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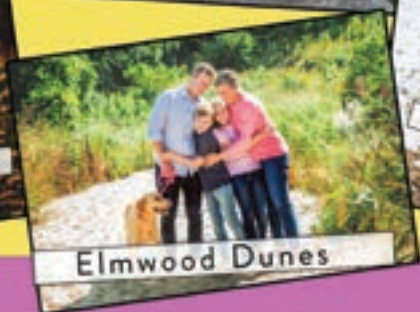


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CREDITS

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BAND:

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ALL THAT I COULD SEE (OPENER)

Original Song: Could Have Been Me by Halsey

Directors: Jeff Sorensen and Dane Thomas

Writer: Carolyn Soling

Cast: Variety Show 2024 Cast

Don't wanna live as an untold story
 Don't wanna live a life that is boring
 Pack up your bags, no time to lag
 I'll wander now cuz the time goes fast
 On school days off we'll have a blast
 well, no time to lag, pack up your bags now
 so many days off yet
 get ready and get set
 oh oh oh
 I wanna taste sea and sky
 wanna get out and fly
 I don't wanna waste my time
 only got one lifetime
 wanna travel my days
 Never look back and say
 that i didn't see
 all that I could see, yeah
 Don't wanna wake up to a day that's boring
 the thought of that's getting my skin crawlin'
 Pack up your bags, no time to lag

so many days off yet
 get ready and get set
 oh oh oh
 I wanna taste sea and sky
 wanna get out and fly
 I don't wanna waste my time
 only got one lifetime
 wanna travel my days
 Never look back and say
 that i didn't see
 all that I could see
 I wanna taste sea and sky
 wanna get out and fly
 I don't wanna waste my time
 only got one lifetime
 wanna travel my days
 Never look back and say
 that i didn't see
 oh, all that I could see
 all that I could see

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ON A FIELD TRIP

Original Song: Under the Sea from The Little Mermaid
Directors: Chandler Grenley and Sarah Mirkin
Writer: Carolyn Soling
Cast: Your McKenzie Teachers

We're going onto a bus now
 Somewhere outside the school
 we dream about what is out there
 should be something really cool
 just look at the world around you
 right outside the bus's door
 Such fun things in store just for you
 What're you most excited for
 On a field trip
 On a field trip
 Kiddos its more fun
 and you will learn tons
 on a field trip
 back at the school
 we work all day
 on reading and writing
 the hours away
 Here we're free learning
 Our minds keep turning
 On a field trip
 Out here all the kids is happy
 As they begin to explore
 your teachers are also happy
 as they see you learnin' more
 The teachers at school aint lucky
 They in for a worsere fate
 On that day the teacher's lonely
 Guess who's going be checking homework late
 Oh no!
 On a field trip
 On a field trip
 Kiddos its more fun
 But please walk don't run
 You might just slip

Back at the school we work all day
 on reading and writing the hours away
 We got no troubles
 Our mind just doubles
 On a field trip
 On a field trip
 Learning is neat there
 It's really sweet there
 Fundamentally
 Be a garden or museum
 we are ready to go see 'em
 You wanna cheer it
 We wanna hear it
 On a field trip
 On a field trip (On a field trip)
 On a field trip (On a field trip)
 Kiddos its more fun
 and you will learn tons
 On a field trip (On a field trip)
 What do we got? some time in the sun
 We got a whole day second to none
 Each little kid here
 living it up here
 On a field trip
 Each student here
 Knows that it's cool here
 On a field trip
 Each teacher that here
 Has great impact here
 that's why we learn tons
 and we have more fun
 ya we in good here
 Out of the school here
 On a field trip

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BYE, BYE, BYE

Original Song: Bye Bye Bye by N'SYNC

Directors: Jaimie Korelitz, Kathy Stofan, and Katie Colt

Writer: Jaimie Korelitz

Cast: Sara Berg, Becky Collings, Charles Collings, Katie Colt, Ben Freed, Matt Hurst, Larisa Jesinskis, Mark Jones-Pritchard, Katy Jones-Pritchard, Jaimie Korelitz, Ben Kwasnick, Drake LaMonica, Robert Lane, Melanie Mace, Meg Matakovic, Mollie Mcdougall, Chad Pahnke, Carey Peters, Victoria Shoemaker, Zak Stambor, Kathy Stofan, Marc Summe, Julia Vermylen, David Vermylen

Bye bye bye, bye bye
Bye bye bye
Vay-cation starts tonight
My suitcase is shut tight
Good-bye to everything that's staying at home
Good-bye my comfy bed
Where every night I rest my head
Good-bye to all my toys, you'll be all alone
Good-bye reffridger-A-A-tor,
 you keep my chocolate milk cold,
Your too big to fit out that door
Bye bye bye
My fluffy cat, My basketball
Good-bye trampoline you make me jump so tall
Good-bye Frozen poster on my wall,
bye bye bye
Don't really want to make it tough
I just want to tell you that I've packed enough
Might sound crazy, but it ain't to lie
bye bye bye

Good-bye soft snuggly couch...now
Where I always put my butt...down
You're the perfect place to watch TV
I, jump on you when mom can't see,
And, now it's really come to me,
That, I will really miss you, when I'm gone
I know that I can't pack no more, ain't no lie
Your too big to fit out that door
Bye bye bye
My fluffy cat, My basketball
Good-bye trampoline you make me jump so tall
Good-bye Frozen poster on my wall,
Bye bye bye
Don't really want to make it tough
I just want to tell you that I've packed enough
Might sound crazy, but it ain't to lie
Bye bye bye

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Original Song: Tubthumping by Chumbawumba
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Writer: Nicole Sorensen
Cast: Aric Bednar, Jeff Cahn, Damien Coady, Craig Dillon, Jason Douglass, John Ehle, Rick Gelboim, Tamir Gotfried, Adamo Gumowski, Jeff Harman, David Hauser, Pat Holden, Brian Immerman, John Jividen, Sal Karottki, P.J. Leffelman, Abhi Lohia, Brendan Malia, Peter McLaughlin, Dan Michaeli, Michael Monge, Patrick Scheibel, Riley Sheehan, Phillip Smith, Marc Summe, Shawn Taylor, RJ Torre, Eric VanderPloeg, Chris Williams

What they're bringing
 My head is spinning
 What they're bringing
 We pack it in, but it falls out again
 Are we ever gonna fit it in?
 We pack it in, but it falls out again
 Are we ever gonna fit it in?
 We pack it in, but it falls out again
 Are we ever gonna fit it in?
 We pack it in, but it falls out again
 Are we ever gonna fit it in?
 We pack it in, but it falls out again
 Are we ever gonna fit it in?
 Packing the car today
 Packing the car today
 He packs a suitcase, he packs a bicycle
 He packs a telescope, he packs a blowup pool
 He fills the car with the things that we do need
 He fills the car with the things that we don't need
 (It's too much stuff, too much stuff,
 too much stuff)
 We pack it in, but it falls out again
 Are we ever gonna fit it in?

We pack it in, but it falls out again
 Are we ever gonna fit it in?
 We pack it in, but it falls out again
 Are we ever gonna fit it in?
 We pack it in, but it falls out again
 Are we ever gonna fit it in?
 Packing the car today
 Packing the car today
 He packs a backpack, he packs a kayak
 He packs a rubber duck, he packs a cowboy hat
 He fills the car with the things that we do need
 He fills the car with the things that we don't need
 (Don't cry for me, the kids are watching)
 We packed it in, and it's all good my friends
 We were always gonna fit it in!
 We packed it in, and it's all good my friends
 We were always gonna fit it in!
 We packed it in, and it's all good my friends
 We were always gonna fit it in!
 We packed it in, and it's all good my friends
 We were always gonna fit it in!
 We packed it in, and it's all good my friends
 We were always gonna fit it in!

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Original Song: Heartbreaker by Pat Benatar
Directors: Ryan Boyle and Roberto Mazza
Writer: Ryan Boyle
Cast: Karl Bakker, Melissa Boltz, Ryan Boyle, Rod Cappiello, Laura Feldman, Emily Karottki, Kristen Kwasnick, Roberto Mazza, Jason Morhart, Danielle Ritter, Kate Schmitt, Missy Stambor, Erika Wilson

Sixty stops in seven days
 Every book that I've read
 Lonely Planet, travel blogs all say,
 you can sleep when you're dead!
 Can we please take a breather?
 Many ways to make great memories
 On a bus for five hours
 Or we can just lay out at the beach...
 You're the list maker,
 Trip planner, time tracker
 Even set a time to pee
 You're the map maker,
 Snack packer, pic taker
 You don't miss a stop, no no no
 Our agenda moves in rapid fire
 But it's under control

Today, we'll see the Greek Empire
 Tomorrow, the North Pole
 Can we please stop for dinner?
 KFC or at the Duty Free?
 Our endurance is thinner,
 And you've left us no more sights to see
 You're the list maker,
 Trip planner, time tracker
 Even set a time to pee
 You're the map maker,
 Snack packer, pic taker
 You don't miss a stop, no no no
 We're not travel beginners
 We would never miss the après-ski
 Trips we plan are all winners
 But our days can end with bed TV

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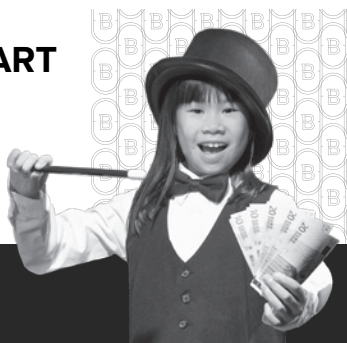


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Original Song: Peaches from Super Mario Bros., Take On Me by Aha, and Bennie and the Jets by Elton John

Directors: Anat Gotfried and Dave Derrick

Writers: Greg Day, Filip Matakovic, and Katie Colt
Contributing Writers: Angela and Dave Derrick

Choreographer: Anat Gotfried

Set Designer: Dave Knauff

Cast: Billy Cannon, Dave Derrick, Monica Gerlach, Brian Gilhooly, Anat Gotfried, Tamir Gotfried, Adamo Gumowski, David Hauser, Pat Holden, Mark Jones-Pritchard, Sal Karotki, Jaimie Korelitz, P.J. Leffelman, Hoyee Leong, Melanie Mace, Zenia Salles, Victoria Shoemaker, Jerilyn Smith, Kathy Stofan, Natalie Weiland

This one is for all my four legged loves
 and two wings...

