

CPA Theatre and Creative Writing

2025-2026

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Updates

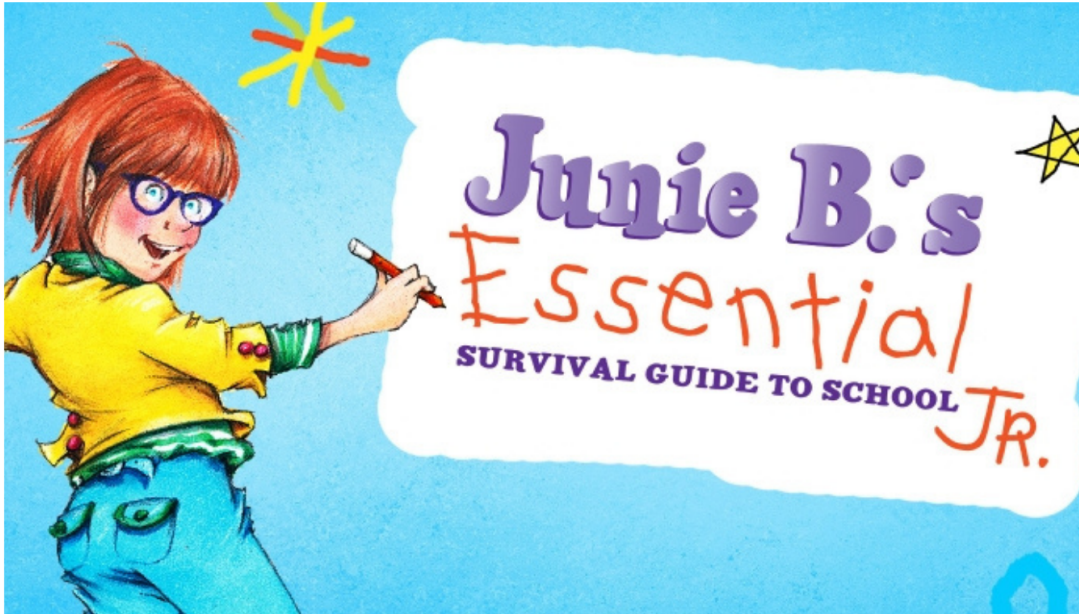
October

1. The Hispanic Heritage performance will be on October 15th. Please ensure your child arrives at school by 9:00 a.m. at the latest. The performance is for students only. On October 16th, Skylar and Samantha will perform for the 2nd part of the Hispanic Heritage performance. They will be needed at 9 am on the 16th.

2. Creative Writing show " Me, Myself and I" will premiere on October 22nd at 6:30 pm in the Black Box Theatre (classroom). Level 1 Theatre students will be participating in this performance. All participants are expected to stay after school on October 22nd until showtime. Please make sure you bring food or \$5 to order pizza.

3. Winter Performance rehearsals have been moved to October 29th! Every Tuesday and Thursday from 4:10-5:30-5:45 pm. Level 1 students will be performing backstage work for the winter show, and they will start coming to rehearsal on November 18th.

*Hyattsville Middle School CPA Theatre
proudly unveils:*



When: June 4th and June 5th 2025

6:30pm

**Where: Northwestern HS Jim Henson
Auditorium**

Price: \$7 for adults \$5 for kids

Snacks, flowers will be available for purchase.

***Creative Writing book samples will also be
displayed***

****Award ceremony will occur after the show on
June 5th!**

-Starting May 27th, CAST and CREW are expected at morning rehearsals.

-Morning rehearsals begin Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 8am for all CAST ONLY. Morning rehearsals will be on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

NO REHEARSAL MAY 13th! We will resume rehearsal on Wednesday. Please make sure your child has their all-black for the costume parade on Thursday.

Here are a few updates as we prepare for "30 Days till Show Day!" for Junie B Jones. As always, please reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have.

