

Features

Middle School House Rock! Live!

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Richmond Middle School just got rocked.

I am sure most of you remember the classic *School House Rock* songs and television episodes. From "Conjunction Junction" to "I'm Just A Bill," these songs were an extensive part of most of our childhoods.

Not only were they educational, but they were catchy. While the classic tunes got stuck in our heads, the valuable information stuck to our brains.

With the burst of the new theatre program, the middle school was gifted the right to put on a show this school year. Just like the recent show put on at the elementary school, RHS students were given the opportunity to direct, choreograph, and music direct *School House Rock*.

Senior Daniel Seguin was given the opportunity to direct this show. "I was persistent. I made an effort to show I was working hard," Seguin said. Even though he showed his dedication, he also had some experience under his belt. Over the summer, Seguin co-directed Aladdin at The Aud Regional Youth Complex. He has also been involved with around 30 productions.

To make sure Daniel had some help wrangling 21 kids, Emma Haack was given the assistant director job. "I love theatre and I love working with kids. Direct-

ing is a great way to mix two of my loves," Haack said. Her responsibilities were to work on the overall staging of the show and to work with the students on their acting ability.

There were multiple high school students who took part in bringing this show to life. Haley Fortuna was the music director, Katelynn Gerlach was the choreographer, Anna Maxwell was the stage director and Noah Schroder and Emily Nichter worked on props and the set. With all these middle schoolers and high schoolers running around, they did need some adult supervisors. That is where Eleanor Schmidt came in.

Schmidt is the head of RCSD theatre programs. She runs the elementary, middle, and high school shows. Her job at rehearsals is to make sure everything is running properly by giving the high school staff direction. "I want to give the staff independence; I'm only here to guide them," said Schmidt.

Eighth grader, Katelynn Holden, was fortunate enough to play a leading role in *School House Rock*. Holden has been involved with 16 shows, but this musical was her first lead part. "I love acting because I get to be with my friends. My theater friends are the ones I'm closest to," Holden said.

This production taught Holden that theatre takes patience. Going over blocking, remembering all the dances, singing all the songs, and projecting your lines takes a lot

of work.

Theater also takes a tremendous amount of courage. You're putting yourself on stage in front of a crowd of people. With that said, if courage is something you may lack, theater can help you gain it. Breaking out of your comfort zone and showing yourself to an audience

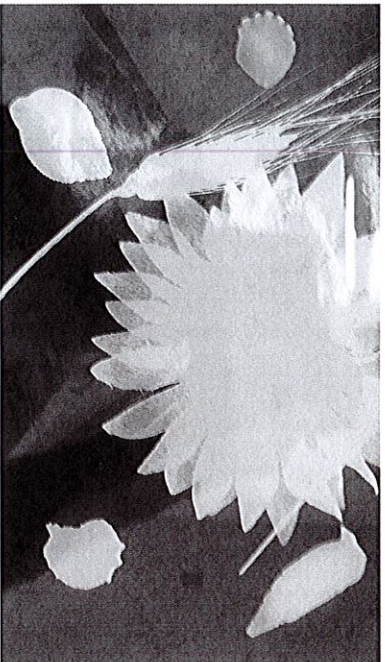
With acting aside, School House Rock informed the students on how to properly use parts of speech, the history of the constitution, and the planets in our solar system. "[the songs] are always in my brain for reference," Holden said.

This show has not only taught the students about the joys of theatre, it has also taught the high schoolers a few things as well. "I had more to learn from the kids than they had to learn from me," Seguin said.

School House Rock went live on March 16th and 17th at 7pm. And the house was packed both nights. The show was nostalgic for many of its viewers. While the kids sang and danced, the audience members were brought back to their days in the class room.

Keep an eye out on RHS. Their spring musical *Thoroughly Modern Millie* opens April 20th, 21st, and 22nd.