Pets, you can't come

Off to O'Hare this families gonna run

Pups, I'm your human

We're home in just 7 days this ain't pretend

Pooches, Pooches, Pooches, Pooches, Pooches

Kitties, turtles, froggies and my parakeet

I'll be home soon, oh

Pooches, Pooches, Pooches, Pooches, Pooches

Kitties, turtles, froggies and my parakeet

I love you, oh

Last year we went to Figi, half way is Timbuktu

Ten thousand cancelled Southwest flights won't keep me from you

My fur babies, I will get back in time

On the good stuff we will dine, oh

Pooches, Pooches, Pooches, Pooches, Pooches

Kitties, turtles, froggies and my parakeet

I love you, oh

Pooches, ohhh kitties!

Who's going to go

On the trip to Orlando

I'll say it anyway

Today's another day that we'll snuggle

Pack me away

I'll be comin instead of him, okay?

Take me with (when you go)

Don't leave me (when you go)

You need me

To go to sleep

So, needless to say

If you leave me

I'll cry each night away

Slowly fearin', you won't return

Say after me

It's much better to be home with snuggles

Take me with (when you go)

Don't leave me (when you go)

You need me

To go to sleep

Hey pets, we thought we would be sad

Turns out when the family leaves, it doesn't

feel so bad

We get spend time with our favorite gal in town

When she comes over, everyone's happy that

she's sticking around

Oh, Fuzzy, Sprinkles, have you met her yet?

Ooh, she loves animals

J-J-J-Jenny and the petsssss

Oh, but she's weird and she's wonderful

Oh, Jenny, she's a zookeeper

She's great with cats and dogs

Turtles and frogs

She'll even have a chat with the parakeeeeeeeet, oh

J-J-J-Jenny and the petsssss

Hey kids, hope you're having fun

Take your time, don't worry, don't come back

until you're done

Jenny's gonna feed us and walk us when you're

not around

She's gonna love and pet us until you're all back

in town

Oh, Pooches and Kitties, have you met her yet?

Ooh, she loves animals

J-J-J-Jenny and the petssssss

Oh, but she's weird and she's wonderful

Oh, Jenny, she's a zookeeper

Repeat Chorus

Jenny, Jenny, Jenny, Jenny

Jenny and the petssssss

EVERETT

We are so proud of you, today and everyday. Watch out, Highcrest! We love you! Mom, Dad, and Duncan



MAX

Max, it has been wonderful to watch you grow at McKenzie. The future is bright! XO Mom, Dad & Evelyn



NOY

My talented, loving, smiley, (street & book) smart, fast swimmer, dancer, we love you & are proud of you



FRANK

We could not be more proud or love you any more! Keep crushing it. Love Dad, Mom, Ruby & Pete



JULIAN

Congratulations Jules!! We are so proud of you!! We love you forever! Mom & Dad



CHARLIE

We are so proud of the athlete, student and PERSON you've become. Keep crushing it! We love you! M&D



JANE

We are so proud that you aren't known as the girl to keep her mouth shut!! All the best at HMS!



LARK

You fill our hearts with joy, Lark! We're so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, Joe, Lucy, Fin & Daphne



TRUMAN

Super smile on a super kid! We can't wait to see the new adventure of 5th grade. Love, Mom & Dad



AUDREY

We are so proud of you and all your hard work at McKenzie!! Love you so much. Mom, Dad and Amanda



ALLISON

You crushed it at McKenzie! We are so proud of our hockey, soccer and golf superstar. We love you!



SOFÍA

Chopis hermosa, estamos super orgullosos de tí - eres lo máximo del planeta!! Te adoramos! L, M & P





THE BEST WAY TO TRAVEL (A CAPPELLA)

Original Song: Row, Row, Row Your Boat; Three Blind Mice; Are You Sleeping; Rain, Rain Go Away

Director: Katy Jones-Pritchard

Writers: Dane Thomas and Katy Jones-Pritchard

Cast: Sara Berg, Billy Cannon, John Clark, Ashley Day, John Ehle, Ben Freed, Larisa Jesinskis, Christy Johnston, Katy Jones-Pritchard, Laura Kalnins, Drake LaMonica, Meg Matakovic, Krista Mayer, Carey Peters, Dane Thomas, Julia Vermlyen, David Vermlyen

Row, row, row your boat
Cross the great big lake
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily
Memories you'll make

Are you flying? Are you flying?
Captain John, Captain John,
This is him now speaking,
This is him now speaking
Ding, dang, dong. Seatbelts on.

We like cars, We like cars
See how they run, see how they run
We all can pack all our stuff into one
Plenty of legroom and windows for fun
Bring all the snacks that you ever could want
We like cars

Train, train, come and go
Listen to the whistle blow
Faster, faster, down the track
Don't care if we make it back!

SAM
We are so proud of you!
Can't wait to see how far
you will go - keep going! We
love you! Congrats!



MADLINE
We love you Maddie and
know that you will rock
Highcrest! Love, Dad, Mom,
Katie & Penny



RACHEL
We are so proud of the
leader and person you have
become. We can't wait to
see what you do at HCMS!



JULIA
You are such a bright light
and we can't wait to watch
you shine at HCMS! We love
you so much!



ROSIE
You have such a big heart!
We're proud of you every
day. Keep dreaming big!
Love, Mom, Dad & Maisey



ERIC
We love you, Eric! Great
job at McKenzie, with even
better things to come at
Highcrest in the fall!




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TOURIST TRAP (TAP)

Original Song: Bulletproof by La Roux
Director: Courtney Droogan
Writer: Phil Hamstra
Cast: Cheryl Aistroke, Courtney Bednar , Ashley Bromagen, Rachel Brown, Emily Cox, Courtney Droogan, Alli Frazier, Anne Gilly, Erica Helland, Kelli Johnson , Nora Joyce, Melissa Lane, Eve McElvenny, Alison Monge, Marci Peck, Steven Prokash, Jeff Sorensen, Karina Stender, Colleen Summe , Sarah Traficanto, Jen Williams

Been there, done that, messed around
 across the world, don't put me down
 I've marveled at the wonders of this land
 Stood in lines for hours and hours
 Paid 20 bucks for candy bars
 I'm pretty sure I'm always getting scammed
 Watch out baby, we're caught in a Tourist, Trap
 Watch out baby, we're caught in a Tourist, Trap
 The World's largest ball of yarn
 New York is my favorite town
 The souvenirs are all part of the plan
 I cave to curiosity,
 Seen all the spots of mystery
 Believe me, you can check my instagram
 Watch out baby, we're caught in a Tourist, Trap
 Watch out baby, we're caught in a Tourist, Trap
 Watch out, it's a Tourist, Trap
 watch out, it's a tourist trap

Cast and Crew,

GOOD LUCK!

Break a leg!

...and if you get run out of town, give me a call.



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TAKIN' OFF

Original Song: Shake It Off by Taylor Swift

Director: Travis Parr

Writer: Travis Parr

Cast: Lora Amigo, Jen Bapton, Katie Brown, Lauren Coady, Brooke Freed, Alexis Hubbard, Jenny Koelle, Bart Leahy, Jennifer Morhart, Travis Parr, Marissa Reich, Jean Robinson, Annie SooHoo, Stephanie Strano, Michelle Yeh

I sit at my gate
 Do not want to be late
 It's time to fly away
 It's time to fly away
 I'm sitting in 5C
 A' kicking goes my feet
 I got the window seat
 I got the window seat
 Now I am boarding
 Neck pil-low I'm sporting
 It's like I got this chair that I will find
 Cuz I'm not gonna miss my flight
 Cuz the iPads gonna play play play play play
 And a mess I'm gonna make make make
 make make
 Mommy I'm just gonna take, take, take, take,
 take, take
 I'm takin off, I'm takin off
 I lean back in my seat
 I'm waiting for my treat
 Ae Sprite they give you free
 Sprite they give you free
 I put on my headphones
 Watch what I download
 Now we can all go

Now we can all go
 Cuz the iPads gonna play play play play play
 And a mess I'm gonna make make make
 make make
 Mommy I'm just gonna take, take, take, take,
 take, take
 I'm takin off, I'm takin off
 Hey, hey, hey
 Just now, I've been drinking Sprite and wow
 I've got to go potty in the dirty dirty back
 bathroom
 You've gotta come with me right now Dad-dy
 My Dad-dy brought his new hand wipes
 He's like "oh my god"
 But I just can't wait
 And to the snoozers up in here
 With white noise in their ear
 Nap time's over, baby
 It's time to wake, wake,
 Yeah, oh-oh, oh
 Cuz the iPads gonna play play play play play
 And a mess I'm gonna make make make
 make make
 Mommy I'm just gonna take, take, take, take,
 take, take
 I'm takin off, I'm takin off

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DRIVING FOR HOURS

Original Song: Flowers by Miley Cyrus
Directors: Cyndi Parr and Natalie Kritzler
Writer: Phil Hamstra
Cast: Dorothea Boyle, Erika Burkemper, Billy Cannon, John Clark, Ashley Day, Angela Derrick, Ashley Fitzgerald, Brian Gilhooly, Anat Gotfried, Maayan Hilell, Leslie Hinchcliffe, Christy Johnston, Diana Keen, Natalie Kritzler, Julieta LaMalfa, Stephen LaMalfa, Annie Laughton, Hoyee Leong, Lisa Loesel, Kristin Marvin, Krista Mayer, Maria Parmentier, Cynthia Parr, Zenia Salles, Melissa Shane, Jane Tomlinson, Natalie Weiland, Richard Wrigley

We were good, we were gold
 Had everything we need at home
 all my friends, stayed behind
 Playing tag and riding bikes
 Mmm I didn't want to leave home
 I didn't wanna go
 Got in the car, and I surrendered, OH
 We've been driving for hours
 I'm so bored I could cry
 My Tablet ran out of power
 I'm tired of playing i Spy
 I could look out the window
 But there is nothing to see
 Why do my parents want to torture me
 oh, are we there yet
 oh, are we there yet momma
 oh, are we there yet
 oh, are we there yet papa

Kick the back, of the seat
 Squirmin cuz I have to pee
 Next rest stop's 40 miles
 guess I'll hold it for a while
 ohhh I hope that it's worth it
 to drive all day and night
 cuz I'm so restless I could lose my mind
 we've been driving for hours
 I'm so bored I could cry
 my tablet ran out of power
 I'm sick of playing I spy
 I could look out the window
 but there is nothing to see
 yeah, How much longer will, it be
 oh, are we there yet
 oh, are we there yet momma
 oh, are we there yet
 oh, are we there yet papa

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FLORIDA

Original Song: Gloria by Laura Branigan

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Writer: Melissa Lane

Cast: Eric Bertram, Alison Blake, Jessica Cintron, Diana Dimas , Dana Drummond, Marjorie Filice, Andrew Gardner, Georgia Garvey, Julie Holden, Amanda Houde, Anna Householder, Katy Khurana, Melissa Lane, Filip Matakovic, Meghan Miller, Steven Prokash, Lynn Ramenofsky , Mandy Scully Frost, Carolyn Soling, Nicole Sorensen, Jeff Sorensen, Whitney Teplitzky, Phemie Thomopulos, Jacqui Welter, Jen Williams, Eddie Young

Florida, you're always in the sun, woah
We can fly to Miami
We'll stay at grandma's condo
I think we'll rent a car there
So we can go to Publix
I know we're headed for a great time
Boat ride and see some dolphin tricks
We'll fly down in December! When the temperature here drops,
we'll be wearing our flip flops, down in Florida!
Florida, we can rent a jet ski!
If everybody wants to, we'll take a trip to Disney.
We'll collect some seashells.
Buy some corral at the gift shop, Oh oh oh
down in Florida!
Florida (Florida) I think you're south of Georgia. (Florida)
I think you're a peninsula! (Florida)
With ocean all around ya (Florida)
We'll fly down in December, as the snow begins to freeze,
Take a ferry to the Keys.. down in Florida!



