

# behind the CURTAIN

Audiences at every Vista Ridge Wolfpack Theatre production admire their friends and family for their amazing acting and ability to stay in character on stage, but very few people realize what has to get done behind the curtain for the play to be a success. No production would be complete without pristine lighting, amazing costumes, and speedy setting changes. The Wolfpack Stage Crew puts in countless hours of work to make all of this come together. **Makenna Weiner, 11**, says, "There's always something to be done. If there's nothing to do, I find something to do." The fall production, "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time," took three months of preparation with a week of not being able to work on the play due to snow days, making it even more difficult to perfect. With the hard working stage crew, "The production went smoothly and turned out amazing in the end." said **Madeline Breckon, 11**.

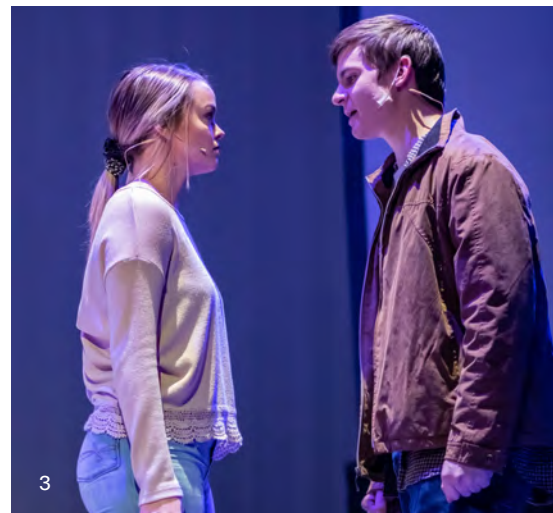


## THEATER CLASSES



Left. **William Yount, 9**, directs **Aidan Blake, 9**, and **James Williams, 9**, in a stage fight for their interpretation of Peter Pan. **James** said, "When we decided to do Peter Pan, we did not have a lot of ideas, so we decided to go crazy with it by adding action and comedy."

Right. For their production of Peter Pan, this group got an inflatable crocodile costume to help play Tick-Tock the Crocodile. **Darcy Brydges, 10**, said, "We wanted to do Peter Pan because of how large our cast is and the wide variety of characters in the tale. The crocodile idea just appeared with the idea for Peter Pan."



the way I  
see theater...

"Theater is magical. It's a way to get to know each other better and make close friends."  
*Summer Brownsberger, 12*

"Theater lets you be yourself. You get to meet some pretty fantastic people."  
*Jacob Giles, 12*

"Theater is an escape from reality. It's a way to learn human skills and be somebody for a change."  
*Kallista Palapas, 12*

"Theater is an experience to reach out and understand your capabilities not just for acting but for public speaking."  
*Joshua Odell, 12*

"Theater is a place for me to be who I am and overall improves me as a person."  
*Tyler Box, 11*

"Theater is one of the most human experiences that you can have out there because it's an exploration of humans and their emotions."  
*Adara Ceja Albarran, 10*





## STAGE CREW LIFE



**Alexandria Cazares 12**, has been on the Vista Ridge Wolfpack Theater stage crew since she was in 8th grade. For her, it's been a long, hard, but amazing experience. "It's just a big family environment. It is lots of fun and lots of work, but you definitely learn a lot." Her best memory was the first Saturday of her first show. "Everyone went out on stage, and it was very emotional and crazy."



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## THERE'S NO BUSINESS like show business

1. The fall play, "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" presented props and scenery in a unique way. Featured here the ensemble is pretending to be a spaceship as Christopher Boone, the narrator and protagonist of the play imagines being in space. **Gabriel Alejandro, 12**, played Christopher.
2. **Isaiah Bishop, 12**, steals the show in his turn for the game "What Are You Doing" at the 6th annual Improvapoosa.
3. **Emily Weir, 11**, and **Kaleb Morgan, 12**, preform as Judy and Ed Boone, the parents of Christopher.
4. **Isabella Jones, 12**, narrates the play to fill in the next scene. Throughout the play, Isabella transitioned from narrator to Christopher's teacher.
5. **Mr. Andrew Mello, Mrs. Haley Hunsaker, and Judiel Almacen, 12**, earn a lot of laughs while doing the improv skit "Complaint Department" at Improvapoosa.
6. **Faith Longoria, 11, Tyler Orth, 12, Alexandra Fox, 11, David Dougherty, 10**, all pose as props in "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" presented by the Vista Ridge theater program.

"Theater is a way to present ideas and stories that others might find meaning in. I do theater to experience something different than my life."  
*David Dougherty, 10*

"It's a feeling like no one can explain unless you experienced it yourself. It's more than team, it's a family."  
*Ryan Foster, 12*

"Theater is the art form is closest to a true representation of the human condition."  
*Mr. Andrew Mello*

"Theater is a safe place."  
*Leilah Tuimalealifano, 9*

"Theater is a place to be myself."  
*Briayna Hardiman, 9*

"Theater is a fun way to step out of your comfort zone and break out of your shell."  
*Riley Xiong, 10*

"Theater isn't like a family, but a group of people who are very different yet have a lot of similarities."  
*Jazlyn Hall, 11*