
James & The Giant Peach Jr.

Participation Information



Use this checklist to ensure that you have done both online forms BEFORE the workshop/auditions.

- ☐ **Fill out** “JGP Contact & Dismissal Form 2024”
- ☐ **Fill out** “JGP Family Commitment & Involvement Form 2024”

Only students with completed online forms will be admitted to workshops & auditions:

Monday, December 4 @ 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm - 5th grade workshop

Wednesday, December 6 @ 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm - 4th grade workshop

Monday, December 11 @ 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm - 5th grade auditions

Wednesday, December 13 @ 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm - 4th grade auditions

Monday, December 18 @ 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm - 4th & 5th grade callbacks**

*****NOT all students will need to attend callbacks. A list will be posted by December 16th.*****

The final cast list will be posted on our musical website on Friday, December 22nd.

Online Form Directions

JGP Contact & Dismissal Form 2024

- ***Must be completed for your student to attend workshops.***

This form will provide us with essential contact and dismissal information for our musical families.

JGP Family Commitment & Involvement Form 2024

- ***Must be completed for your student to attend auditions.***

This form will confirm student availability on important dates and provide us with volunteer information for our musical families.

Students must take responsibility for attending rehearsals, following expectations during rehearsals, and preparing their parts the best that they can to support their fellow cast members and overall progress of the show. This form will also ask families to sign off agreeing to these expectations.

We will only be sending these mandatory forms to families who signed in at the informational meeting. It is important to us that all families receive the information from our meeting before signing up their student(s). Future handouts and announcements will be posted on our musical website:

MIDDLETON MUSICAL WEBSITE: <https://bulldogdrama.weebly.com/middleton-musical.html>

General Information

Commitment

We are thrilled that you are interested in being a part of the Middleton musical!

Being a part of a theatrical production is a wonderful opportunity to experience an “art form superfood” (music, language arts, dance, visual arts, digital arts) and to perform as an ensemble ...and, of course, to have some fun!

That being said, please consider that joining the musical is also a serious commitment. It requires a great deal of time, effort, and focus to prepare for a production. Students will be expected to come to rehearsals on time and ready to learn with their script and a pencil. Directors will set clear goals for memorization of lines, song lyrics, dance moves, and blocking that may require practice at home for some students. Students must take responsibility for keeping focus during rehearsals and preparing their parts the best that they can to support their fellow cast members and overall progress of the show.

The musical is a longer and larger commitment than a simple enrichment class. Some roles will rehearse up to 3 days a week with monthly weekend rehearsals. (***NOTE: Most characters will not be requested at every scheduled rehearsal***). Please see the [Rehearsal Hours & Mandatory Dates](#) page for more information on the time commitment. Keep in mind that students will be at **tech rehearsals** until 7pm most nights during the week leading up to the show.

Please take a close look at the required dates listed in the online *JGP Family Commitment & Involvement Form 2024* and determine if this is a commitment your family is ready and willing to take on. The form must be completed online for your student to attend auditions.

Musical Fee

Students participating in the musical will pay a **\$61.00 enrollment fee (made payable to District 73.5 - to be brought in after they have accepted their assigned role)** to cover the cost of their script, musical royalties, show shirt, and some sets, props, and costume items. Most students will be asked to provide their own socks and shoes, and many roles will also provide a basic black base (black pants and shirt).

Family Involvement

We understand how busy everyone is, but we also need your help to make your students' show a success. **Please fill out the *JGP Family Commitment & Involvement Form 2024* online.** Families must complete this form online to attend the student auditions.

Rehearsal Hours & Mandatory Dates

We rehearse up to three days a week (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) until 4pm in January & February. Rehearsal length increases to two hours or more each rehearsal for some of March and all of April.

This being said, not all characters are scheduled to attend every rehearsal. Below is an outline that describes the time commitment of the show by role:

- **Roles That Attend Most Rehearsals** - James, Spiker, Sponge, Ladahlord
- **Roles with a Larger Time Commitment-** Ladybug, Grasshopper, Spider, Earthworm, Centipede, Glowworm, Matron Nurse
- **Roles with an Average Time Commitment-** Magic Makers, Creatures, Brits, Americans, Vagrants, Buzz, Billy & Bobby Bobby-Cop

We have planned three Saturday rehearsals (one per month starting in January) at Middleton that **all cast members must attend**. These dates are as follows:

- **Saturday Jan 20th**, 9am-12pm (rehearsal & headshot photos)
- **Saturday Feb 24th**, 9am-12pm (rehearsal & costume fitting)
- **Saturday March 16th**, 9am-12pm (rehearsal & costume fitting)

The weeks leading up to the show require more rehearsals and longer hours. During our tech rehearsals at McCracken, **all cast members must be in attendance**. Students will be bussed to **McCracken** after school on Monday-Thursday, and family members will pick them up at McCracken. These dates are as follows:

- **Saturday, April 13th**, 9am-3pm (parents provide roundtrip transportation)
- **Monday, April 15th**, 3pm-7pm
- **Tuesday, April 16th**, 2pm-7pm
- **Wednesday, April 17th**, 3pm-7pm

All cast members must attend ALL musical performances at McCracken. These dates are as follows:

- **Thursday, April 18th** (student performance followed by rehearsal until 4pm)
- **Friday, April 19th @ 7pm**, 5:45pm call time
- **Saturday, April 20th @ 2pm**, 12:45pm call time
- **Saturday, April 20th @ 7pm**, 5:45pm call time