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OWEN

Congratulations fourth graders! Owen, we couldn't be more proud of you! xx, Mom, Jeff, Dad & Reilly



REILLY

We are so proud of you, Reilly! Congratulations to you and the entire 4th grade! xx, Mom, Jeff, Dad & O



JAY

Cheers to you, Jay! We are so proud of the hard work you put into everything you do! We love you!



CARTER

We are so proud of you, Carter! Keep reaching for the stars. Love, Mom, Dad, Hank, Mason, and Cal



ETHAN

We love seeing how much you've grown since starting at McKenzie. So proud of U! -MomDadMiaEllie&Cali



CAMILA

Get ready Highcrest, here comes Camila! Can't wait to see what lies ahead. We love you! Mom & Dad



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SNORE

Original Song: Roar by Katy Perry

Directors: Jean Robinson and Lauren Coady

Writer: Jean Robinson

Cast: Lora Amigo, Karl Bakker, Jen Bapton, Melissa Boltz, Ryan Boyle, Katie Brown, Rod Cappiello, Lauren Coady, Laura Feldman, Brooke Freed, Alissa Gemeny, Alexis Hubbard, Emily Karottki, Jenny Koelle, Kristen Kwasnick, Bart Leahy, Roberto Mazza, Jason Morhart, Jennifer Morhart, Travis Parr, Marissa Reich, Danielle Ritter, Jean Robinson, Kate Schmitt, Annie SooHoo, Missy Stambor, Stephanie Strano, Erika Wilson, Michelle Yeh, Whitney Teplitzky, Phemie Thomopulos, Jacqui Welter, Jen Williams, Eddie Young

They used to like to come and have a rest
We hide their boat so they can't fish
We visit nightly, but very quietly
I guess that pie for lunch is not my choice
I'll get your picnic basket at some point
My stomach's growling, so I'll eat anything
Sun went down, the moon is up
All ready to cook all the stuff
What's that noise? What's that sound?
I wonder. Gonna look around.
The tent fell down, I propped it up (hey)
Get ready, it's gonna be rough
What just crawled on me just now?
I saw the eyes of a tiger, a fire!
Where is my lighter?
Cause we are the campers, and we're gonna
hear them snore
Louder, louder than a lion
Cause we are the campers, and we're gonna
hear them snore

OH NoooOH
OH NoooOH
OH NoooOH
We're gonna hear them snore
Rain came down, kids got up
Alrightly, who's had enough?
No sleep at all, can't see how?
I saw the eyes of a tiger, a fire!
Where is my lighter?
Cause they are the campers, and we're gonna
hear them snore
Louder, louder than a lion
Cause they are campers, and we're gonna
hear them snore
OH NoooOH
OH NoooOH
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We're gonna hear them snore

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Original Song: My House by Flo Rida

Directors: Jaimie Korelitz, Kathy Stofan, and Katie Colt

Writer: Jaimie Korelitz

Cast: Aric Bednar, Jeff Cahn, Katie Colt, Leslie Hinchcliffe, Diana Keen, Jaimie Korelitz, Natalie Kritzler, Ben Kwasnick, Julieta LaMalfa, Stephen LaMalfa, Abhi Lohia, Kristin Marvin, Chad Pahnke, Maria Parmentier, Riley Sheehan, Zak Stambor, Kathy Stofan, Marc Summe, Shawn Taylor, RJ Torre, Chris Williams, Richard Wrigley

Touch the app on my phone and the search begins
 Cause we done this before, we're already logged in
 Lookin at all the homes, we need walkin' distance
 Searchin Airbnb where it all begins...
 Sometimes you gotta click in
 To the house that wins
 Then the trip begins
 Find the pool and jump... In in
 Our Vacation House
 Game room with a playground
 Tag outside, can't slow down
 We don't have to go out
 Our Vacation House
 Ping Pong Champ I've been crowned
 Pop-a-shot, like MJ now,
 We don't have to go out
 Our Vacation House
 Our Vacation House
 Morning comes and you know that you wanna stay,
 Mom and Dad, why'd you plan the entire day?
 Double decker bus tour, see the sights, no way...

To vacation house, let's make lemonade
 Sometimes you gotta stay in...
 And you know where I live
 For the rest of this trip...
 Sometimes you gotta stay.... In, In
 Our Vacation House
 Game room with a playground
 Tag outside, can't slow down
 We don't have to go out
 Our Vacation House
 Ping Pong Champ I've been crowned
 Pop-a-shot, like MJ now
 We don't have to go out
 Our Vacation House
 Our Vacation House

MAYLIN
 Your sweetness, curiosity
 and smile brighten each day.
 So proud of you. Love you-
 Mom, Dad & Avalee



FRANKIE
 We couldn't be more proud of
 you and we love you very much!
 Love, Dad, Mom, and Millie



LOLA
 We love you so much! You're
 so strong, smart, creative
 and kind!!!
 XOXO, M, D, C, G, J & P



ARIA
 Congratulations, Aria! You
 make us so proud. Keep
 up the great work. Love,
 Mommy, Daddy and Amelia



CHARLOTTE
 It has been the greatest joy
 to watch you discover all the
 beauty that I see in you. Can't
 wait to see what you do next!



NATHAN
 You are loved for the boy
 you are, the man you will
 become and the precious
 son you will always be.



Original Song: Blue (Da Ba De) by Eiffel 65

Directors: Jen Thomas and Amanda Houde

Writers: Jen Thomas and Amanda Houde

Cast: Laura Arnault, Luanne Atkinson, Alison Blake , Diana Dimas , Dana Drummond, Kara Hamstra, Amanda Houde, Sarah Jividen, Sara Kennedy, Lissa Lunt, Ashley Michaeli, Sophia Robinson, Mandy Scully Frost, Jen Thomas, Phemie Thomopulos, Cristina Torre, Kristy Wrigley, Kathy Zaks

Yo, listen up here's a story
About a little kid
That goes on vacation
And all day and all night
And every question asked is just, hey
Can we see the hotel pool now?
Hotel pool
With its key card entry
And a sweet hot tub
and everything is there for them
and the towels are just lying around
cause they can use as many as they want to
The pool
Can we go to the pool?
I've got my swimsuit on.
Can we go to the pool?
I'll wear my floaties. MOM!
Can we go to the pool?
I'll grab my flip flops. MOM!
Can we go to the pool?
The pool
Can we go to the pool?
I'll grab my sinkies. DAD!
Can we go to the pool
You can throw me in.
Can we go to the pool

I'll do my handstand. DAD!
Can we go to the pool?
When we go see things
All around the town
Seeing the stuff from long, long ago
These things are cool
And all the food is, too
I have a question. Can we hit the pool?
The pool
Can we go to the pool?
I've got my swimsuit on.
Can we go to the pool?
I'll wear my floaties, MOM!
Can we go to the pool?
I'll grab my flip flops, MOM!
Can we go to the pool?
The pool
Can we go to the pool?
I'll grab my sinkies, DAD!
Can we go to the pool
You can throw me in.
Can we go to the pool
I'll do my handstand, DAD!
Can we go to the pool?

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DREAMING ABOUT YOUR NEXT MOVE?

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NATASHA

NATASHA TAYLOR MILLER

*The Key to Your Next Move
(and variety show alum)*



Original Song: Song 2 by Blur

Director: Nunzio Castellano

Writer: Filip Matakovic

Cast: Eric Bertram, Nunzio Castellano, Jessica Cintron, Alli Frazier, Maibritt Jønsson Adams, Ariel Knauff, Lisa Majewski, Tracy Malia, Filip Matakovic, Derek Mayer, Andy Ofman, Marci Peck, Steven Prokash, Sophia Robinson, Lauren Sheehan, Nicole Sorensen, Sarah Traficanto

Woo-hoo
I'm standing in line
At a hot theme park
Forty-eight inches
I'm finally tall enough
Yeah!
Woo-hoo
When I feel that first big drop
Woo-hoo
And now the loops don't want to stop
Woo-hoo
Well, now I feel queasy
All of that time and I wasn't sure
That I'd like you
Rollercoaster!

My head was spinning
When I stood up
Let's ride it again
Let's ride it again
Woo-hoo
When I feel that first big drop
Woo-hoo
And now the loops don't want to stop
Woo-hoo
Well, now I feel queasy
All of that time and I wasn't sure
That I'd like you
Rollercoaster!



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ANNA
We're so proud of you!
Always stay kind, creative,
and most of all...quirky!
Love, Mom and Dad



TABITHA
We are so proud of you! We love
how kind and funny you are.
Love Mom, Dad, and Caroline



PIERCE
You've helped keep
McKenzie rocking! Onward
to HMS! All our Love, Mom,
Dad, Reese and Linus!



SIMMY
We love your humor &
energy! Can't wait to see
you soar at Highcrest! Love u!
Love, Dad, Mom & Theo



MAGGIE
You are kind & awesome.
We are so proud to be your
family. Love, Mom, Dad,
Annika, L & M



EVIE
You make us so proud!
Watching you grow into a
funny, clever, and kind kid is
a joy. Love you! M D I



AUTUMN

We love you so much! Keep being amazing, beautiful, smart, and kind. Love, Mama & Ditto



FLORENCE

Congrats on cruising thru McKenzie! We can't wait to see what adventures are next! Love, Mama&Dad:)



JOEY

The sky is the limit, keep reaching! We believe in you and we love you! Mom, Dad & Owen



HENRY

We are so proud of the young man you are becoming. You have worked so hard! Love, Mom and Dad



JENNA

It's been a joy to watch you grow into such a wonderful person. We are so proud of you!