1. There have been some role changes, and just like Broadway, the show will and MUST go on! These changes are not new to the performance world, and I applaud my cast for their ability to be flexible, step up, and roll with the punches. They have been working so hard, and I am very proud of them.

2. As we prepare to have the full cast and crew at rehearsal, there will be a lot of "hurry up, sit and wait." The expectation is that even if you are not used during rehearsal, you are still on time, present, and ready to move when called. Please remind your child that this is not play time. They are welcome to do their homework or read while waiting, but everyone is expected to be at rehearsal from 4:15 pm-5:45 pm.

3. Some cast members will need to wear clothing from home. All female cast members will need to wear leggings or knee-length biker shorts that they will provide and wear under their costumes. I do not expect anyone to purchase a costume, but if you would like to do so for your child who is assigned to bring their costume from home, you are welcome to do so. If your child is asked to bring a costume piece from home, they will have a form sent home with them on Thursday. Remember that your child is responsible for any costumes or props that are used

during the show. Please remind them that they will be responsible for replacing any lost or damaged costumes and/or props.

4. A reminder, per your contract, no cast members are allowed to change the color of their hair or hairstyle without prior approval from the Director. Doing so violates their contract, which can put their role at risk of being changed.

5. Please make sure you download the Remind app, I am not able to respond to any parents who don't have the app downloaded. I'm not sure why.

6. On show dates June 4th and June 5th, we will go to Northwestern at noon. I am looking for some parents to coordinate a late lunch around 4 pm for the students at Northwestern for both nights. If you would like to spearhead this and/or be a part of the team, please let me know.

7. Creative Writing students are expected to attend the show dates, as their work will be displayed for viewing. They are welcome to attend both nights or one night.

8. I will send out an email on Thursday with an update on the morning rehearsal schedule. Stay tuned.

April

-New York 4/10-4/11

-Spring Break-4/13-4/21

-Starting in May we will add on Morning rehearsals on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**
8:00-9:30am

-Starting May 1st, we will transition to full cast and crew for all rehearsals.

March



-THEATRE FESTIVAL THIS SATURDAY!!! For those of you who signed up to attend the festival, please remember to come prepared to learn and grow and enjoy the Honors Theatre performance, maybe you'll be up there next year!!

-This is a reminder that all CPA students are REQUIRED to audition and attend assigned rehearsals per their CPA contract. If you do not audition, you will receive a "0" . All students are given a rehearsal grade weekly, if you do not attend rehearsal, you will also receive a "0". Students who did not attend auditions are assigned a backstage role.

-If you miss three or more rehearsals, and you did not give me notice on your audition form, your role will be up for recasting.

-Below is the rehearsal schedule, all students have been informed of rehearsal expectations, in every class. This rehearsal schedule is not broken down by scenes, as I decide which scenes will be worked on after rehearsal. All CPA theatre students are required to be prepared to be in rehearsal Tuesday -Thursday unless otherwise directed.

March-Junie B. Rehearsal 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	TO DO LIST:
						1	Rehearsal times: Mornings:7:30am-9:00am Afternoons:4:15pm-5:45pm
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
9	10	11 Cast and Crew Meeting -Paperwork -casting -Tech roles	12	13 Cast Read=Through -Tech Team Meetings -Turn in contracts	14	15	
16	17	18 Rehearsal	19 Rehearsal	20 Rehearsal	21	22	COSTUME AND PROP NEEDS:
23	24	25 Rehearsal	26 Rehearsal	27 Rehearsal	28	29	
30	31						

February

RESCHEDULED

AUDITIONS! JUNIE B. JONES

• IN THE THEATRE ROOM .

FEBRUARY 13, 2025 4:15PM PLEASE PREPARE: 1 MINUTE PREPARED MONOLOGUE (A PUBLISHED WORK), 30 SECONDS OF A SONG AND A MINIMUM OF 8 COUNTS OF A DANCE.

