

Harris Hill PTA in conjunction with Bravo! Creative Arts presents....

# **PRESS START!**

## **A New Children's Musical**

Online Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/S53oLQDuVWjMLJqM9>

**Dear Parents and Students:**

**We are all looking forward to a fantastic second half of the year and our Spring production of Press Start! In this packet, you should find all the information you need regarding auditions, rehearsals, and performances for Press Start. If not, feel free to contact me for further information. And most important: as you come to audition, remember... putting on a play is a team sport! When everyone is cast in a role, performing their best and working together, it not only becomes a piece of art but.... IT'S A LOT OF FUN!**

**We hope that being able to review the rehearsal schedule and list your conflicts should help to provide lots of flexibility for your family to make rehearsals work around sports, lessons, and other family activities. On the audition form you will have the opportunity to sign up for the role that most interests and fits your child.**

**I look forward to seeing you at auditions!**

**Sincerely,**

**Edward Rocha, Director**

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### **ROLES & CASTING**

Press Start is filled with many fantastic roles of all sizes. Casting will be based on an actor's age/grade, rehearsal availability, interests, and audition.

\*Please check out: [BRIEF SYNOPSIS & CHARACTER LIST](#)

### **TIME COMMITMENT**

The Production Team is dedicated to providing a quality educational and artistic experience to as many students as possible. We will do our best to honor the schedule we present by making as few or no changes to the schedule and by always starting and stopping on time.

## **PARENT MEETING**

We will be holding a parent meeting once we are up and running. This is a great opportunity to meet the Director, find out more details about the production process and ask any questions regarding the show. Meeting date and time TBD.

## **COSTUMES**

Costumes will be provided by Bravo! Since these costumes will need to be returned and the kids change in a coed setting, we require appropriate undergarments to be worn. Individual students will be asked to provide: black fitted short sleeved top and black leggings or fitted shorts. It is important that undergarments are not bulky so that the costume pieces will fit. Information regarding hair, make-up and shoes will be sent home two weeks before production week. If financial assistance is needed to help outfit your child or children both Bravo! and the PTA will be happy to assist. The last thing anyone wants is for a child not be able to participate due to any financial constraints.

## **COMMUNICATION**

E-mail blasts will be our primary means of communication. We will post all schedules and pertinent show information to the PTA website. Please check the website often.

## **CONFLICTS**

Please make every effort to report absences before the rehearsal time. That way the teaching team can adjust the schedule to accommodate. Excessive absences or tardiness may require some modifications to a student's role.

\*ALL FOR ONE AND ONE FOR ALL\*

## **MEMORIZATION**

Memorizing your lines is one of the major responsibilities for all actors. We're in this together! Actors who struggle with lines make it difficult for the entire cast to rehearse. The due date for memorizing is 2/20. Actors who are not actively working on memorization by the due dates may be asked to discuss the continuation of their role.

## **UNDERSTUDIES**

Since all kinds of things can happen during a rehearsal period, understudies may be assigned as we go along. This can help to cover conflicts, illnesses etc. Should the need arise to use understudies, the Production Team will inform the understudy and the actor they are helping of any changes to schedules or rehearsal responsibilities.

## **LITTLE PLAYERS (K-1) & TECH CREW (3-5)**

Little Players is our group of actors in K and 1st grade. They will have the opportunity to sing and dance in our big production numbers this year. We also have opportunities for students grades 3-5 who would like to work on the technical aspects of the show. There are no auditions required for these roles.

*\*K-1 starts on 2/11 & Tech Crew(Grades 3-5) 2/17*

## **BEHAVIOR/DISCIPLINE POLICY**

We follow the same rules of conduct as students are expected to follow during the school day, as outlined in the Harris Hill Code of Conduct Handbook. Details of our rehearsal policy will be outlined at our first rehearsal and parent meeting.