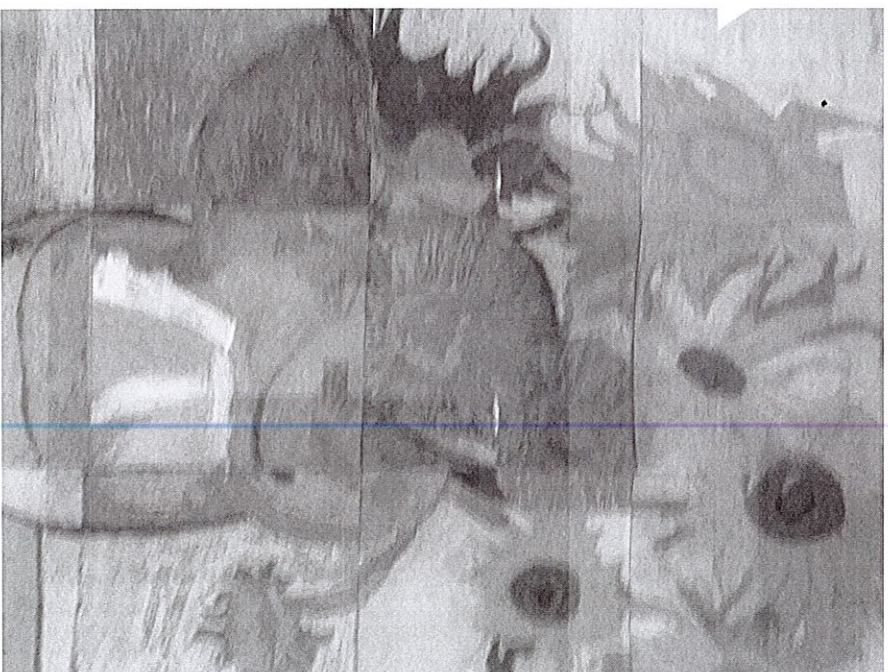
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Ingredients:

- 3 cups of flour
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 (.25 ounces) package active dry yeast
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2/3 cup warm milk
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 7 eggs
- 1/2 cup chopped fruit
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Directions:

Combine 1 cup flour, sugar, yeast, and salt. Add milk and better. Then add 2 eggs and 1/2 cup flour. Stir in fruit. Knead until smooth and elastic (6-8 minutes). Place in greases bowl. Cover and let rise in warm place for about an hour. Dye remaining eggs (leave them uncooked). Divide dough in half and roll each piece into ropes. Place eggs into openings. Cover and let rise for 30 minutes. Bake at 350 degrees F for 30-35 min. Remove and let cool on rack.

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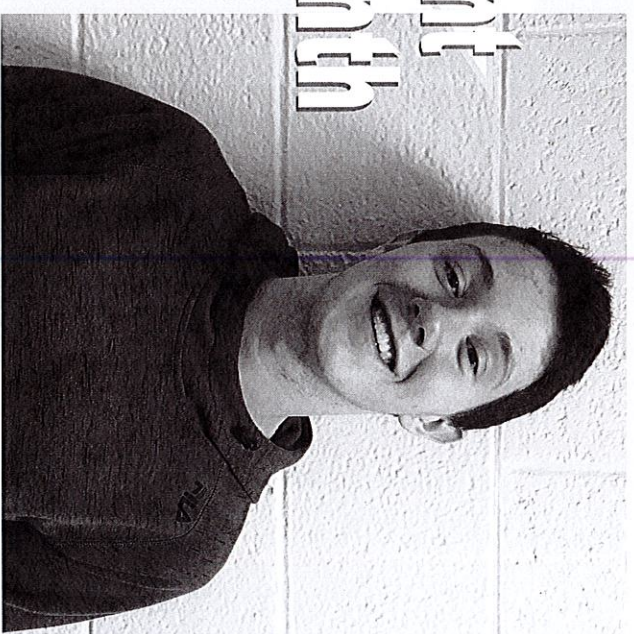
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1. Favorite quote: "I've said it once and I'll say it again, life moves pretty fast and if you don't stop and look around, you'll miss it."
2. After school activities: Taking pictures with friends
3. Favorite class: Art
4. Future career path: Optometry

Tim Dickerson



1. Favorite quote: "Get er done."
2. After school activities: Running and wrestling
3. Favorite class: Band because he's around all of his friends and he gets to do what he loves.
4. Future career path: Military