

**WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE.** Simba, played by Tate Wride (6) learns what the phrase, Hakuna Matata means while the "jungle" dances around him. His goofy sidekicks, Timone and Pumbaa, played by Will Palmer (6) and Eden Kaplan (6), respectively, captivated the audience's attention with their hilarious improvisations after just moments on stage. "Everybody working together to make it fun is amazing to watch," said Kaplan.



**SHE CAN SHINE!** Eighth grader Amaya Tate rehearses the opening number, *Circle of Life*. "I remember Amaya in her first drama class, so shy she could barely make eye contact. To watch her shine now, I could cry. She's beautiful," said director Laurel Wicke. **SIBLING SHOW.** Rafiki, played by Jane Wride (8) performs *He Lives in You* as her brother, Tate Wride, looks on, recalling the once great Mufasa. "I loved everything about the play, spending time with friends and doing my part," said Wride.



**JUST DANCE.** At musical auditions, Pragna Yalavarthy (6), Anjalie Pasrich (7) and Lydia Mauger (7) perform as maniacal hyenas. "The auditions were like being on a rollercoaster. Everyone was nervous and excited at the same time," said Yalavarthy. **TEAMWORK.** Lionesses Liz Plummer (8) and Clareth Aguilar-Perez (7) get into full lion character before the show. "I loved making new friends and having an extra activity outside of school," said Plummer.

"My favorite part of the Lion King was performing in front of hundreds of people and helping to create an amazing show."

Hudson Oliver (6)  
-recalling his best memory.