ALICE

We're so proud of you, our Shane forever baby. Good luck at Highcrest! XO M, M, H, S"



GRACE

We are so proud of you and love your energy, humor and kindness. Love mom, dad, James, and Leia



BEAU

We're so proud of the kind, creative and thoughtful boy you are. Congrats & onto Highcrest! Mom&Dad



JORDY

we're so proud of how you've grown this past year! We love you! Love, Mom, Dad, Evan & Shayna



STELLA

Unser leuchtender Stern. Du bist abenteuerlustig und voller Leben. Träume immer groß! Liebe, M&D



CHLOE

We are so proud of you and love you so much! Stay awesome. Love - Mom, Dad & Harper



ELLIE

We are so proud of you! Keep dreaming big, sweet girl. Love, mom, dad, Wes & Kit!





CRAZY AT DISNEY WORLD (HIP HOP)

Original Song: Crazy What Love Can Do by Becky Hill, David Guetta, and Ella Henderson

Director: Alison Monge


Writer: Lauren Coady

Cast: Cheryl Aistrope, Courtney Bednar, Emily Cox, Mary Depp, Courtney Droogan, Andrew Gardner, Anne Gilly, Jeff Gronske, Sarah Jividen, Nora Joyce, Eve McElvenny, Jolie McLaughlin, Alison Monge, Karina Stender, Eddie Young, Julie Holden, Lucero Scheibel, Heather Weinreich, Jaqui Welter

Da-da-da-da, do-do
 Dun-da-da, da-dun-da-da
 Da-da-da-da, do-do
 Dun-da-da, da-dun-da-da
 Wake me up at 5am
 With bacon and toast
 Sprint to Magic Kingdom
 For droppin' of the rope
 Parents as drill sergeants
 Move me forward
 Can't be lazy at Disney World,
 It's crazy at Disney World!
 Can someone tell me what is happenin' to me?
 Walked one million steps on barely any sleep
 I can't stop moving even though I just hurled
 Can't be lazy at Disney World,
 It's crazy at Disney World!
 Da-da-da-da, do-do
 Dun-da-da, da-dun-da-da
 Da-da-da-da, do-do
 Dun-da-da, da-dun-da-da
 Da-da-da-da, do-do
 Dun-da-da, da-dun-da-da

Can't be lazy at Disney World,
 It's crazy at Disney World!
 Race to Space Mountain
 Through a giant herd
 Sweating like a fountain
 The heat is absurd
 But my parents! won't stop! pushing forward
 Can't be lazy at Disney World,
 It's crazy at Disney World!
 Can someone tell me what is happenin' to me?
 Walked one million steps on barely any sleep
 I can't stop moving even though I just hurled
 Can't be lazy at Disney World,
 It's crazy at Disney World!
 Da-da-da-da, do-do
 Dun-da-da, da-dun-da-da
 Da-da-da-da, do-do
 Dun-da-da, da-dun-da-da
 Da-da-da-da, do-do
 Dun-da-da, da-dun-da-da
 Can't be lazy at Disney World,
 It's crazy at Disney World!


FIN
 Keep shining bright, Fin! We love you and are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, Olivia & Isabelle



GAVIN
 Your awesomeness never ceases to amaze us. You make us endlessly proud. Love, Mommy and Daddy



ELLIE
 We are so proud of you!
 Love Mom + Dad



EMILIA
 We are so proud of you!!
 We love you!
 Mom, Dad, Benji and Tino



OLIVER
 Congratulations, all 4th graders! Oliver, we are so proud of you!
 Love, Mama and Dada



GRAYSON
 We are so proud of you and are excited for your next adventure at Highcrest!
 Love Mom, Dad & Brecken



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NATIONAL PARKS (VIDEO)

Original Song: Largo al Factotum from Il Barbiere di Siviglia
by Gioacchino Rossini

Video Editor: Carolyn Soling

Writers: Dane Thomas and Phil Hamstra

Singer: Dane Thomas

Go to your national parks they are swell, please go
There's Hot Springs, and Badlands, Big Bend, Ah
I love these parks and I can't wait to tell, oh no
Congaree, Denali, Acadia, Ah
Indiana Du-unes, Hawaii Volcanoes, Cuyahoga Va-alley
American Samoa, Isle Royale, New River Gorge
Channel Islands
Wrangell-St. Elias
There's Dry Tortugas
Katmai and Glacier
Black Canyon of the Gunnison
Guadalupe Mountains
The Rocky Mountains, Carlsbad Caverns
The Canyonlands, Capitol Reef
And there's Bryce Canyon, and there's Death Valley
Lake Clark and Pinnacles
So many parks, I'm forgetting some names
Yellowstone, Yellowstone...
Biscayne, Kobuk Valley, Olympic
Voyageurs, Great Basin
Joshua Tree and Yosemite, and Grand Teton, and Grand Canyon
Zion, Saguaro, Kings Canyon, and Crater Lake
Great Sand Dunes, Gateway Arch, Theodore Roosevelt
Petrified Fo-orest, Me-esa, Ve-erde, Whi-ite Sands, a-and the Ke-enai Fjords
Everglades, Lassen Volcanic, and Wind Cave, and
Mount Rainier, Mammoth Cave, Redwood and Glacier Bay
The Virgin I-islands, No-orth Casca-ades, and Arches, Sequoia, Haleakala
Gates of the Arctic, Shenandoah
Great Smoky Mountains
These are your national parks, national parks, national parks

RAKHI
We love you and we are so
proud of you!
Love, Mom, Dad,
Maya and Kannan



CJ
We love you CJ! You always
bring the light!



JANESSA
We are so proud of you
and love you!
Believe in yourself always!
Love- Mom, Dad & Mitch



MAE
Thanks for making your
McKenzie years so sweet.
We love you with all, all, all
our hearts!



JOSIE
We're so proud of all you've
done at McKenzie! On to
5th grade! Love Momma,
Poppa & Sophie



BILLIE
We love you and are so
proud of you! Keep shining
brightly. Love, Mom, Dad,
Meadow, and Florence





DOWNTOWN

Original Song: Downtown by Macklemore and Ryan Lewis

Directors: Amanda Houde and Jen Thomas

Writers: Amanda Houde and Jen Thomas

Cast: Luanne Atkinson, Alison Blake , Dani Bowden, Diana Dimas, Dana Drummond, Jillian Galfi, Kara Hamstra, Julie Holden, Amanda Houde, Kelli Johnson , Sara Kennedy, Melissa Lane, Lynn Ramenofsky , Chutikarn Emily Rukon, Lucero Scheibel, Mandy Scully Frost, Jeff Sorensen, Colleen Summe, Jen Thomas, Phemie Thomopulos, Heather Weinreich, Jacqui Welter, Jen Williams, Kathy Zaks

Holidays are such a bore, I'm bummin'
Best friend's like "What up, why you frownin'?"
And I'm like "Super bored, There's nothing going on"
and she said "I got the thing for you, follow me"
Ooh, two wheels
Chromed out spokes, I don't need a windshield
Banana seat, I got lights on my wheels
Clip on my strap and I'm ridin' the breeze
We're headed....
Downtown, cruising through the alley
Turn right, on the street by Valley
Pulled up, with my best friend Sally
French Fries! with a side of mayonnaise
Dope, my crew is ill, and all we need is two good wheels
From Ridge to the lake ain't usin' a brake
Cruisin' round town with a smile on my face
I'mma reach in my backpack, break you off a Kit-Kat
Bikes on the sidewalk, we don' need a kickstand, nope

Downtown, downtown (Downtown)
Downtown, downtown (Downtown)
As far as the eye can see
It's so much fun for you and me
(Downtown)
Each day is new, you have the key
(Downtown)
Unlock your mind, we're wild and free
(Hey-ey-ey-ey, hey-ey-ey-ey)
(Hey-ey-ey-ey, hey-ey-ey-ey)

Downtown
You don't need a passport
For this five star resort
Better follow me towards
Downtown
Markets, shops and movies
Don't ever forget there's
Everything you need, when you're
Downtown
You don't need a Passport
For this five star resort
Better follow me towards
Downtown



JACK

Your humor amuses us and your creativity astounds us. We love you buddy!
- M, D, M & A



OWEN

We are so proud of you! You are such a great big brother and friend. We love you so much!!



HUDSON

Your passion brightened every game, but it was your heart that truly shined. Keep being kind!



JACK

Your vibrant spirit and infectious smile have brought so much joy into our lives. Always give 100%!



DYLAN

We are so proud of you and may the force be with you at Highcrest! Love, Mom, Dad, M&F



HENRY

We are so proud of you for everything you've achieved at McKenzie! Lots of love from Mom & Dad



2 GO HOME - I AM READY

Original Song: 2 Be Loved (Am I Ready) by Lizzo

Directors: Lauren Coady and Jean Robinson

Writer: Lauren Coady

Cast: Lora Amigo, Karl Bakker, Jen Bapton, Melissa Boltz, Ryan Boyle, Katie Brown, Rod Cappiello, Lauren Coady, Laura Feldman, Brooke Freed, Alissa Gemeny, Alexis Hubbard, Emily Karottki, Jenny Koelle, Kristen Kwasnick, Bart Leahy, Roberto Mazza, Jason Morhart, Jennifer Morhart, Travis Parr, Marissa Reich, Danielle Ritter, Jean Robinson, Kate Schmitt, Annie SooHoo, Missy Stambor, Stephanie Strano, Erika Wilson, Michelle Yeh

Sheesh	(For a bathroom that's clean)
Ewwwww	I am ready!
Girl, I'm 'bout to have a panic attack	(For normality)
I gotta go, I gotta go, ah ah	I am ready!
But public bathrooms are really gross, ugh ugh	(Beggin' you pretty please)
The icky yucky stall has roaches on the wall	To go home, to go home
I wanna go home, where I can pee alone, yeah	I am ready!
In the stall, I cannot find a TP roll	(Please transport me now)
It smells so foul, I hold my breath, ugh ugh	Cause I wanna!
The toilet's spraying me, why does it flush like this?	(That's what I'm talkin' about)
I just wanna leave! Oh, oh, oh	I am ready!
I am ready!	(We gotta find a route)
	To go home, to go home





**JOURNEY INTO
A BEAUTIFUL YOU
(4TH GRADE NUMBER)**

Original Song: Little Freak by Harry Styles
Directors: Dane Thomas and Jeff Sorensen
Writer: Jane Tomlinson
Cast: Parents of McKenzie 4th graders

McKenzie, the years fly by
 And there's Highcrest calling 'round the corner
 Stay green a little while
 Hold on tight to your dreams
 Star of stage or playing ball
 Somehow you've become nine inches taller
 Ready to spread your wings
 But McKenzie has shaped who you'll be
 I was thinkin' about who you are
 Beautiful, strong and kind too,
 thinkin' about you
 I'm not worried of how far you'll go
 Your journey will grow into
 A beautiful you.
 Just so proud of you.
 Will you still dress up for Halloween?
 Make new friends, keep adding to your story
 Playdates on a trampoline
 Don't have to end 'cause you're 10
 Outdoor Ed, 4th grade farewell
 Seems like you just finished kindergarten
 But time is such a thief
 And the future is bright, for sure
 I was thinkin' about who you are
 Beautiful, strong and kind too,
 thinkin' about you
 I'm not worried of how far you'll go
 Your journey will grow into
 A beautiful you.