We have a Black History performance including all of my Theatre and Creative Writing students on **February 27th at 6 pm**. We will be staying after school until performance time. Creative Writing students will decide what they will wear for their group performance. Theatre students will use necessary costume pieces but wearing their own clothing that fits their character will be fine. My students have completely created and directed their own work for this show and will display their leadership and creativity skills for their peers, family, and community. I look forward to seeing you all there supporting the entire CPA program!

****Reminder****- As usual, please provide at least \$5 for your child to have pizza before showtime. Their \$5 guarantees at least three slices of pizza per student. If you do not provide \$5, please make sure your child brings their own food as there will no doordash or ubereats allowed.

* I will be out next week for my daughter's surgery. My expectations have been shared with my students and the substitute, they have plenty to work on. I am asking my parents to help me by making sure your child is working on memorizing their lines, and working with their ensemble on group calls. Also, I will be providing call-back details through email to students, please make sure they are checking their emails next week. If they receive a callback, they will have

instructions on expectations for the callbacks for the following week. Please make sure they are working on the provided scripts and songs.

***-Final dates for the Spring musical-** "Junie B Jones-Essential Guide to Surviving 1st Grade"- are **June 5th and 6th** at NorthWestern High School, More details will provided once casting is complete. We will have beautiful programs and selling ad space for family shout-outs and/or business advertisements. The directions for those submissions will be emailed at a later time The deadline for submission will be FINAL, so please plan ahead if you are planning on purchasing ad space.

****Theatre parents**** -Please provide a clear 15 qt container with lid to hold all your students all black clothing and any personal items they may need. We are having issues keeping up with our belongings and our costume shop needs to be better organized. If you cannot provide a container, please let me know and we will figure something out.

January

REHEARSAL UPDATE

Scheduling for classes has changed due to benchmark testing which will occur on Tuesday during 5th and 6th, which was supposed to be our rehearsal time. We will have to have rehearsal Tuesday at 8:00am, I need all cast and backstage crew present for rehearsal and on time. If you know that your child cannot come to rehearsal, please let me know. Our show will be that evening at 7pm, I'm looking forward to seeing you all in attendance!

New show date **January 28, 2025 at 7pm!** Tickets are \$5.

