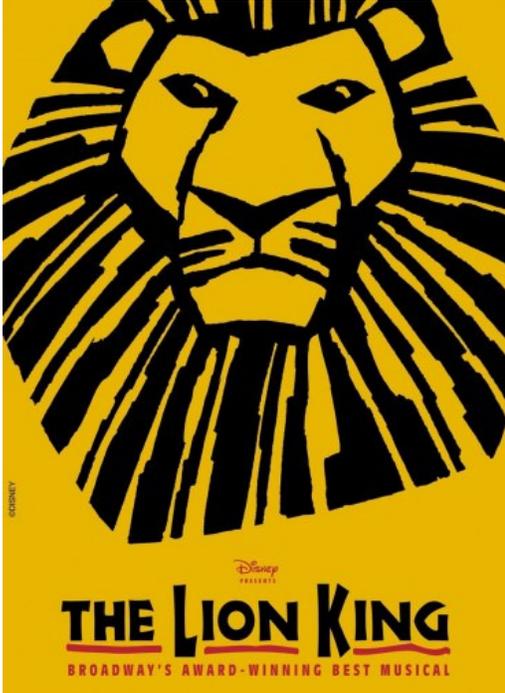




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Gilmore Community School is proud to announce an exciting project for the 2017/2018 school year. As a community, we will be taking on the production, rehearsal and performance of a large scale musical in a real performance venue, the Centennial Theatre in North Vancouver.

Based on the Broadway Musical and the 1994 Disney Film, The Lion King Jr will be sure to excite and educate our students. Every student in the school will be involved in many different aspects of the show. All of the acting, singing and dancing will be done by our students, with the upper intermediate students taking on the lead roles. We will also have opportunities for students to take part in the behind the scenes aspects of producing a musical. This will include set design and construction, painting and set crew.

The Broadway Junior line of shows began in the early 90s when legends of Broadway Stephen Sondheim and Arthur Laurents noticed that the general audience at a Broadway Show had become more elderly. They worried that if young people did not become involved in musical theatre, the art form would die out. Each Broadway Jr title has been shortened, songs have been

re-worked to make the range better for young voices, and crafted specifically for performance by young people. These shows have been specifically developed into 60 minute versions of some of the most famous Broadway Shows of all time. Lion King Jr is also special because The Lion King is currently still running on Broadway (the most profitable Broadway Show of all time). A currently running Broadway Show has never before been released for students to perform.

Beginning in September, classroom students will be learning the chorus songs and movements during their music classes. Also at that time we will once again open our drama club for students in Grades 5-7. The students in the drama club will be responsible for the dramatic aspects of our lead characters. These students will also learn the audition process, and go through the steps needed to prepare and go to an audition. We will also be looking for two primary students (one boy and one girl) to fill the roles of Young Simba and Young Nala.

We will also be turning to you, our parent community, for help in the many different aspects of a production of this size and calibre. If you can build, paint, sew or help out in any way we would like to hear from you.

Performances will be February 27 and 28, 2018 at the Centennial Theatre in North Vancouver. In order to cover the costs of the rental of the theatre and bus transportation for practices, **tickets to performances will be sold for a nominal fee** (exact prices will be determined at a later date. Students in drama club will also pay a costume fee, but will be able to keep some parts of their costume following the performance (headaddresses not included). Any questions about fees and/or performances can be directed to Mr. Taylor.

If you have any questions or would like to help out with this project please contact Mr. Phelps.

We look forward to working on this project as a community.