JAMES
 Sky is the limit for you,
 James! Your kind heart,
 strong work ethic and drive
 will take you far. M&D




CHARLIE
 I was thinkin' about who you are,
 Beautiful, strong and kind too.
 This song is for you! XO
 Mom, Dad, Caroline & Eleanor



ABBY AND OLIVIA
 Keep being awesome! We
 are so proud of you.
 Love mommy, daddy,
 sophie, and benny



EVAN
 Go Ev!! You make life fun.
 We love you. Mom, Dad,
 Josh, Nora and Ripp.



LUCAS
 We are so proud of you!
 Keep being you! We love
 you! Mom, Dad,
 Nick, and Charlie



MALIN
 You make the world the
 world a better place for
 everyone you know and
 meet. You're simply the best!!





TAKE ME HOME, GREEN BAY ROAD

Original Song: Take Me Home, Country Roads by John Denver
Directors: Eddie Young and Filip Matakovic
Writers: Katy Jones-Pritchard and Filip Matakovic
Cast: Eric Bertram, Dani Bowden, Nunzio Castellano, Jessica Cintron, Mary Depp, Jillian Galfi, Andrew Gardner, Jeff Gronske, Julie Holden, Maibritt Jønsson Adams, Ariel Knauff, Lisa Majewski, Tracy Malia, Filip Matakovic, Derek Mayer, Jolie McLaughlin, Andy Ofman, Jenna Pahnke, Lynn Ramenofsky, Lucero Scheibel, Nicole Sorensen, Heather Weinreich, Jacqui Welter, Eddie Young

Almost heaven, on the north shore
 Friendly faces, what else are you lookin' for?
 Life is good here, always full of fun
 No-place I'd rather be than six-oh-oh-nine-one
 Green Bay Road, take me home
 To the place I belong
 Here in Wilmette, it's the best yet
 Take me home, Green Bay Road
 Lefty's pizza, Homer's ice cream
 Beach at Gillson, living here is like a dream
 Cold and snowy, winters can be fun
 Sledding hills at Lovelace and the polar plunge
 Green Bay Road, take me home
 To the place I belong
 Here in Wilmette, it's the best yet
 Take me home, Green Bay Road
 Green Bay Road, take me home
 To the place I belong
 Here in Wilmette, it's the best yet
 Take me home, Green Bay Road

LUCY
 your smile brightens rooms.
 Your kindness spreads
 far. Carry this momentum
 ahead. Love Mom&Dad



NATALIE
 We are so proud of you! Can't
 wait to see you continue to
 succeed at Highcrest!
 Love Mom, Dad, Liam



OWEN
 Your kindness and creativity
 will take you far. We're
 proud of you and love you!
 Mom and Dad



NEEL
 You don't raise heroes, you
 raise sons, We are proud of
 the kindness and grit you
 carry daily, Neel.



ELLEN
 To the Original Nugget:
 We're incredibly proud of
 you. Love you! - Mom, Dad,
 Andrew, and Oreo.



ANNALEA
 We are so proud of you! You
 are fun, sweet and eager to
 learn. You are amazing and
 we love you!





BETTER WHEN WE'RE TRAVELIN' (CLOSER)

Original Song: Better When I'm Dancin' by Megan Trainor

Writer: Jen Thomas

Don't think about it
 Just pack your suitcase
 Plane, train, or by auto
 Where d'you wanna go?
 Just grab your passport
 Go ahead, get ready
 Anyone can do it
 Where we gonna go?
 See the world, you've got that fire
 Wanderlust is getting louder
 Explore the world, cause you want to
 Grab your stuff, you're on the move
 We don't know about you
 But we feel better when we're traveling, yeah yeah
 Better when we're traveling, yeah, yeah
 We can do this together
 We bet you'd feel better when you're traveling,
 yeah, yeah,
 When you finally let go
 And you hit that open road
 'Cause your ready for the journey
 We're on our way!
 "Cause it's wanderlust, babe
 And you're leaving here today
 Can't wait for us to get there!
 We're on our way!
 See the world, you've got that fire
 Wanderlust is getting louder
 Explore the world, cause you want to
 Grab your stuff, you're on the move
 We don't know about you

But we feel better when we're traveling, yeah yeah
 Better when we're traveling, yeah, yeah
 We can do this together
 We bet you'd feel better when you're traveling,
 yeah, yeah,
 Now that we've reached our destination
 Let's go out exploring
 Beaches, food, or culture
 So much to see now
 How 'bout hike up in the woods or
 Check out a museum and
 Mini golf and go carts
 So much we could do
 Away we go!
 (Away we go!) Feel better when we're travelin'
 Better when we're travelin' (Away we go!)
 Aye
 Away we go!
 We feel better when we're traveling, yeah, yeah
 Better when we're traveling, yeah, yeah
 Don't you know we can do this together
 We bet you'd feel better when you're traveling,
 yeah, yeah,
 Oh don't ya feel McKenzie call us home now
 We had so much fun but
 Now It's time to head home
 And sleep in our beds
 We'll plan out the next great big adventure
 Hold memories in our hearts and
 Enjoy our home sweet home cause
 We feel better when we're traveling.
 We're better when we're traveling
 Hey, feel better when we're
 traveling



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ELENA

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Love, Mom, Dad & Duchess



MADELEINE

We could not be more proud of you! You are so strong, smart and caring.
Love, Mom, Dad & Duchess



BENNETT

Congratulations Bennett! We are so incredibly proud of you. Happy 4th grade graduation



MARI

We couldn't be prouder as your parents and love seeing you grow into the amazing kid you are!



CHARLIE

Your quick wit and intelligence inspire us. We love you! Mom, Dad, Eleanor, Teddy, Annie & Cate



TEDDY

You light up every room you enter. We love you! Mom, Dad, Eleanor, Charlie, Annie & Cate



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BILLY CANNON (2012 DEBUT / 11 SHOWS)

Billy is retiring from the variety show for good this time after originally taking a two-year break between the graduations of his now high school-aged boys and this year his beautiful fourth grade daughter. During his time with the show he has taken part in all manners of performance, from hip-hop to skits to Dads numbers, never turning down a chance to make a fool of himself and embarrass his kids. While being on stage was fun, what he really enjoyed most was being musical director for four years, leading the band during his first run of shows. Billy's favorite memories include singing in all the acapella numbers, playing with great musicians in the V-Show band, and enjoying bearing witness every tech week to the tremendous creativity as clever ideas grew into great performances. He would like to thank all the show directors, song directors, producers, cast members, and musicians that he has been fortunate to meet and work with - none of his best memories would exist without them. His time at McKenzie ends this year as a parent and as a 1987 alum, leaving a place he knows made him a better person. His parents were in the show forty years ago and enjoyed it just as much as he has. Finally, he would like to thank his wife, Keki, who has put up with all the time requirements, bad jokes, and non-stop babbling of how great the show was going after every Thursday night. She always said, "Have fun!" so that is exactly what he did.



STEPHEN LAMALFA (2017 DEBUT / 8 SHOWS)

This pic is VS to me, though last out of the pool here, we are all still hanging happy ever after in the market Wilmette.

- Tuesday OG



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JANE TOMLINSON (2017 DEBUT / 8 SHOWS)

Blink and you may have missed her on stage because (more often than not) Jane's creativity and contributions shined *behind* the VS scenes... writing many songs over the years and collaborating with 8 show director/producer teams to design the theme graphics, apparel and programs that visually set the tone and bring the Variety Show to life! From Thrillmette to Wanderlust, the Tomlinson family will miss the McKenzie community we've called home for the past decade, but know how fortunate we are to carry it with us through the many lifelong friendships we've gained along the way!



ZAK STAMBOR (2018 DEBUT / 7 SHOWS)

Despite a complete and utter lack of any discernible ability to sing, dance, or learn song lyrics, Zak has been a Variety Show fixture since 2018 when his wife (and fellow cast member) Missy signed him for the show when his older son was in kindergarten. While seven years at McKenzie and the Variety Show have passed way too quickly (aside from the COVID years, which passed way too slowly), Zak is grateful to have been a part of this unique community-building activity. Although he will miss looking out at the audience from the stage and spotting his sons Duncan and Everett taking in the show with their friends, he looks forward to seeing the show from the audience for the first time next year.



Congratulations Jeff on co-directing this year's Variety Show!

We are so incredibly proud of all the blood, sweat and sweet dance moves you've put into creating the masterpiece of *Wanderlust*. Thank you for being an inspiring role model for our kids and for strengthening the community of the amazing McKenzie parents. Your energy, charisma, and hilarity have made this year fly by (sort of).

Love, Nicole, Emmeline and Theo

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TRAVIS PARR (2019 DEBUT / 6 SHOWS)

Travis debuted in the Variety Show with “A Million Dreams” Directed his first number in Animal Kingdom. Directed numbers via video for Diary of a McKenzie Kid, directed the whole show for It Takes a Rainbow, directed a few numbers for Heard in the Halls and is finishing strong directing a Monday night number. But he paid dearly for participating in his 6 Variety Shows. His basement still has glitter hiding in the corners, what little hair he has left started to turn gray, his costume closet is stuffed full, and his children decided to age dramatically. That said, the prize has been immeasurable. Fantastic memories with (and for) his kids, a host of songs whose lyrics will never go back to the original, and most of all a network of friends he considers family. What a gift to be a little part of something so strange and so wonderful.



CHERYL AISTROPE (2019 DEBUT / 6 SHOWS)

Favorite memories:
 Green screen filming in Ben’s garage
 Trying to moonwalk in a Minecraft mask and face-planting
 Zombie drone scene
 After-party breakdance injury
 Finding out everyone’s little known facts during My Pet Parrot
 Re-discovering my love of tap & hip hop
 Pre-practice dinners
 Changing room conversations
 Saturday breakfasts
 Designing a signature
 Most of all- connection and friendship!



JULIETA LAMALFA,

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A COUPLE OF AUDITIONERS PICTURED ABOVE FROM YOUR FIRST YEAR IN THE VARIETY SHOW.

GIO:

Hi Mom, I think this is exciting that you are doing this, and I am looking forward to this year’s performance!

NICO:

Every year at McKenzie, it’s a great year, but when you help with the Variety Show it just gets better!

HUSBAND:

It’s been a good run, 7 years for you! Not quite my 8, but still I’m counting. Just think, now you don’t have to stress about trying to say no to another year of producing! And as far as the void next year, obviously my love will more than fulfill it!