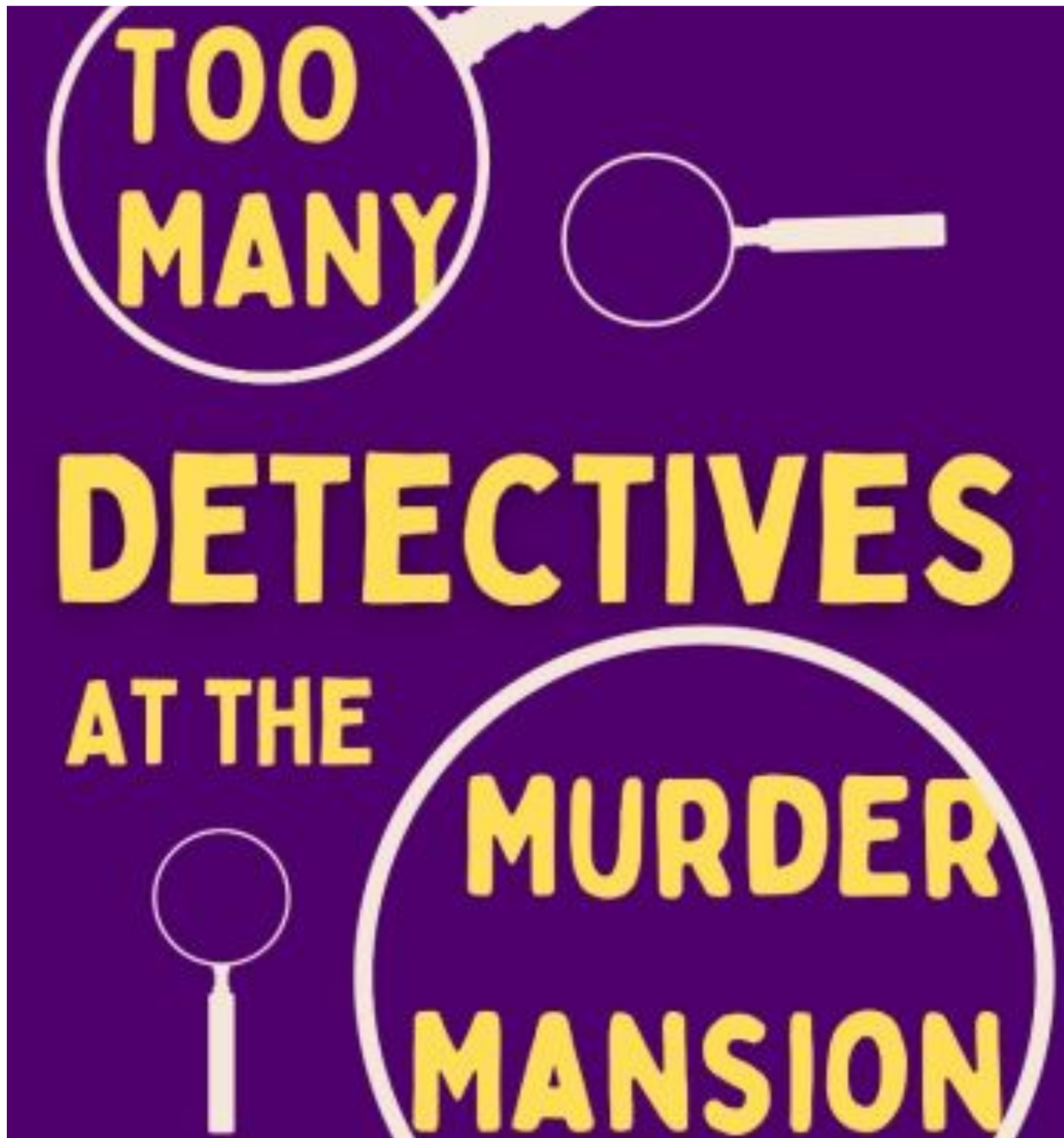
-No rehearsals until the day of the show!

-Please remember your \$5 for pizza on show day!

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!!!

<https://mailchi.mp/b3ef0df1dd5a/apply-now-training-scholarships-13636157?e=8a1b6b0807>

HMS CPA Theatre Presents...



**January 22nd-7pm Tickets are
\$5**

Happy New Year!

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- I am combining the bit.ly page for CW and Theatre to streamline information and ensure everyone knows what is happening in one space!
 - As we continue on our extended winter break, scheduling has been updated..
 - **SHOW HAS BEEN MOVED TO JANUARY 22ND AT 7PM.**
 - We will be rescheduling the show to a later date, hopefully, the following week, I will update you when I get the date approved.
 - Next week we will institute double rehearsal days for at least Tuesday 1/14/25 and Thursday 1/15/25 of next week. That means rehearsal will begin at 8:00-9:30 am and again at 4:15-5:30 pm. Please ensure your child has extra food as those will be long days. I will have snacks also but our kids like to eat so the more the better!
 - If your child is doing backstage work, please make sure that they bring their all-black uniform (including socks and shoes) for rehearsal on Tuesday.
 - ALL members of the cast, backstage included, are required to attend all rehearsals from this point forward.

-Creative Writing will have to work double time on publishing their book. We will get back into writing competitions this month once their books are complete.

-8th graders will begin working on their exit project. Details will be provided to those specific students once received.

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December

I am moving tomorrow's rehearsal to **Wednesday morning** due to an appointment. Techies and understudies are expected to attend all rehearsals starting 12/18/2025.

