

Peach Buzz #13 – The Finale!

Hello Cast/Crew Parents,

The Giant Peach has finished its transatlantic journey for the last time, and we're ready to start a new adventure – hopefully enjoying the outdoor spring weather whenever it comes! This is our final Peach Buzz, and you'll be able to safely open your e-mail without a reminder about call times, a request for helping hands, or a to-do list (at least from me).

This was such a wonderful show, and its success was due to all of your help! Whether you were a committee lead, pitched in on multiple committees, or just did whatever anyone asked you to do, you were all part of making James and the Giant Peach, JR a fantastic experience for all of our kids, which is really what this is all about. You could tell from opening night through to the close that they were all having fun and creating long-lasting memories. They have come so far from January 16 when they first opened their scripts. Sara, Atticus, Morgan, and I couldn't be happier with how the show came together. The cast and crew members' hard work really showed and everyone loved the performances. It has been a pleasure to work alongside all of you as well as with our creative team and supporting players. Thank you for the beautiful peach roses, which have taken center stage on our kitchen island, replacing the post-it notes, to-do lists and paint swatches. Let me just say, I, along with several others, hope it is a long time before we paint stripes again!

On Sunday, the entire set was taken down and put in storage – how sad. I can still remember that bright, sunny January Saturday when Kelly O'Brien's Peach Cobblers opened the storage shed to unload pieces to start the set build. That day will come again next year, when SLS prepares for its next journey through Spring Musical land! If you think you may want to get more involved next year with Spartan Lyrical Society, I encourage you to attend our board meetings (usually the second Tuesday of each month), which are open to all SLS members. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 9th in the chorus room at 7 pm. If you have any questions about the spring musical in particular, or SLS, please feel free to contact me at kkfalk@comcast.net any time.

A few final announcements:

Extra DVDs: You know you loved the show; send it to a friend or a loved one via DVD. Extra DVDs can be purchased for \$15 through Wednesday [here](#).

Cast parents only, please take a few minutes to complete our anonymous play feedback [survey](#). This will help us to improve for next year. Even if your child is in 8th grade, we still value your constructive feedback. Please complete by Wednesday, April 10th.

Tech crew parents only, your feedback is valuable as well. Please complete our brief anonymous tech crew survey [here](#). Please complete by Wednesday, April 10th.

Committee Leads: You will receive an email asking for feedback/lessons learned from the perspective of your committee over the next few days. Also, please account for all of your expenses and send me your information by Monday, April 8 if at all possible.

Expense Reimbursements: If you need to be reimbursed for show-related expenses, authorized by a committee chair, please fill out the reimbursement request form from the [forms page](#) of the SLS

website and attach your original receipts. You can submit to Shannon Davis, the SLS treasurer, via e-mail or our mailbox through the SPMS front office. Please make sure your committee lead gets a copy as well so they can track total committee expenses.

From the Costume & Hair & Make-Up Chairs: Please take home your bins if you have not already done so. Check them for any items that belong to the school first. Please stop by Mrs. Metcalfe's room to retrieve lost items.

Photos: Gina Dicks has created a [Shutterfly page](#) for all of us to share photos from rehearsal and the shows. She's loaded the site with photos she's taken along the way – feel free to add to the collection and watch it grow!

Parent Volunteer Hours: Please send your volunteer hours to Terry Miller at the front office at tcmiller@aacps.org. This helps the school get additional funding.

Shout-Outs:

There are a few final peaches in our tree. These "peach day" committees calmed the seas so the peach could float along smoothly:

- Jeanine Blake was the Front of House Manager. She kept show days and nights running smoothly and was on top of ~~the peach~~ it all. She took care of everything I needed and more! Thank you so much, Jeanine!
- Dawn Lowman ran the concessions efficiently, down to the last 5 Kit-Kats and Nerd Ropes!
- Gina Dicks wrangled our over 80 cast and crew members to capture headshots and create individualized pages for the show board. I know the kids will keep those as mementos forever. She also put together all of the 8th grade awards for cast and crew members – and the keepsake photos for the creative team and me.
- Erica Martin and Torrey Owens led the 50/50 raffle charge. Michael Schroeder, with his long arms, was on-demand – he could sell better than Spiker and Sponge! Strangely enough, SLS benefited \$130 each show plus an additional \$130 the closing show due to a generous donation from the McIntyre family back to SLS from their raffle earnings – thank you! All that money goes back to SLS to support these amazingly talented kids.
- The kids had a great time at the cast and crew party with pizza, dirt, and potion (you'll have to ask them about those if they haven't already told you). Thank you to Nicole Roventini and her committee.
- Kelly O'Brien pulled together the Peach Cobblers one last time, and they de-constructed the set and put all those erector set pieces back into the storage shed. I hope they didn't inadvertently close any insects in there!
- Finally, a thank you to all of the backstage parents and tech crew parents also were so helpful and jumped in whenever needed.

Lastly a huge thank you to our creative team - Atticus Boidy, Sara Metcalfe and Morgan Gingerich. They spent hours working with our kids stretching them to new heights, putting finishing touches on the set all the way up until opening night, and making this show one to treasure for a long time to come. Every child was a part of this show and made to feel special. To hear their remarks at the pre-show talks was truly heartwarming.

Coming Soon:

- Committee Chair Lessons Learned (via separate email)
- Survey Results (to be discussed at the May Board Meeting)
- Show DVDs (in about 4 weeks)

The peach has left the building,

Kathy Falk
Spring Musical Producer