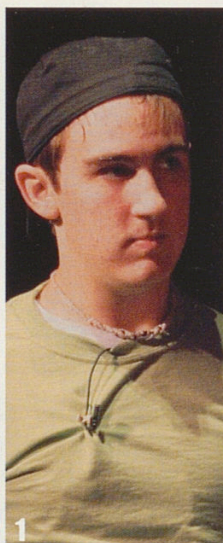




Amy Morton, 11, and Frank Bakes, 11, act out their roles as parents on stage during 'The Yellow Boat.' This fall production took place on October 12-14. The play was about the triumph of a young boy's spirit over hemophilia AIDS.



Lauren Lynn, 11, sings her heart out in the Variety Show. Everyone in the line-up had his or her own talent and performed to the best of his or her ability. Although singing was a very popular talent in the show, dancing, jump roping, and dialogs were also featured.



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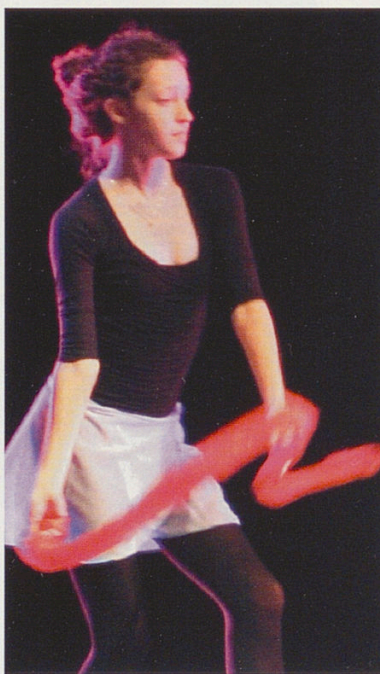


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1. "The most important thing that Mr. [John] Whapham told us to remember is that you should never over-play your role in the production: just act to the best of your ability and the emotions will come naturally," said Nicholas Philpott, 12. 2. Andrew Jensen, 9, played the little boy who suffers from AIDS and hemophilia in "The Yellow Boat." "Even though the cast varied in age, everybody got along great," said Jensen. 3. Laura Wacksman, 11, performs on stage in "Once on this Island." "The fall musical was really fun. I'm glad I was involved with it. Last year's production that I decided to take a stab at 'Once On This Island' as well," said Wacksman.



Micah Kamrass, 12, and Vincent Liu, 12, perform with the Sycamore High School A Cappella Group. The boys kept the audience on its feet and laughing the entire show. "I really enjoyed watching these guys. They were very entertaining with their singing and dialog throughout the show," said Emily Ash, 11.



Anna Stone, 11, dancing on stage in "The Yellow Boat." Stone was one of the dancers meant to express the main boy's feelings throughout the play. "I've been in other productions performed by Aves Theatre Group before, and they're tons of fun. Mr. [John] Whapham is a great director, and everyone involved is so much fun to work with. We all had a great time rehearsing," said Stone. Because this play was based upon true events and was written by a father, it brought real emotions to the show and to the audience.

"We have such talented students here that it would be hard for the audience not to love them."

-Aubrey Johnson, 9

Words to remember...

"Having a good work ethic and not giving up when the going gets rough helped me with my acting career and made me a better actor."

-Nathan Fischer, 11

"I wanted to try out for the musical because I was involved in 'Footloose' last year and I had so much fun. I love to act, dance, and sing."

-Kerry Verdier, 10

"'The Yellow Boat' really conveyed the message to live your life to the fullest under all circumstances."

-Cody Sparks, 9