Remember rehearsals start at 8:00 am, so please be ON TIME. The following actors need to bring their costume pieces from home on Thursday. Thank you for your time.

Patricia-regular clothing

Sofia-regular clothing

Theo-costume

Emma-regular clothing

**Winter Show has been moved to JANUARY 15,2025 at 7:30. Our performance will follow the Visual Arts and Danc performance. Tickets are \$5

-We will begin winter show rehearsals **November 6th at 8:00-9:30am Tues-Thurs**. We will have auditions during class next week. Level 1 theatre students will do backstage, some level 1 students may be chosen to participate in the performance based on their classroom performance. Creative Writing level 1 students will perform one piece together while level II students will do individual work. Creative Writing students do not have to come to morning rehearsals until **November 19th**.

We will have after school in addition(if needed) to morning rehearsals **Dec 10-11,2025. Show will premiere December 12,2024 at 6:30pm**.

-Hispanic Heritage party for both Theatre classes will be on Wednesday,October 16,2024. Please make sure whatever item you provide is either store or restaurant purchased.

-Honors Theatre Ensemble-This year we are only allowed to nominate five students and I have a large number of students to choose from. To be equitable, I am only nominating students who have not been nominated before for HTE, this way, more students are given the opportunity to audition and join HTE. Thank you for your understanding.

-Date for Spring Show is postponed until confirmation from Northwestern HS.

-Theatre's Hispanic Heritage Month performance will be Friday, October 4, 2024 at 9:00am during breakfast. Parents are not allowed to attend but we will be recording the performance and sharing it.



February

Hello Parents,

As we head into the second week of rehearsals, I've had to make some adjustments to the manner in which the rehearsal schedule will be sent out. I post the rehearsal schedule on the bulletin board outside of the theatre and will do so bi-weekly. Each actor is responsible for making sure they have copied the schedule and know when they are responsible for coming to rehearsal. I have attached the most current dates for rehearsal and the May dates.

I am so proud of the work the actors have been doing so far! They have shown they are ready to work, putting their best foot forward, adjusting to changes with grace and really showing up for themselves. I am so excited about this cast! Thank you parents for helping them stay focused, study their lines, work on their singing and dancing, it's invaluable.

January

Spring Update

-Musical "Annie Jr"- **May 30th optional 2nd show May 31st**- Tickets will be \$5 for students and \$7 for adults. There will be a separate communication for the musical as there will be members of the cast that are not a part of CPA. That communication will begin once the cast list has been posted.

-Musical expectations & commitment

- If your child plans to participate in sports they will need to be able to handle both loads and we will work with the coaches to make sure our schedules do not conflict.

-Saturday Rehearsal 9-5 May 18th

-I will be creating an itemized list of costumes and props that are needed for the musical, if you would like to donate any of those items, please let me know.

- Students participating in the play will all pre-sell tickets and the student who sells the most will win a prize! There will also be tickets to purchase at the door but CASH ONLY.

-Black History Show- February 22nd @ 6:30pm in the gymnasium.

- PGCPs Theatre Competition- March 6th & 7th- Our official date will be sent out once my Supervisor confirms our slot.

-Book Publishing for CW

-CW 1 students will be creating a class book with their individual writings. I am working on individual books for my CW 2 students.

-8th grade Exit Assessment

- 8th graders must write a monologue, memorize a published monologue and write an essay. They are welcome to start working on this now but it is due in May.

-We will have monthly zoom meetings starting in February.

Nov 20-25

REHEARSALS ARE CANCELED FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023

-Rehearsals will begin this Monday, please make sure your child has snacks if they need them or any other items necessary for them to be present and ready to work for afterschool rehearsals.

-All students are expected to be off book by December 1st.

Nov 6-10

-Auditions will be held on Tuesday, Nov 14, 2023 for the upcoming winter show. Auditions will end at 5:15 and all students need to be picked up no later than 5:45pm.