## **CLOSED REHEARSALS AND CHAPERONES**

Rehearsals are considered “closed” rehearsals. Family and friends are asked to wait outside of the rehearsal area for your students. This keeps our noise level and distractions to a minimum. However, if you would like to observe rehearsals we encourage you to become a rehearsal chaperone. You can sign up for one or more rehearsals depending upon your availability. Chaperones will be asked to help monitor noise levels and student activity during rehearsal times, as well as supervise daily clean up. We really welcome any helpers! Sign up information will be provided at the audition and parent meeting.

## **VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS**

It takes a small army to make these productions! That’s where our parents come in. We ask that each parent take on a pre-production *and* a production job so that we share the workload. If you have a special area of expertise that you would like to offer help with, we would love to hear from you! We will be covering volunteer jobs at the audition and parent meeting.

## **STRIKE / CLEANUP**

\*Parents help with STRIKE (cleanup of the set) – we ask that people stay and help until the area is cleaned up and ready for school!

## **BRIEF SYNOPSIS &** **CHARACTER LIST CASTING BREAKDOWN**

### **SYNOPSIS**

PRESS START transports us inside the bright, pixelated world of video games! When the famous characters we know and love run out of lives, they decide to put on a musical fundraiser that will help them raise gold rings and play on. Through hilarious and heartfelt musical numbers we see the heroes, villains and sidekicks like we've never seen them before. But when things go terribly awry, it's the quiet sidekick Little Mushroom who must find the hero within to help save the day!

### **HEROES**

**YOUNG ADVENTURER is inspired by Link from The Legend of Zelda.**

- co-host of the fundraiser
- a little vain, self-centered
- Requires: good comedic timing, strong stage presence, confident clear voice, comfortable memorizing a lot of lines

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 4, 6, 9, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19

# of Lines: 43

**MARCO THE PLUMBER is inspired by Mario from Super Mario Bros.**

- overly dramatic and sensitive about not being in play
- breaks out into silly crying tantrums
- loves ketchup
- speaks in an Italian accent
- Requires: great comedic timing

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 5, 8, 12, 16, 17, 19

# of Lines: 20

**SPEEDY THE HEDGEHOG is inspired by Sonic from Sonic the Hedgehog**

- lots of energy, speaks quickly
- introduces Pan Anne

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 5, 12, 16, 17, 19

# of Lines: 11

**MEGAKID is inspired by MegaMan from the MegaMan Series**

- comes of a bit younger than the rest of the heroes
- a bit whiny
- part robot

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 5, 12, 16, 17, 19

# of Lines: 12

**KARATE GUY/GIRL is inspired by characters in the martial arts type video games like “Kung Fu”**

- average joe personality
- wise-cracking

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 5, 12, 16, 17, 19

# of Lines: 9

**JOHN ELWAY is inspired by sports-themed video games**

- The character can be customized and renamed to any famous athlete that is popular in your community
- a mentor who believes in Little Mushroom
- speaks with the confident, inspiring tone you'd hear during a half-time locker room speech

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 12, 16, 17, 19

# of Lines: 27

**HERO ENSEMBLE participates in all the Hero numbers. can be flexible in size.**

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 4, 6, 9, 10, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 5, 12, 16, 17, 19

## **VILLAINS**

**SPIKEY TURTLE is inspired by Bowser from Super Mario Bros.**

- a little gruff, but warm-hearted
- a family guy who enjoys the suburban life
- good friends with Marco