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COURTNEY & ARIC BEDNAR (2019 & '22 DEBUT / 6 & 3 SHOWS)

Aric & Courtney have loved being a part of the long-standing tradition of the Variety Show. Courtney started in 2019 soon after realizing this strange tradition could help her relive the glory days of high school show choir. Though she can't count a favorite show- she has loved tapping and hip hopping with middle aged friends while the kids look on in awe (or shock). Aric made his official debut during the COVID virtual show but took to the stage in 2023 as Pokeball. Aric's commitment to the show (both on and off stage) have come at the great sacrifice of precious family time. He has been known to enjoy the social events the most. We will miss McKenzie but have made lasting friendships and memories we will hold tightly!



CYNDI PARR (2020 DEBUT / 5 SHOWS)

Cyndi Parr, from the moment you debuted your singing and dancing skills in '19 we knew you'd be a star. Your last 3 years of night directing is seen and appreciated... As are your skills as logistical goddess with the most enhanced organizational spreadsheets! McKenzie will miss you xo - your adoring fans



JEAN ROBINSON (2020 DEBUT / 5 SHOWS)

From doubter to director, Jean departs as a veteran of five different McKenzie Variety Shows. Jean's interest in the Variety Show was "sparked" by her debut as a campfire in Animal Kingdom (2020). The following year, she co-directed and produced two videos ("Up All Night" and "Time of My Life") in the Variety Show's triumphant 2021 covid video adaptation Dear Diary. That was the beginning of a four-year streak of Jean co-directing with her Variety Show partner-in-crime Lauren Coady. The pair "shined" co-directing Monday nights for It Takes a Rainbow (2022). And you heard correctly, the duo co-directed last year's smash hit Heard in the Halls in its entirety, along with Monday nights, "Wind" & "Brick Pack". Wanderlust represents the swan song for this dynamic duo. In addition to the Variety Show's unparalleled camaraderie and fun, Jean will miss creating costumes and sets.

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NATALIE WEILAND (2020 DEBUT / 5 SHOWS)

She never wanted to be on stage. She did it for her girls, but ended up having the best time meeting new friends, and being part of this unique experience that no one really gets until you are in it. Thanks for the memories!



DI KEEN (2019 DEBUT / 5 SHOWS)

"Dear Diary", It's 2021 and the McKenzie Variety Show isn't live this year, so we filmed playing with friends on the beach, in backyards, and on the playground dressed like our favorite students, our children, to their fav songs. It was much different from where we started with "A Million Dreams" and far from a tropical bird migrating to the beach or being a monkey that escaped the "Animal Kingdom" zoo. Don't worry, though, because I know that VS gets bright in 2022 as no one "could stop me from having a good time" or declaring "blue is the color I want." You even get to narrate a few shows as "It Takes a Rainbow" of support sometimes. Next year, you are a graduating VS parent, which means a final 4th-grade farewell (ps: don't forget the tissues this time!). I promise you will enjoy "driving for hours" and reminiscing on how all these memories started from your oldest daughter begging you to be in the VS show five years ago. Well, I am feeling a little "Wanderlust," so it's time to end. Much Love, Di Xx



CRISTINA TORRE (2020 DEBUT / 3 SHOWS)

I initially joined Variety Show in 2020 during the 40th Annual Variety Show (Animal Kingdom), which unfortunately got canceled during the Covid Pandemic. In 2023, I participated in "Heard in the Halls," and now, in my third and final year, I'm thrilled to be part of "Wanderlust 2024." I've longed to join the hiphop and tap dancing numbers on Wednesdays, but they were always full. Fortunately, in my last year, I successfully joined the hiphop and tap dancing, adding an exciting dimension to my experience. Being part of the Variety Show has truly been a blast! Despite not having exceptional talents, the joy of performing on stage, forming connections with new friends during practices, and participating in social events have made every moment memorable. Heartfelt gratitude to all cast and crew members for their dedicated efforts in making each show extraordinary. Special kudos to the directors and songwriters.

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ERIC BERTRAM (2022 DEBUT / 3 SHOWS)

I was a late adopter to the Variety Show, but nervously jumped into action in 2022 when my oldest was in 4th grade. Let's just say, I regret not doing it sooner. I probably closed too many bars and definitely had too much fun. I will miss McKenzie and the Variety Show but thankfully I won't have to miss the friends I've made along the way. I look forward to watching you crush it in future shows! I've attempted/played the roles of "Hip-Hopper," "the color Pink," "Minecraft Pig," "Kid #4" and "Run MCK," but my favorite role will always be Dad to Eliza and Charlie. You guys are too dope for words and watching you both grow up has been exhilarating. You make me proud everyday. Thank you, Laura, for your support and patience and eye rolls the last 3 years! I love you!



MELISSA SHANE (2021 DEBUT / 3 SHOWS)

I wasn't sure if I should list all the Variety Shows I planned to be a part of and dropped out, or the ones I actually sang and danced in. I'll go with the ones I actually participated in! I promised my three daughters, Hannah ('21 graduate), Shelby ('23 graduate) and Alice ('24 graduate) I would participate their 4th grade years and I held to my promise, making my debut performance '21 with Dear Diary. My favorite memory, aside from being scared of COVID, is dressed up as a cheetah filming outside, of course, and walking down Sheridan Road with my fellow cheetah, Jane Tomlinson. My other shows, Heard in the Halls and Wanderlust, have me dressed just as oddly like a spaced out mom and the family dog. I will miss the super sad 4th grade song and having the chance to spend time with so many fun fellow parents. Goodbye Mckenzie, you've been some of the best years for my life and a joy for our family. We'll miss you.



MICHELLE YEH (2020 DEBUT / 3 SHOWS)

Michelle has loved performing in the Animal Kingdom, It Takes a Rainbow, and Wanderlust shows. A Monday nighter through and through, she has played a firefly, rockstar, cheerleader, peapod, discoball (fav costume!), schoolkid, Parisian tourist, groundcrew person, spider, and a capella singer. She is grateful to her past and present casts, bands, directors, and alumni crews for all of the incredibly fun and crazy memories that she will take from this. And especially, big thank yous to her family for their support in putting up with all the absenteeism, costume debris around the house, and post-tech and -show week recoveries!

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JACQUI WELTER (2020 DEBUT / 3 SHOWS)

Been a wild ride between a canceled debut show and a million other tiny yet epic life changes along the way. Thank you for wonderful friendships and lasting memories.



MISSY MARES STAMBOR (2021 DEBUT / 3 SHOWS)

When Zak and I were looking at homes in the McKenzie area many years ago, a real estate agent told us that there was a variety show where parents sing, dance, and do skits on stage(!) The idea filled me with abject horror. I pushed Zak to do the variety show on behalf of both of us, and he was hooked. Over the years, though, I saw how much fun Zak was having, and I got to know how special the McKenzie community is, and it made me feel brave enough to try something that I never thought I could. It's hard to believe that our time at McKenzie is coming to an end. I will always be grateful for this experience and proud when I think of my boys' excitement at seeing me onstage. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard on the show--this year and every year!



JASON MORHART (2022 DEBUT / 3 SHOWS)

Thanks to all the Monday night moms and dads I've met over the last three years for making this experience live up to the hype. I'm so grateful I was able to sing "True Colors" to my oldest daughter Amanda and happy I hung around to sing farewell to Audrey. It has been an amazing experience!



DEEPTI ROY (2023 DEBUT / 2 SHOWS)

I live with the intent to make an impact on people I meet and in the community where I live. McKenzie has energized my life as parent and I will certainly miss this! #tedxwilmette #flamenco #ncl #socialgood #musicmom #sciencemom #mathmom #comedymom #tennismom #madeinindia #sailing #mountaineering

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RJ TORRE (2024 DEBUT / ONE & DONE)

In my first and last participation in the Variety Show, I look back on the wonderful experience shared with the incredible Wanderlust crew. My wife, Cristina, has been a part of this since our son Gavin's kindergarten days, and I regret not joining sooner. However, the camaraderie and joy of getting to know everyone have been truly special. McKenzie has been good to us, and we'll certainly miss it. Thank you everyone for making this journey memorable.



MELANIE MACE (2024 DEBUT / ONE & DONE)

Are you doing Variety Show?"" Melanie was asked this question so many times after moving to Wilmette in 2023 that she had no choice but to participate. And boy, is she glad she did! From squawking like a parrot in ""Pet Medley"" to emulating JT in ""Bye Bye Bye,"" VS 2024 has been an epic experience. Melanie thanks her husband, Karl, and daughters Rosie (age 10) and Maisey (age 12) for always having her back. And to her new McKenzie friends, thank you for being so welcoming and kind. One and done, but never forgotten!"



KARL BAKKER (2024 DEBUT / ONE & DONE)

Karl, a Kiwi who moved to Wilmette in 2023, is a new face at the Variety Show, where he embraces roles as varied as a toilet, a mosquito, or even Santa. Grateful to McKenzie School and the Show, Karl has forged valuable friendships. By day, he works as a designer, and on weekends, he spins tunes as a party DJ. Alongside his wife, Melanie, and their two daughters, Rosie and Maisey, Karl has explored the world, embodying a genuine sense of Wanderlust.



JENNIFER MORHART (2024 DEBUT / ONE & DONE)

Although this is my first and last time performing in the Variety Show, I'm making the best of it being a pesky mosquito. It amazes me the amount of talent the fabulous parents of McKenzie has, and grateful to be apart of it! I'd like to thank my daughters for begging me to be in the show, this is for you!

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HEATHER WEINREICH (2024 DEBUT / ONE & DONE)

Being of the philosophy of "one and done", this is Heather's debut as well as last show. As a longtime fan of the Variety Show, she knew that being on stage would fill a hole in her life. She is an amateur dancer whose style, described as "enthusiastic", was forged during the hard years of junior high and influenced greatly by 90s dance and hip hop. With Rhythm Is a Dance and U Can't Touch This in her head, Heather believed she could contribute her talents to a hip hop number. And if you are doing one number, why not two?! And to a John Denver tune? Yes, please! To her night directors (Alison, Eddie, and Filip), you are amazing, and she thanks you for your humor and patience. To Dane and Jeff, Heather thanks you but full disclosure about the 4th grade number, she is an ugly crier. To Heather's cast members, thank you for your laughs and openness. It has been a pleasure to meet so many wonderful parents. To Jacqui Welter, thank you for being with her throughout this journey. To Jane Tomlinson and Jeff Toth, why did you write and record such a beautiful 4th grade number? See above about ugly crying. To her husband (Michael), Heather hopes to not bring shame to the household with her dancing. And to her beautiful daughter (Autumn), you are an amazing kid! Heather is so happy to be your mother. Please do not be mad that she borrowed your beret.