-Rehearsals will be November 20th and 21st and will proceed after Thanksgiving break on November 25, Mon-Thurs until show day Dec 14th.

-Due to some issues we ran into with our previous show, I have added more rehearsal days for all onstage and offstage actors.

-FUNDRAISER DINNER!! - REMINDER! On November 15, 2023, from 4pm-8pm, Potomac Pizza is hosting a fundraiser for the Theatre and Creative Writing department. Please go by and pick up dinner between those specific hours and make sure to mention "Hyattsville MS Performing Arts Program" so we can receive credit. We will receive 20% of all proceeds, so let's show up and show out!

New York Trip

-With much interest, we have opened the New York trip up to all CPA programs! This will be a great opportunity for the CPA students to celebrate their many wins throughout the year and also grow interest in the program for our general education students. Due to this expansion, there may be some adjustments made to the itinerary to make sure we are going to places that highlight the various areas of interest for our CPA students. We will have the confirmed itinerary by the end of October.

-First deposit will be **November 6,2023!**

November 15,2023- FIELD TRIP TO LINCOLN CENTER

- October 16-21,2023
- SHOW DAY is TOMORROW!!!! Students will be staying after school until show time. Please make sure your child has money to get pizza that will be ordered right after school. All costumes and makeup should've been brought to school last week.
- If your child is doing tech for the show, they also have to stay after school until show time!
- Students **cannot** leave until the black box has been cleaned and re-set for the next day!

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- I'm still in need of a parent to do the concession stand, please email me and let me know that you are available. I will need you to come at 5:30!
 - Doors open at 6:00pm!!

WINTER SHOWCASE WILL BE **DECEMBER 14, 2023!**

REMINDERS

- Jacket orders will be available in two weeks!
- Make-up needs to be purchased by Dec 1, 2023 - Remember guys need foundation, powder, and eyeliner, girls need a full kit. Please remember to purchase disposable makeup applicators.
- Donations- Please remember if you are donating clothing it needs to be washed and sanitized. Also, we need any household type items, unique items and signature pieces for set and props.
- Mrs.Darby has volunteered to lead the Parent Troupe for Theatre and

Creative Writing  ! If you are interested in being a superstar and being apart of this troupe, please contact Mrs.Darby at twdarby777@gmail.com.

October 2-6, 2023

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- We are in the process of preparing for our show on October 16,2023! The students who were not off-book and/or did not attend the rehearsals have been assigned backstage tech for this show.
 - We are starting our first fundraiser with Krispy Kreme with a pre-sale of dozens. The link can be sent to family members who would like to support !!! Orders will start next Tuesday!
 - The New York Trip has been opened up to the entire CPA program but the number of students is capped at 50! Make sure you email me if you want your child to attend the trip, I will have a separate email for those families.
 - Costumes need to be brought to school next Tuesday!
 - I was not notified that there are NO AFTER SCHOOL BUSES. I need to know which students were depending on a bus to pick them up for afterschool rehearsals.

9/18-9/22

Hello Parents! We have created a system for communication that will assist in making sure that all information is streamlined in one space and we are able to reflect on past information without searching our emails! In this space you will find all information pertaining to the weekly expectations of our Theatre students, upcoming events, requested information and deadlines for all payments for the New York trip.

-OCTOBER SHOWCASE- MONDAY, OCTOBER 16,2023

-ALL CPA THEATRE STUDENTS

- Students are currently choosing their monologue and /or scene. Below are the requirements for CPA I and II
 - All CPA II students are required to do two pieces, a scene and a monologue. CPA I are required to do one monologue.
 - There will be two CPA I students who will be chosen to do one scene based, they will be informed at the end of the week.
 - Monologues are to be no less than 2 minutes and scenes are to be 3-5 minutes long.
 - Costumes and props are available but if you would like to bring something from home, that is fine, just bring them to school on the first day of rehearsal.
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THIS IS THE YEAR OF SETTING A NEW STANDARD!!!