



Dear cast, crew, and family of the Elementary Musical,

Welcome! We are so excited to welcome you to our production of *The Magic Treehouse: Knight at Dawn, Kids!* Caitlin Dubois will be directing again this semester. Caitlin is a kindergarten teacher at St. Joseph Regional School after many years of being a music teacher in the Keene area. Eliora Despres will again be choreographing. Eliora is a talented dancer and teacher for both MoCo and NHDI. Madigan Keating will again be our fantastic musical director. Madigan grew up as a MoCo student and recently taught at C.A.K.E. this past summer. She is a student at Keene State College majoring in music education.

**Show Description:** *Magic Tree House: The Knight at Dawn KIDS* is an adaptation of the second of Mary Pope Osborne's award-winning fantasy adventure books from the *Magic Tree House* book series, which has sold more than 100 million copies and is available in more than 100 countries around the world. This time around, Jack and Annie's tree house takes them to an age of knights in shining armor, where the two discover the power of hope and the true meaning of gallantry. The two siblings, Jack and Annie, return to visit the magic tree house. As they read a book about knights and the Middle Ages, Annie is intrigued by the Black Knight and the mysterious quest one must successfully complete before becoming a knight. When she wishes to visit the castle in the book, the siblings are whisked away to medieval times. They set off to learn more about the Black Knight and his quest, experiencing a grand medieval feast, escaping through secret tunnels, and dancing with enchanted suits of armor, all in an effort to find their way back home.

**Auditions:** Auditions will take place during our second class on January 15th. Students will learn everything they need to know during our first class together. They should be prepared to sing the beginning of "A Light in the Dark" with the track found on Google Drive. Actors should also be prepared to read a line or two from the character they are auditioning for. For example, if an actor is hoping to be Annie, they may read or memorize one of Annie's longer lines on page 8.

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Although all performers are encouraged to audition in some way, we also realize that some kids may be more interested in observing rather than singing or speaking alone.

All resources (INCLUDING MUSIC) for the class can be found in this Google Drive folder:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1IHESZuZtJJsUHiSVArZiQHGHrFGMmNXA?usp=drive\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1IHESZuZtJJsUHiSVArZiQHGHrFGMmNXA?usp=drive_link)

**PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO BEGIN LISTENING TO THE MUSIC NOW! Your student will sing with the Show Track (without voices) on audition day. Remember, the goal is not to be perfect, but to be CONFIDENT, so we can choose which part is right for you!**

Please see the schedule and mark dates and times in your calendar. As you can see we have a short time period to produce this show. It is VERY important that:

- Your child is at every class and rehearsal **with their script and a pencil**
- If your child is going to miss class you call the desk at MoCo and let us know as far in advance as possible
- That you help/encourage your child to practice lines, choreography, review blocking, and listen to the music/memorize lyrics at home to reinforce what we worked on in class

Additionally, families are expected to fully read our [MoCo Theatre Guide](#).

As always, please let us know if you have any questions and/or concerns.



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Classes	
Date	Time
Wednesday, 1/8	3:45-5:15 p.m. Class
Wednesday, 1/15	3:45-5:15 p.m Class   <b>AUDITIONS</b>
Wednesday, 1/22	3:45-5:15 p.m Class
Wednesday, 1/29	3:45-5:15 p.m Class
Wednesday, 2/5	3:45-5:15 p.m Class
Wednesday, 2/12	3:45-5:15 p.m Class
Wednesday, 2/19	3:45-5:15 p.m Class
Wednesday, 2/26	<b>NO CLASS -   FEBRUARY VACATION</b>
Wednesday, 3/5	3:45-5:15 p.m Class
Wednesday, 3/12	3:45-5:15 p.m Class
Wednesday, 3/19	3:45-5:15 p.m Class
Wednesday, 3/26	3:45-5:15 p.m Class
Wednesday, 4/2	3:45-5:15 p.m Class
Wednesday, 4/9	3:45-5:15 p.m Class
Wednesday, 4/16	3:45-5:15 p.m Class

Show Week	
Thursday, 4/17	4:15-6:15 p.m - Tech Rehearsal
Friday, 4/18	4:15 PM-6:15 p.m - Dress Rehearsal
Saturday, 4/19	12:00 p.m call
	2:00 p.m SHOW
	4:00 p.m SHOW

Please be sure to keep late afternoons/evenings free in the event of additional rehearsals.

**All Show Week rehearsals are REQUIRED**

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