ANDY OFMAN (2024 DEBUT / ONE & DONE)

Hello. My name is Andy Ofman. After hearing how great variety show is from my wife Suzanne for the last two years I'm happy I gave it a shot. I met some cool people and had a great time raising money for the school while having an amazing time.

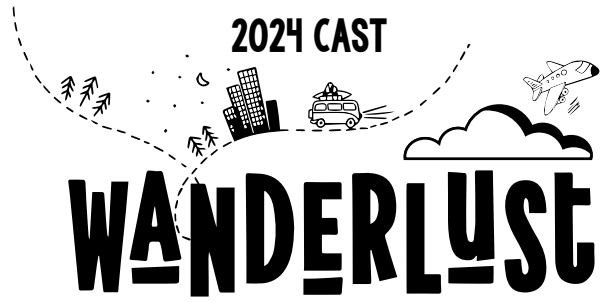


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NICO

Your kindergarten rocker days don't seem This long ago... Love you kid!



ELIANA

You are amazing and we love you and we know you're going to continue to do more amazing things! XOXO



JAGGER

Promise, you'll always remember: You're Braver than you believe and Smarter than you think! Love You



MOLLY

We are so proud of everything you accomplished! Keep being you! Love you, Mom, Dad, Kate and Harry



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PERSONAL ADS

Katie Brown - KTOMG! Thank you for steering the fun ship! Your smile & laughter kept us afloat!
- Jean, Lauren, Julieta & Lora.

Dane Thomas - Congratulations on an awesome show! After all these years, I'm still blown away by your creative talent. Great job leading this wonderful McKenzie tradition! I love you!! - Jen Thomas

Downtown Cast - Thanks for cruising through Downtown rehearsals with us! Your moves were as smooth as a banana seat bike ride! ? Thanks for bringing the staycation fun each week!
- Jen Thomas and Amanda Houde

Vicki - Thanks for your support for my being in Variety Show this year, and thanks for giving me a turn! Right back at you next year! I love you infinitely! - John

Jen Thomas - To my fearless co-director. Teaming with you was a dream come true. Thank you for bringing the fun and keeping me sane. - Amanda Houde

Jeff Sorenson - Unclear how we both were allowed to lead important things at this school, but I think we nailed it! Congrats on a great show! Also, Selena Gomez is still the GOAT. Eric Bertram

Carey Peters - Mom!!! You're doin' it!!! I'm so proud of you! You're our only chance to redeem our family following dad's performance last year. No pressure! I love you!
- Evie Gardner

Monday Night Cast!! - You ARE Ready to take Variety Show 2024 by storm. Not a snore in the house, only cheers for Monday Night! Thank you for all your hard work. It was a blast to be a part of it all.
- Jean & Lauren

Lauren Coady - I'm not Ready To Go! but I'm so grateful to have had the best CO-D and friend in VS these past few years. I'll be cheering for you from the cheap seats next year! Break a leg!
- Jean

Mom & Dad - Thank you for being so amazing and helping us raise our kids. You are my best friends. Love, Julie

James, William, Elise & Juliette- Thank you for supporting the show every year and encouraging your dad to join! Hope you enjoy the show! - Mom

Dove/Mommy - congrats on another wonderful variety show! You are amazing and we love you Oliver, Pierre and Olivia

Phil Hamstra - Thank you for going above and beyond and turning our song ideas into masterpieces! - Amanda and Jen

Charlotte & Bryson - You two always amaze me! Your kindness and support for each other is AMAZING! I love watching you grown up! I am so very proud of you! Love you! Dad

PERSONAL ADS

Courtney, THANK YOU for another amazing year of Variety Show Tap! You are a super star and we love you so much!!
- Your Tap Girls

To my Woo Hoo crew - thank you thank you thank you for trusting my roller coaster of a process BREAK A LEG - Your Director

Dane Thomas - To my co-director and now lifelong friend, your promise to shoulder the load was kept beyond measure. With unmatched speed and diligence, you tackled task after task, making the impossible seem easy. I couldn't have asked for a better partner in this adventure. Here's to the memories we've made and the friendship that will continue to grow. - Sorensen family

Jean, From Disco Balls to Bathroom Stalls, you were the JEAN-ius who created it all! I had such blast with you in the Variety Show over the past 5 years. What will I do without you next year?! Purple!! Thanks for being an incredible co-director and friend. I am beyond grateful for the lifelong memories! - Lauren

Ariel Knauff - HAPPY 40th....er 29th Birthday. We Love You! Your Loving Family

THURSDAY NIGHT RULES!!!!
- Thur night directors

Nicole - To my amazing wife, thank you for your endless patience and support amidst the Variety Show madness. Your grace in handling life's tasks, so I could chase our shared dreams, has been nothing short of heroic. Your humor and strength have kept us afloat. Here's to the best co-director at home. #NicoleRocks #UnsungHero - Jeff

Phil Hamstra - From the Wiggles to David Bowie, Sesame to Prince, thanks for always showing us that music = fun + love. We can't wait to see and hear your many talents throughout this year's show. We love you, Daddy! -Ryker, Lincoln, Calvin & Foster.

Wes, BE and Matt - Love going on adventures with you three and am looking forward to our next one in 2 short weeks!! No matter where we go, nothing is sweeter than coming home to our Wilmette! Love you MORE! - Mom/Katie

Dane - Congratulations on the show! You did a great job keeping it a secret from me! I love you! Lola Thomas

The Sorensen Family - Thank you for sharing the "Wanderlust" journey with us! It has been so much fun working with you to carry on the McKenzie tradition!
- The Thomas Family

Eric & Mark Ehle - I love you two so much, and I'm incredibly proud of both of you! Thanks for your patience during my rehearsal time. I hope you enjoy the show this year! - Dad

PERSONAL ADS

Dane - You and Jeff were the power couple this show wanted and needed. Congrats on an amazing production and wish I could run it back with you all again next year! Eric Bertram

Carey Peters - We love you, Mama!!! Break legs!!!
XOXO Andrew & Evie Gardner

James Holden - We love your sense of humor, burping capabilities, YouTube videos, dance skills and kindness. Thank you for being a great kid. Love mom & dad

Hip hop crew - Thank you for sticking with me and putting in all your effort to dance like a boss! Have a great time! - Ali M

Domo - Enjoy the show my man!

To Jen, whose artistry painted our stages and whose spirit bolstered Dane through every act. Your dual role as a creative force and steadfast partner has been pivotal. Your knack for bringing visions to life, coupled with unwavering support, crafted not just scenes, but memories. Thank you for being our show's and Dane's unsung hero. - Sorensen family

Fearless leaders! Your bags are packed and you didn't forget a thing! So buckle up and enjoy the ride. It's been an exciting adventure with you at the controls. Congratulations on Wanderlust...a wanderMUST! -Jean and Lauren

Phil Hamstra - Thank you for being THE BEST BAND DIRECTOR EVERRRRR!! - The Traveling Wilbillies

Mimi O'D - Thanks for flying in to help these past two weeks, we couldn't have done it without you!! Thankful you choose to wander up north to hang out with us ;) We love you, Mimi! - Katie, Wes, BE and Matt

Amanda Houde - Thanks for being my downtown, swimming buddy! Working with you this year to make our ideas come to life was so much fun! - Jen Thomas

Ladies of Washington - Stephanie, Jean, Brooke, Pam, Sara, Laura, Angela, Neda - thank you for being great neighbors and creating the best block to raise kids on. I no longer have to parent, I just send my kids out to ring doorbells;) - Julie

To Mandy and Brian, the dynamic duo of neighbors and show-stealers! In your debut year, you took on not one, but three songs, infusing them with energy and passion. And Brian, your drumming skills didn't just dazzle; they rocked our world. Here's to neighbors turning into VS stars. - Sorensen family

BWTT cast - Thank you for singing your hearts out and sticking with "the vision." Also thanks for learning how to make music out of hunks of plastic with holes in it. You're the BEST!! xoxo KJP

Hotel Pool Cast - CANNONBALL!!! Way to make a splash in the Hotel Pool! Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication during our tap rehearsals! - Jen & Amanda

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Jeff & Lauren - Thank you for the friendship, seeing us through the great Porting of SB23, and all the ICBs along the way. Whose got it better than us? Nobody. - Julie & Pat

Julieta - Enormous gratitude to Julieta, our co-producer, for her immeasurable contributions to our show, especially in your final year. Stepping up whenever needed, Julieta has been more than a producer; she's been a confidant, a listener, and the steady hand guiding us through every challenge and celebration. Your dedication, patience, and insight have been our show's backbone. Thank you for everything. - Dane & Jeff

Dear Phil, Eve, Katy, Katie, Greg, Jonathan, and Brian -

A heartfelt thank you for being the musical wanderlust behind our variety show. Your talents turned our stage into a global journey, and each note felt like a stamp on a passport. Your dedication and artistry made this adventure unforgettable. Here's to the incredible music we've crafted together! - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

Phil - A standing ovation for Phil, our music director, who not only stepped into big shoes but filled them with unparalleled grace and talent. Your dedication to perfecting every note and harmony has elevated our show to new heights. Thank you for making the music come alive. - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

Ariel and Dave - Gigantic thank you to our stellar stage managers, for driving the behind-the-scenes magic every night. Your expertise and calm amidst the chaos ensured our show's seamless execution. Your dedication behind the curtain made every performance shine. Thank you for being the unsung heroes of our Variety Show. - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

Lora - Big thanks to Lora, the organizational genius behind our biggest Variety Show ever! Your incredible attention to detail, coordination skills, and unwavering support have been the glue holding everything together. Your efforts have not only organized us but have amplified the joy and impact of our show. - Jeff & Dane

Keki - A heartfelt thank you to the powerhouse behind our business team. As you take your final bow, know that your incredible business acumen and unwavering dedication have been the cornerstone of our fundraising success. Your shoes will be hard to fill. Your legacy will inspire and guide us. Thank you, Keki, for everything. - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

Jane - Our design dynamo with a musical flair! Your visual artistry is a masterpiece, and that song you penned? A chart-topper in parental playlists! Thanks for turning pixels into poetry and making our show a sing-along sensation. Your designs are a visual symphony, and we're all dancing to your creative tune! - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

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Business team - Immense gratitude to our business team for their exceptional work in securing sponsors and raising funds for our school. Thank you for your commitment! - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

Pat, Dani, Derek - Cheers to the leaders of our social committee, for making magic happen at every gathering! Your dedication turned all of the social events into the heartbeat of our Variety Show. Thanks for crafting moments that turned into cherished memories. - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

Social team - Cheers to our social team for orchestrating unforgettable happy hours, parties, and gatherings! Your efforts have woven a tapestry of camaraderie and celebration, making the Variety Show experience truly special. - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

