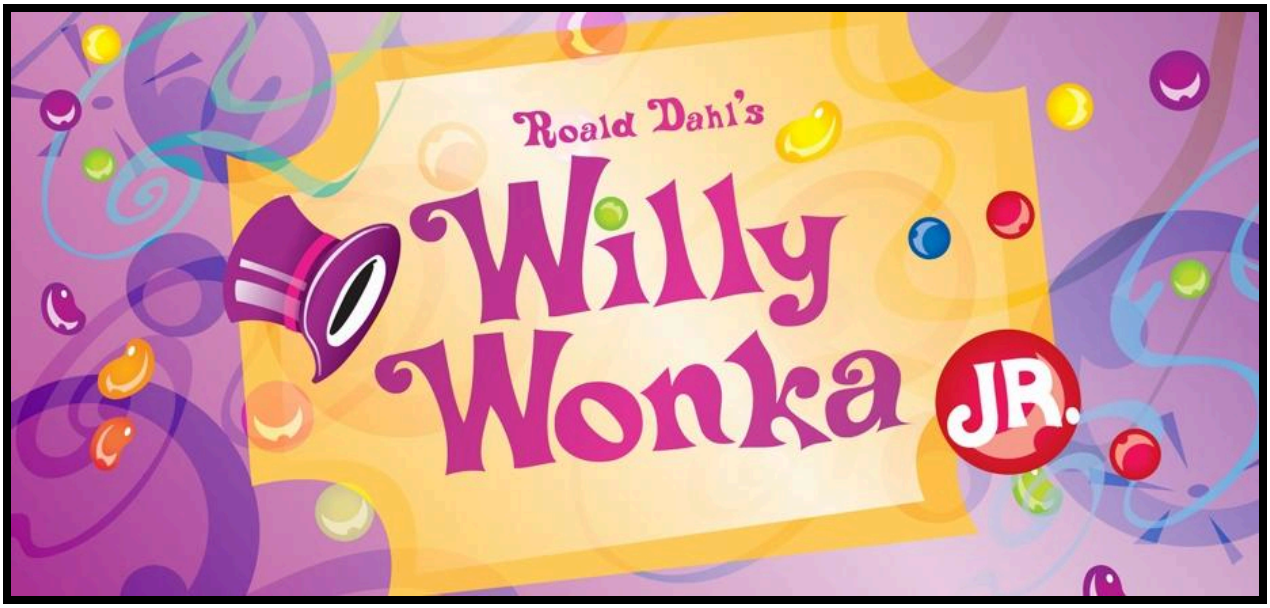


Dear Kenwood Station Elementary Families,

We are thrilled to announce auditions for our upcoming production of *Willy Wonka, Jr.*! This packet contains all the information you need to help your child have a successful audition and prepare for an unforgettable experience.

Auditions are open to students in grades 2 through 5 and will take place on **Thursday, January 9th, from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM** in the **Kenwood Station Library Media Center**. Each student will be assigned a specific audition time based on their preferences, which they can select when submitting their audition form.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to the directors:

- Jessica Holmes: Jessica.Holmes@oldham.kyschools.us
- Elizabeth Slayton: slaytonelizabeth16@yahoo.com

We can't wait to see the talent and enthusiasm our Kenwood Station students bring to the stage. Thank you for supporting your child's participation in this exciting opportunity!

Sincerely,
Jessica Holmes & Elizabeth Slayton
Musical Production Team

AUDITION INFORMATION

STEP ONE: OVERVIEW

Watch This Video: https://bit.ly/4fnaenQ

STEP TWO: SCHEDULE

Before registering your child for an audition, please carefully review the rehearsal and show week schedules to confirm their full availability. Consistent attendance is essential, as theater staging, choreography, and music rely on the participation and collaboration of the entire cast.

Rehearsal Schedule:

- Rehearsals will be held on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**, beginning **January 15, 2025**.
- Rehearsals will run from **2:20 PM to 3:45 PM** each week.