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 9, 16, 19

# of Lines: 9

**MAD SCIENTIST (general villain, not inspired by specific character)**

- more intellectual than the rest
- a bit crazy

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 9, 16, 19

# of Lines: 4

**EVIL ROBOT (general villain, not inspired by specific character)**

- a robotic villain
- tallies the ringometer
- has a robotic style of speech

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 15, 16, 19

# of Lines: 13

**SLIMY ALIEN (general villain, not inspired by specific character)**

- likes things that are a little strange
- introduces Pac Anne

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 6, 9, 10, 15, 16, 19

# of Lines: 6

**GENERIC GHOST is inspired by the ghosts in Pac Man.**

- smooth and confident
- scares away Pac Anne

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 9, 16, 19

# of Lines: 4

**ZOMBIE (general villain, not inspired by specific character)**

- not too bright
- loves mushrooms
- very limited vocabulary

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 9, 16, 19

# of Lines: 3

**VILLAIN ENSEMBLE participates in all the villain ensemble numbers, can be flexible in size.**

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 9, 16, 19

## **SIDEKICKS**

### **LITTLE MUSHROOM is inspired by Toadstool from Super Mario Bros.**

- the lead of the show
  - quiet and shy
  - was taught to always be behind the scenes, but feels she has more to offer
  - ends up saving the day with her tap routine
  - Requires: very strong acting, singing, and dancing.
- Must be believable and able to show sincerity.

SONGS: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 3, 8, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19

# of Lines: 39

### **LORENZO THE BROTHER is inspired by Luigi from Super Mario Bros.**

- Marco's brother
- speaks in an Italian accent
- cheerful and helpful

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 13, 16, 19

# of Lines: 7

### **HELPFUL DINOSAUR is inspired by Yoshi from Super Mario Bros.**

- cheerful and helpful

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 13, 16, 19

# of Lines: 8

### **FAIRY GUIDE is inspired by Link's Fairy Companion Navi in The Legend of Zelda**

- always giving advice (perhaps a little too much!)

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 13



SCENES: 1, 2, 13, 16, 19

# of Lines: 3

**PAWS THE FOX is inspired by Miles Prower from Sonic the Hedgehog**

- cute and helpful

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 13, 16, 19

# of Lines: 2

**K9 is inspired by “Rush”, the robotic dog in the MegaMan series**

- cheerful and helpful

- occasionally adds dog-like phrases to his/her speech

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 13, 16, 19

# of Lines: 4

**SIDEKICK ENSEMBLE participates in all sidekick numbers.**

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 13, 16, 19

**OTHER CHARACTERS**

**PRINCESS POMEGRANATE is inspired by Princess Peach from Super Mario Bros.**

- cousin to Princess Peach, more down-to-earth

- co-host of the evening

- Requires: strong stage presence, a clear loud speaking voice, and comfortability memorizing a lot of lines

- has no singing solo

- NOTE: sings with sidekicks during FINAL LEVEL number

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 9, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 19

# of Lines: 44

**PAC ANNE is inspired by Pac Man.**

- the oldest hero who gets treated like she's past her prime

- becomes the villain, tries to sabotage the fundraiser

- can be renamed to Pac Dan if played by a boy

- NOTE: sings with heroes during the Final Level number but slips out halfway through

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 4, 9, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 16, 19

# of Lines: 11

**SQUARE BUILDER EVE is inspired by "Steve" from Minecraft**

- a spoiled celebrity who knows she's #1

- can be renamed to Square Builder Steve if played by a boy

- NOTE: sings with heroes during the FINAL LEVEL number

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 9, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 4, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19

# of Lines: 4

**ANGRY BIRDY is inspired by the characters in Angry Birds game.**

- always appears angry, even if saying something positive

- has a deep disdain for pigs

- NOTE: sings with heroes during the FINAL LEVEL number

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 9, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 4, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19

# of Lines: 4

**GIUSEPPE is Marco and Lorenzo's 2nd cousin twice removed.**

- comedic character with recurring bit
- punches unlimited coin block throughout the show
- has an Italian accent
- NOTE: can double as part of the sidekick ensemble

SONGS: Vocal Tracks 1, 4, 8, 9, 11, 13

SCENES: 1, 2, 7, 13, 14, 16, 19

# of Lines: 2

### **AUDITION INFORMATION**

Everyone who signs-up will receive a part in the production!

Performers - Students Grades 2-5 signing up for PRESS START must attend an online audition.

1. Please read through all the information posted on PTA website before making a commitment to the production. Fill out an audition form located online through the PTA site.
2. There are no auditions required for Technical Crew. please fill out the necessary online form and you'll receive any information or material that will be distributed once the show is underway.

