

IT AIN'T EASY BEING GREEN

By Lily Barlow, age 9 and Anne Pospisil, age 9

The CAA musical this summer is *Shrek the Musical*. It is about an ogre who has been scorned and feared his whole life. He lives by himself in a swamp. One day, a gang of fairytale characters come and try to invade his home. They say the evil Lord Farquaad has kicked them out of their homes. He tries to persuade them to leave by making a deal that he'll get their homes back. But when the two meet, Lord Farquaad says that he will give the characters their homes back if Shrek will get Princess Fiona from the high tower she is trapped in. He agrees and sets off on a quest for Fiona. However, he finds something strange about the beautiful princess. Why does she run away and hide at sundown every day?

To learn more about the production, we interviewed actors: Alexa, Olivia, and Morgan!

HEARTBEAT: *Who are you playing?*

ALEXA: Pig one

OLIVIA: Pig two/bishop

MORGAN: Pig three

HEARTBEAT: *What is your favorite song in Shrek the Musical?*

ALEXA: I Know It's Today/The Travel Song

OLIVIA: The Travel Song

MORGAN: The Travel Song/Big Wide Beautiful World

HEARTBEAT: *What is your favorite period?*

ALEXA: Musical/Zumba

OLIVIA: Musical/Sewing

MORGAN: Musical

We wanted to know more so we interviewed: Margareta!

HEARTBEAT: *Who are you playing?*

MARGARETA: Giny (the gingerbread man)

HEARTBEAT: *What is your favorite song in Shrek the Musical?*

MARGARETA: The Travel Song.

HEARTBEAT: *What's your favorite period?*

MARGARETA: CAA reality show.



Directors, Cassidy and Brett, lead today's musical rehearsal

HEARTBEAT: *How long have you been at CAA?*

MARGARETA: This is my first year.

HEARTBEAT: *Which do you prefer, singing or dancing?*

MARGARETA: Dancing.

Still wanting to know more so we interviewed the director of the musical: Cassidy!

HEARTBEAT: *What is your favorite song in Shrek the Musical?*

CASSIDY: The Freak Flag song but my favorite song of all time that is not in this musical is "Eson down the road" from the musical, *The Wiz*.

HEARTBEAT: *What's your favorite period?*

CASSIDY: The Musical!

HEARTBEAT: *How long have you been at CAA?*

CASSIDY: This is my first year.

HEARTBEAT: *Which do you prefer, singing or dancing?*

CASSIDY: Singing.

To summarize, we are really excited about the musical and can't wait to see it! We hope you are too!

15 Strange Things That We Do

By Anjali Marwell, *age 13* and Kate Wepsic, *age 13*

1. **Saying “ow” when there’s no real reason to:** I do this when I drop something on the floor or when something doesn’t even hurt me. I have no clue as to why.
2. **Keeping your earbuds or headphones in after the music stops playing:** I just kind of sit there waiting for something to happen.
3. **Walk around the house while on the phone:** I often sit on the couch upside down or do something strange like trying to climb up a door.
4. **Thinking that you’ll be able to finish another 40 minute episode when you have 20 minutes or less:** Literally me with every show on Netflix.
5. **Listening to the same song on repeat until you get tired of it:** ... so, so much that I end up kind of hating it.
6. **Thinking ‘Wed-nes-day’ when you write wednesday:** Everybody does it. That’s just a fact.
7. **Turning the fan or air conditioning on super cold so you can wrap yourself in blankets:** I feel like this is a normal-ish thing to do.
8. **Setting your alarm way earlier than you need so you can snooze it several times:** There’s NO WAY you can just turn off your alarm and get up. The mere thought of getting out of bed on the first alarm scares me.
9. **When you’re home alone you turn on every light in the house to make sure no one is watching you:** I also have to open the shower curtain to make sure no one’s hiding in there.
10. **When you look in the mirror but still check behind you to make sure no one’s there:** Writing this article makes me realize I’m paranoid.
11. **Wiping the glass on your phone with your finger so all the fingerprint marks go in the same direction:** This is really oddly satisfying and it makes me happy.
12. **Hating when authors change their book covers into the posters of the movies made about them:** Can’t they just keep the original cover?
13. **Checking the fridge every few hours to see if food has magically appeared:** The struggle is real.
14. **Having a mini panic attack when you drop your soap in the shower:** It can’t even fit in the drain yet I still think it will.
15. **Reciting the whole alphabet when trying to find the place of a single letter:** Someone should make a chart or something.

The 411 on 406 Basketball

By Dylan Marcell, *age 13*

Today we’re going to enter the world of CAA basketball at 406. I, Dylan Marcell, enjoy the basketball class the most. I also enjoyed playing knockout and 3 on 3. One time, I was shooting half court shots with my friend, George — a.k.a the kid who sung “Pete It” in Heartline. But back to the basketball — George scored his first half court shot and a lot of 3 pointers. Good stuff, George! I made 11 half court shots. Not to mention Tim and Evan were there shooting half court shots too. They both made 5 or 6 half court shots. All in all, basketball is a high-stakes, heart-pounding game, especially here at CAA.

CAA Reality Show Recap

By Rebecca Randall, *age 12* and Scarlett Huntington, *age 12*

Last Wednesday, we all witnessed the Butter-flies defeating the Skittles in the first Realty Show challenge. As members of Team Butter-flies, we were very excited. We watched the episodes last year and it seemed that people were very competitive while still having fun. However, some people may not understand what the Reality Show is about. The Reality Show is a class where two teams are given three tasks and they must compete against each other to win.

This year the first task was to create a song and dance about CAA. Team Butter-flies used *Take On Me* and Team Skittles used *Old Town Road* to base their songs off of. At least for team Butter-flies, it seemed that the rehearsals had a rocky start, but when we realized that we were running out of time we all practiced nonstop. We talked to Kelly, one of the judges, and she said “It was a tough decision, but the judges enjoyed how Team Butterflies use of the entire stage.” Overall, both teams did a great job and they should be proud of what they achieved in such a short time.



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tomorrow for **Hat Day!**