Show Week Schedule:

- **Show Week:** April 7–13, 2025
- Activities during Show Week will include:
    - **Technical Rehearsal Night**
    - **Dress Rehearsal Night**
    - **Final Rehearsal Night**
    - **2–3 Public Performances**

Thank you for ensuring your child can fully commit to these important dates and contribute to the success of our production!

STEP THREE: PREPARING FOR THE AUDITION

Students auditioning for *Willy Wonka, Jr.* will be expected to complete the following audition components:

- **Scene Reading**: Recite lines as part of a small group with other audition participants.
- **Solo Song Performance**: Perform a one-minute song of their choice independently.
- **Dance Routine**: Perform a 17-second choreography piece in a small group with fellow audition participants.

SCENE:

For this portion of the audition, students will participate in a small-group reading of the two-page scene included in this packet. During the audition, students may be asked to perform as several different characters from the scene. To best showcase their abilities, students are strongly encouraged to memorize all lines as thoroughly as possible. This will allow them to demonstrate skills

such as memorization, character development, facial expressions, body language, and vocal expression.

Helpful Tips for Success:

- Memorize **all lines** from the scene, as you may be asked to read for multiple characters.
- Perform your lines as if you were on stage, incorporating **facial expressions, body language, and vocal inflection** to bring the characters to life.

SONG:

For this portion of the audition, students will perform a one-minute song of their choice independently. Song selections should be **Disney or musical theater-themed, age-appropriate, and showcase the student's vocal range and stage presence**. Students should also feel confident performing the song independently.

Suggested Song Examples:

- *"Do-Re-Mi"* (*The Sound of Music*)
- *"Tomorrow"* (*Annie*)
- *"Pure Imagination"* (*Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*)
- *"Part of Your World"* (*The Little Mermaid*)
- *"I Just Can't Wait to Be King"* (*The Lion King*)
- *"A Spoonful of Sugar"* (*Mary Poppins*)

Each family must provide a link to the **instrumental accompaniment** for the selected song when submitting the audition registration form so that we can have the track ready to play during the audition.

If you need assistance with selecting a song or locating an instrumental accompaniment, please contact Elizabeth Slayton at slaytonelizabeth16@yahoo.com. We are happy to help!

DANCE:

For this portion of the audition, students will perform a 17-second piece of choreography, which can be found at the following link:

https://youtu.be/g4DC65U5fNc (timestamp: 0:00–0:17).

Students should practice the first 17 seconds of the choreography, commonly referred to as the **Oompa Loompa dance**, in preparation for their audition. During the audition, they will perform this routine as part of a small group with their fellow participants.

We encourage students to focus on memorizing the movements, maintaining energy, and showcasing their ability to work as part of a team.

STEP FOUR: THE DAY OF AUDITION

To ensure a smooth and successful audition, please review the following expectations for the day:

- **Be On Time**: Each student will have an assigned audition time. It is crucial to arrive on time to ensure that the audition runs smoothly and that all students have adequate time to perform.
- **Come Professionally Dressed**: Students should arrive in **professional attire** suitable for an audition. While formal clothing is not required, please dress as if you are preparing for a performance. Students may also wear **costumes** if they wish, as long as they are appropriate for the audition.
- **Come Prepared**: All students should have their **lines reviewed and memorized** in advance. We ask that students avoid a cold read and come ready to perform their scene with confidence.
- **Bring a Positive Attitude**: Auditions are an opportunity to showcase talent and enthusiasm! Students should come with a positive attitude, ready to give their best effort and enjoy the experience.
- **Parents/Guardians**: We ask that parents and guardians remain in the designated waiting area during auditions to minimize distractions.

Thank you for supporting your child's preparation for the audition. We look forward to seeing their talents shine!

STEP FIVE: SUBMIT AUDITION REGISTRATION

Once you have reviewed all the information provided, selected your child's song, and are ready to proceed with the audition, please use the link below to complete the registration.

REGISTRATION LINK: https://forms.gle/1WAQpudgA8LcgbkcA