Performers:

Please familiarize yourself with the first verse of the song *Press Start*. You will also need to select one of the scenes from the list below.

Come to your audition day and be ready to sing, act and have fun!

### **YOUNG ADVENTURER**

**YOUNG ADVENTURER - Welcome, ladies and gentlemen, to "Press Start", a musical fundraiser where YOU can**

**help your favorite video game characters gain more lives and play on. I'm your host,**

**Young Adventurer With A Green Hat and Boomerang.**

**PRINCESS POMEGRANATE - And I'm Princess Pomegranate!**

**YOUNG ADVENTURER - (Apologizing to the audience)Sorry folks, Princess Peach was tied up this evening.**

**PRINCESS POMEGRANATE - Ahem! All these heroes are out of rings and out of lives. But with your help tonight we**

**can raise enough gold rings to allow us all to play on!**

**YOUNG ADVENTURER - You met the heroes, let's meet their helpers...**

**MEGAKID**

**MEGAKID- Hey Little Mushroom, do you have the fundraiser script? I need to take a look at**

**something...**

**LITTLE MUSHROOM - Uh yea, I think I might have one in here somewhere. (she goes to look through her bag)**

**MEGAKID - Let me take a look. (Grabs the bag from her)**

**LITTLE MUSHROOM - Wait! No!**

**(MEGAKID fumbles around, then pulls out her tap shoes.)**

**MEGAKID - (look of confusion) What are these?**

**LITTLE MUSHROOM - (embarrassed) Uh...nothing.**

**(MEGAKID takes them out, puts one on each hand, starts clapping them together and**

**tapping them on the ground.)**

**MEGAKID - Wow! These are fun! What do you call them?**

**MARCO THE PLUMBER and LITTLE MUSHROOM**

**LITTLE MUSHROOM (very positive, lots of energy) - Hey, Marco!**

**(no answer...she knocks again) Marco, I know you're in there, I can hear your crunching.**

**(no answer, she cautiously opens the imaginary door and lets herself in, she sees**

**MARCO slumped in the chair) There you are! Hey want to go take the cart around the racetrack today...what do you say?**

**MARCO (dramatically)- What's-a the point?! I've been out of play-a forever! Can you pass me that bottle of ketchup?**

**LITTLE MUSHROOM - (reluctantly grabbing the ketchup and bringing it to him) Here ya go...how many bottles of ketchup have you gone through? You gotta take it easy on that stuff!**

**MARCO - (pouring ketchup on his potato chips) Who-a cares, I have no rings, I have no-a lives...there's nothing left...but ketchup!**

**LITTLE MUSHROOM - You know, just 'cause you're out of play doesn't mean you have to stay all cooped up in here.**

**MARCO - (breaking down into a crying tantrum) Cooped up? Koop-as?! Oh, how I miss-a the Koopas!**

### **SPEEDY THE HEDGEHOG**

**PRINCESS POMEGRANATE - Now I have to ask the tough question, that I'm sure is on everyone's mind...how did you all run out of lives?**

**SPEEDY - The truth is, staying alive is hard, hard work. Every time we're in play we're battling terrible obstacles.**

**MARCO - Molten lava!**

**KARATE GUY - Taekwondo masters!**

**JOHN ELWAY - The New England Patriots!**

**SPEEDY - (acting confident) But it's no big deal, we're well-oiled machines.**

**MEGAKID (raising his hand) Some of us, literally.**

**JOHN ELWAY - Yea, we've trained our whole lives for this stuff. Watch this...Marco, look out! Hammer**

**brothers everywhere, giant bullets coming right at you, a lava pit up ahead!**

**MARCO - (reacting quickly and acting out the imagined scene) Dodge-a the hammers, jump on the bullet to launch over the lava! Wa-Hoo!!!**

