Joseph & The Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Peter Pan*. I am excited for *James and the Giant Peach Jr*. I look forward to a long and happy relationship with theater!

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Ruthie Butts - *Student, Oompa Loompa*

I am 8 years old and a second grader at Kellar Primary School in Peoria. This is my second PAPAS production after performing in *Shrek Jr.* last spring. I love to sing, dance, play soccer, draw and paint, and my favorite subject is art. I am also very excited about getting a new pet cat this summer! Enjoy the show!

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Madelyn Cabral - *Student, Oompa Loompa*

I am 9 years old and go to St. Jude Catholic School. This is my second production with PAPAS and I am very excited to be performing in it. My favorite hobbies are basketball, soccer, and painting. My favorite subject in school is Art. I have two older brothers and my favorite food is pasta.

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Easton Gingras - *Student, Oompa Loompa*

I'm almost 8 years old and attend St. Phil's in Peoria. This is my second PAPAS show, my first being *Oklahoma* this past summer. I love to play Minecraft, have seven pets at home, and I love pizza. Thanks for coming to the show!

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Myrtle Gregg - *Student, Oompa Loompa*

I'm 8 years old. This is my first PAPAS production, but I performed in the chorus in my school musical at Concordia Lutheran School, *A Not So Terrible Parable*. I play the violin and love to play soccer, basketball and softball. Hopefully you got to know me better by reading this.

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Emilia Harr - *Student, Oompa Loompa, Little Ladybug*

I am 9 years old and I am going into 4th grade and am homeschooled. This is my Sixth PAPAS production. I have also performed at Corn Stock for Kids and Peoria Players. I am part of PAPAS Music Maniacs. I have many hobbies. I love to do gymnastics, go swimming, sew, build Legos and play piano. I also love to spend time with my friends. I hope you enjoy the show!!

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Annabelle Joseph - *Student, Oompa Loompa*

I am 9 years old and attend St. Vincent De Paul School. This is my 2nd PAPAS production. I was also in *Cinderella* at Cornstock. My favorite subject at school is art. I am Lebanese and love any type of Lebanese cuisine.

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Stella Johnson - *Student, Oompa Loompa*

I'm 8 years old (9 on June 4th!) and in third grade. I've participated in school musicals and dance recitals, but this is my first "big" stage production and I'm very excited! I hope you enjoy the show!

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Adara Kaiser - *Student, Oompa Loompa, Little Ladybug*

I am homeschooled and in the second grade. I've been in *Shrek Jr*, *Les Misérables*, *Oklahoma*, *High School Musical* & PAPAS/Players Christmas shows. I'm excited to be in *James and the Giant Peach Jr.* and hope you enjoy the show!

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Sydney Mahrt - *Student, Oompa Loompa*

This is my first year with PAPAS. I am six years old and homeschooled. I enjoy doing show choir with my little brother, Julian but I really like all the games I get to play when I go to my acting 1 class. I also take hip hop and ballet dance classes.

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Matilda McKean - *Student, Oompa Loompa*

I am 6 years old, born in San Diego and now living in Peoria attending Kellar Elementary. This is my first production. I like to play Roblox and read in my free time.

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Maysen McNutt - Student, Oompa Loompa, Little Ladybug

I am 8 years old and this is my first show. I have been watching my older sisters on stage for my entire life and am ecstatic to finally have a chance to perform. My absolute favorite things to do are dancing, singing and playing outside with my friends. Amazingly, my favorite food is salad with Olive Garden dressing!

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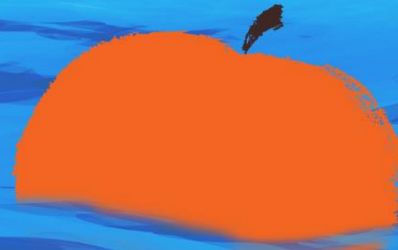


Henry Mills - *Student, Oompa Loompa, Little Grasshopper*

I am 9 years old and homeschooled. This is my fourth PAPAS show. I've been in the youth ensemble for *Shrek Jr.*, *Oklahoma*, *Joseph* and now *James*. I love all things science and engineering, building things and doing gymnastics and parkour.

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Rosie Nehls - *Student, Oompa Loompa*

I'm a student at Norwood Primary and am so glad you came to my 2nd show with PAPAS! You might remember me as Snow White in *Shrek Jr.* last year or from one of the numerous times I've been with my mom on stage! I hope you enjoy this magical performance!

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Penny Nowlan - *Student, Oompa Loompa*

I am 8 years old and in 2nd grade at Lincoln Elementary School in Morton. This is my 3rd PAPAS show. I was in *High School Musical* and *Oklahoma*. I play basketball and volleyball. I have two older siblings. I would like to thank my mom and dad for supporting my dreams of being a stage girl. Enjoy the show!!

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Gracie O'Neill - *Student, Oompa Loompa*

I am in the 4th grade at Monroe Grade School. This is my second year of PAPAS. I also enjoy softball and soccer. When I am not busy with all my activities, I love to spend time with my friends and family and play with my dog Mabrey.

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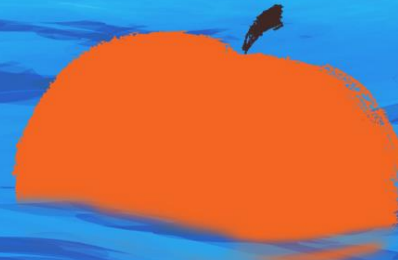


Sammy Pankey - *Student, Oompa Loompa*

I'm 9 years old and in 3rd grade at Kellar School. This is my third PAPAS show – I've been in *Shrek*, *Oklahoma* and *Joseph*. I was also in *Ragtime* when I was little. I like to swim, jump on my trampoline and play on my phone. Enjoy the show!

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Sebastian Russell - *Student, Oompa Loompa*

I'm 6 years old and this is my first PAPAS show! I am going into first grade at Germantown Hills Elementary School. I am in Spotlight Singers, play soccer, tball and basketball, and take hip hop dance class. I love playing Mario Cart and Minecraft with my twin brother and little sister. I hope you enjoy the show!

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Connor Schimmel - *Student, Oompa Loompa*

I'm 10 years old and love to make people laugh! I attend Hickory Grove and this is my third show with PAPAS (I did *Oklahoma* and the 2021 Holiday show.) I have three dogs, two cats, and a fish, and I LOVE hockey (Go Blues!) I also play soccer, basketball, and baseball.

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Molly Verplaetse - *Student, Oompa Loompa*

I just finished third grade at Concordia Lutheran School. I LOVE reading. I love school too. This is my first PAPAS production, and I will also be in CCT's *Aladdin* this summer! I was in *A Not So Terrible Parable* at my school. I play violin and piano. I am very excited to be in *James and the Giant Peach Jr.*