Alumni - Heartfelt thanks to our alumni for your unwavering support of the show. Whether cheering from the audience, lending a hand backstage, or spreading the word in the community, your involvement has been invaluable. Your continued presence strengthens our show and community spirit. - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

Songwriters - Big thanks to our songwriters, who turned the show's theme into a canvas of creativity. Your imaginative ideas and storytelling have given depth and color to our performances, enchanting audiences night after night. - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

Ms Nasiakos and Mr. Haduch - Thank you for creating an amazing environment for our kids. Your support and cameo added magic to our show!! - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

VS Cast - Endless applause for our VS24 cast, who brought our travel-themed vision to life with unparalleled dedication. Your commitment turned this show into a journey of joy and unity for our kids and community. Thank you for making every scene a destination of its own. - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

Night Directors - Immense thanks to our Night Directors, whose vision and passion transformed our show into a spectacle beyond words. Your dedication and creativity brought our ideas to life, crafting performances that will be remembered forever. Here's to the magic you've created on stage! - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

Ms Grenley and Ms Mirkin - Big thanks for leading and directing the teachers' number. Your dedication brought fun and flair to the stage. #TeacherTalentShowcase - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

McKenzie custodians - Heartfelt thanks to our custodian crew, the unsung heroes behind the scenes. Your help and patience with our army of 190+ adults have been nothing short of heroic. Your hard work keeps our space shining and our spirits high. We couldn't do it without you. - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

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Jaimie Korelitz, Kathy Stofan, and Katie Colt - Standing ovation for the trio who doubled the dazzle with not one, but two amazing numbers! Juggling two acts, they mixed unforgettable charm with seamless execution, making each performance a standout. Their secret? Talent, teamwork, and a touch of magic. - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

Adamo Gumowski and Chris Williams - Cheers to Chris and Adamo, who herded cats—er, directed 30 dancing dads—with GenAI smarts, military-grade organization, and the patience of saints. Their humor and creativity turned potential dad disasters into a dad dance delight. Who knew dad moves could be so cool? #DadsGotMoves #ChrisAdamoChoreoHeroes - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

Ryan Boyle and Roberto Mazza - Round of applause for Ryan and Roberto, the creative powerhouses behind a new Variety Show classic! With Ryan's brilliant writing and Roberto's sharp co-directing, they crafted a number that's nothing short of legendary. This dynamic duo proves that when minds meld, magic happens on stage. - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

Carolyn Soling - Big shoutout to our lyrical genius and slideshow wizard! Thanks for taking us 'Under the Sea' on a field trip and guiding us through the national parks without leaving our seats. Your talents brought magic to our show and laughter to our hearts. #CarolynRocks #MermaidMagic - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

McKenzie Teachers - Hats off to our dancing stars, the teachers who twirled and leaped into our hearts! Your dedication shines brighter than your dance moves (and those were spectacular!). Thanks for giving extra time and turning this number into such a fun experience. #TeachersGotMoves #DanceLikeNoOnesGrading - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

Anat Gotfried, Dave Derrick - Bravo for orchestrating the 'Pet Medley' extravaganza, a seamless mash-up of three songs that had us laughing through decades of music! With their genius for blending tunes, hilarious costumes, and unforgettable characters, they turned a musical journey into a comedic masterpiece. - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

Filip Matakovic & Eddie Young - Encore for the maestros behind 'Take Me Home, Green Bay Road,' who closed each night with the whole crowd singing in unison. Their direction turned this number into the show's unforgettable finale, creating a sense of community and joy that lingered long after the curtains closed. - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

Katy Jones-Pritchard - Our acappella ninja! You turned nursery rhymes into a vocal battleground, and we emerged victorious. Thanks for leading the charge and making us the aca-champions! #RhymeWarrior #KatyAcaBoss #VocalVictory - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

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Courtney Droogan - Take a bow, Courtney, the mastermind behind the toe-tapping triumph 'Tourist Trap!' Setting the stage alight with 'Bulletproof' beats, Courtney's genius choreography, dazzling costumes, and spellbinding storytelling captivated us all. Beloved by her class and now a legend in our hearts, she proved we're all bulletproof when it comes to fun. #TapDanceQueen - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

Travis Parr - Farewell to our musical maestro, who gave 'Takin' Off' a Taylor Swift twist we'll never forget! With creativity that rivals Taylor's and a flair for the spectacular, Travis turned 'Shake It Off' into a goodbye anthem we're all humming. Travis, you'll be missed but never forgotten! #TravisTribute #SwiftlySpectacular - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

Cyndi Parr and Natalie Kritzler - Cheers to the dynamic duo who transformed Miley Cyrus's 'Flowers' into the variety show hit 'Driving for Hours'! With their innovative vision, they took us on a musical road trip that felt as fresh and exhilarating as an open highway. Here's to the pair who drove our show to new heights! #CyndiNatalieRoadshow #VarietyShowVoyagers - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

Melissa Lane and Alison Blake - Bravo to Melissa and Alison for turning Florida into a musical paradise! With flamingos as their muses and Melissa's catchy lyrics, they painted the stage pink and brought 'Gloria' to life with moves that made us all wish we were sunbathing in Miami. Here's to the duo that made pink the new black! #FlamingoFiesta #PinkPower

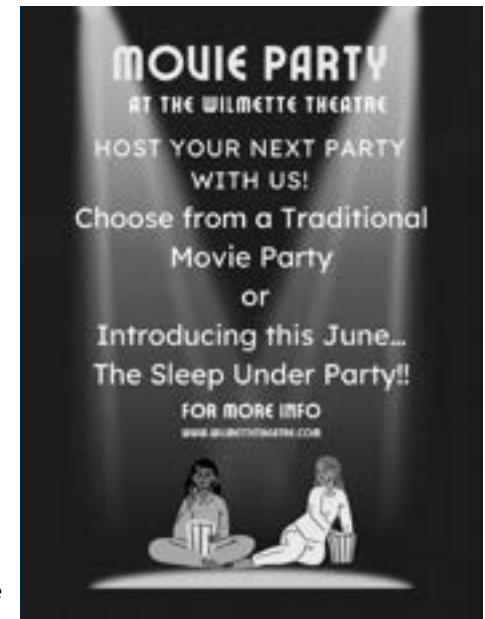
Jean Robinson and Lauren Coady - Applause for the dynamic duo who not only penned and directed 'Snore' and '2 Go Home' but also left an indelible mark as last year's show directors. Their creative genius shines in their writing, direction, and leadership, setting a high bar and inspiring us all. Here's to the legacy they've built and the paths they've paved! #JeanLaurenLegacy - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

Jen Thomas and Amanda Houde - Shoutout to the choreographic dream team who made directing a hip hop and a tap number seem like a walk in the park! With their talent and dedication, they turned challenging routines into pure entertainment, making it look effortless and ensuring fun for all. Here's to making the impossible, possible! #AmandaJenDuo - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

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Nunzio Castellano and Filip Matakovic - Big thank you for directing 'Whoohoo,' our rollercoaster ride of a number. With standout costumes and weeks of planning, he ensured a performance full of ups, downs, and all-around fun. Nunzio, you make excitement an art form! #NunzioDirects #ThrillSeeker -Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora

Ali Monge - Shoutout for masterfully directing 'Crazy at Disney World,' blending hip-hop's energy with the magic of Disney in a routine that's as thrilling as it is accessible. Ali's choreography wasn't just dance; it was storytelling with swagger, making every performer shine and every audience member wish they could join in. Here's to the creativity and cool that Ali brings to the stage, year after year. #HipHopHero - Dane, Jeff, Julieta & Lora



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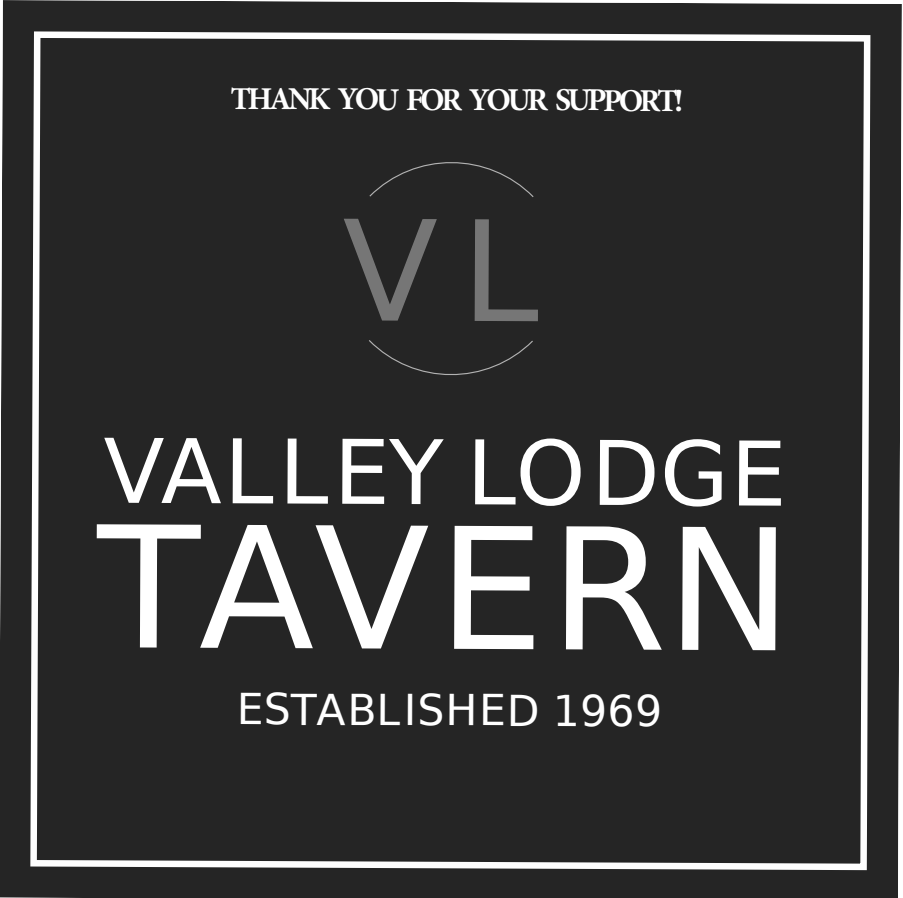
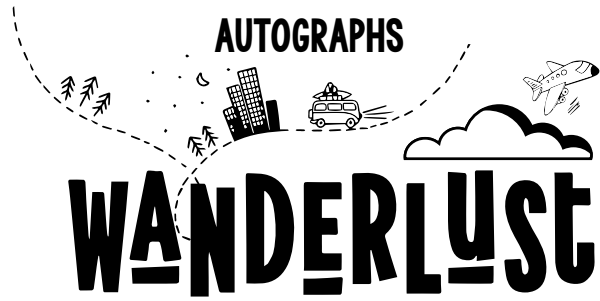
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