**SPEEDY - Karate Guy! Two henchmen sneaking up behind you!**

**JOHN ELWAY**

**LITTLE MUSHROOM - (with a surprised jump)Ah!! John Elway, you scared me! What are you doing here?**

**JOHN ELWAY - I thought I heard something...hey, what were you doing with your feet there?**

**LITTLE MUSHROOM - (trying to stand completely still) Uh...um...nothing!**

**JOHN ELWAY- I may be an all-star MVP football player, but that doesn't mean I don't recognize a timestep when I hear one.**

**LITTLE MUSHROOM - I...I....**

**JOHN ELWAY - You've got some serious talent there Little M! Please tell me you're performing in the show later.**

**LITTLE MUSHROOM- Just...just the sidekick number...**

**JOHN ELWAY - What?! With that talent you need a solo! Center stage! The audience will love it! Did you even ask for a slot?**

**LITTLE MUSHROOM - No way, I could never – I'm just a NPC.**

**JOHN ELWAY - A what?**

**LITTLE MUSHROOM - A 'Non-Playing Character.' You know, a sidekick. Nobody really cares about us.**

**JOHN ELWAY - Take a knee, kid. (LITTLE MUSHROOM, after a confused pause, kneels on one knee. Cheesy inspirational half-time music begins to play.) When you're facing 3rd and 10 in the fourth quarter down by two possessions it's no time to rely on the old playbook, ya gotta dig deep and go for the hail mary that could put ya back in this....you know what I'm saying?**

**LITTLE MUSHROOM - I'm not following...**

**JOHN ELWAY - Like a good friend told me, you miss 100% of the shots you don't take.**

### **PRINCESS POMEGRANATE**

**PRINCESS POMEGRANATE - Tonight's show is broadcast throughout all the video game kingdoms, but we're especially excited about performing live, right here in Hunter River**

**YOUNG ADVENTURER - Because our sources tell us that your kids play more video games than anyone else....anywhere! Parents, we thank you!**

**PRINCESS POMEGRANATE - Tonight is all about giving, and to help explain how you can participate, let's welcome, Evil Robot!**

**(EVIL ROBOT steps over to the Ringometer.)**

**EVIL ROBOT - (speaks like an evil robot) To my left is the Ringometer 5000 – a machine I designed to take over the entire world! Muahahaha!**

**PRINCESS POMEGRANATE - (scolding) Evil Robot!**



**EVIL ROBOT- Just kidding. This machine tallies the rings that you donate. Our goal is 5,000 rings, because that's how many we need to earn enough lives for everyone.**

**PRINCESS - Have there been any rings donated so far?**

**EVIL ROBOT - here we are ask – ing you help us to – night. Come on and help us. You've got – ta help us, Come on and help us play on!  
Calculating...calculating...calculating...we have earned....(SFX).....535 rings...which is 10.7 percent of our goal.**

**PRINCESS - We're on our way!**

**YOUNG ADVENTURER - Now we know what you may be thinking; how did we get all these famous video game characters together, in one room, for this special event?**

**PRINCESS - It all began one morning when the sidekick Little Mushroom went to check-in on her hero, Marco the Plumber...**

### **ALL OTHER CHARACTERS**

**Kid Hero (Boy or Girl)**

**I've always dreamed of being a hero. I've tried everything to become super. I let a spider bite me... no spider powers; just lots of itching. I tried standing too close to the microwave oven hoping the radiation would change me. Nothing. And I got in trouble for making so many bags of popcorn. But I took it all to school and had a popcorn party. I was a hero that day. So I guess it kinda worked.**

**PRESS START: Song Lyrics**

**Press start! And we begin our journey.**

**Press start! It's time to save the day.  
Press start! Can't let the villains get in our way.**

**Press start! That synthy soundtrack guides us.  
Press start! We gotta grab those rings.  
Press start! Can't wait to see what the next level brings!**

**'Cause when we're in play everything is alright.  
All our worries are gone.  
So here we are asking you; Help us tonight.  
Come on and help us play on.**