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Annie

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to the Cast and Crew of
“Annie”**

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Annie

Directed and Produced by

Amanda Pioppi

Assistant Director

Ruthechamar Jolibois

Book by Music by Lyrics by
Thomas Meehan Charles Strouse Martin Charnin

Original Broadway Production Directed by Martin Charnin
Presented on Broadway by Mike Nichols

Produced By

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From our Principal...

Welcome Forest Street Family to our student production of *Annie*! We are honored to have you here tonight as we celebrate another theatrical success. I am confident you will LOVE tonight's performance. Our children have rehearsed long hours and put their very best efforts into making it special!



Many thanks to our parents, guardians, teachers and staff for encouraging and supporting our students, actors and crew. I know that your inspiration behind the scenes is the secret magic ingredient that will result in a great show!

Now, please sit back with pride and enjoy our wonderful Forest Street production of *Annie*!

— Ms. Yancisca Cooke, Principal



Aaron (Drake), Glenmarie (Annie) and Wilsonny (Warbucks)



The Setting... A New York City orphanage for poor children who have no family.

The Time... Long ago in the 1930's, during the Great Depression.

The Story... Annie is a poor, little girl with no parents but lots of spirit and hope. She lives in a terrible orphanage run by the mean and sneaky Miss Hannigan. Annie wants more than anything to find her parents, but things don't look good.

Suddenly her luck changes when she is chosen to spend a weekend in the mansion of billionaire businessman Oliver Warbucks. When rich Mr. Warbucks meets this wonderful girl, he decides to offer a reward to help her find her parents.

Annie's dreams come true, but with a twist she never expected!

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Annie



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Forest Street School, 2014

Presented by the students of
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Thursday and Friday
June 19 and 20, 2014
7:00 PM each night

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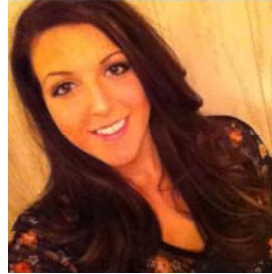
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but the students make it all worthwhile.

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Director and Choreographer

Amanda Pioppi is thrilled to produce another exciting production at Forest Street School. This is her fourth year in the district as a Drama teacher at Forest Street and Cleveland Street schools. As a director and choreographer, her credits include: *Guys and Dolls Jr.*, *Footloose*, *You Can't Take It with You*, *High School Musical* and *Said Six Women*. Ms. Pioppi would like to thank every person that helped make this performance a success, especially her Forest Street family. She is also proud of the efforts and growth her students made throughout this rehearsal process and wants them to always remember: "You're never fully dressed without a smile."



Assistant Director

Ruthchamar Jolibois is a 7th grader here at Forest Street where she has been involved in many school activities, both educational and recreational. She began her acting career in the last year's play, *Guys and Dolls*, in which she portrayed a gambler named *Rusty Charlie*. This year she chose to work behind the scenes. She hopes everyone enjoys the show and has fun because it wasn't an easy task.



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Cast and Crew
from the
Middle School Team



Ms. Walker

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Glenmarie (Annie), Benslyne (July) & Amaya (Lily St. Regis)

The Honorable Assemblywoman

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Warmest Congratulations

and

Best of Luck

to the students, staff and faculty of

Forest Street Elementary School

in their stage production of

"Annie"

on June 19th and 20th, 2014

Director's Notes

Every time someone brings up the musical *Annie*, it always seems to remind people of their childhood. Those fond memories are one of the reasons why I chose this musical for our students. I wanted them to experience the world of *Annie* and to enjoy it just as their parents and others did when they were younger.

As an educator, a goal of mine was to enlighten the students about the hardships people faced during the 1930's Great Depression. My hopes were that they would find inspiration from one confident, little girl that brought optimism to everyone she met. This message, as well as the many other themes in *Annie*, rang true as we came together to produce this endearing musical.

Our students realized that this production would not be an "easy street" when I informed them we would be doing the full, two-act version of the musical instead of the *Junior* version. At times, it did make rehearsals feel like a "hard knock life." Through it all, we worked together and put all of our efforts into this production. Somehow, we knew that it "may be far away" but the "sun will come out tomorrow." Now, we "don't need anything but you" to sit back, relax, and enjoy *Annie* with us.

—Ms. Pioppi

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Best Wishes for an

“out of this world” production,

Peter S. Crosta

Supervisor of Visual & Performing Arts

p.s. - “Break a Leg!”

Annie

Cast –In Order of Appearance

Annie	Glenmarie Alonzo-Perez
Molly, littlest orphan	Roodiana Romul
Pepper, toughest orphan	Nana Samong
Duffy, biggest orphan	Davia Campbell
Kate, next to littlest orphan	Jade Garcia
Tessie, cry baby orphan	Kayla Sampong
Jessie, cry baby orphan	Jasmine Sampong
July, quietest orphan	Benslyne Lazarre
Miss. Hannigan, caretaker	Aliyha Waite
Oliver Warbucks, billionaire	Wilsonny Excelus
Grace Farrell, his assistant	Megeenah Dacy
Rooster, Hannigan's brother	Joseph Ceciliano
Lily St. Regis, his girlfriend	Amaya Whitehall
FDR, the President	Raffael Davila
Drake, English butler	Aaron Larathe
Bundles McCloskey, laundry	Damien Reyes Perez



**Best Wishes to
 Forest Street School
 and the
 Cast and Crew of
 “Annie”**

The Orange Board of Education

Patricia A. Arthur, President

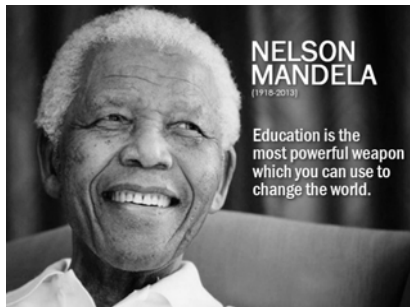
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Supporting Cast In Order of Appearance

Apple Seller	Jalen Reece
Dog Catcher 1	Osiel Luna
Dog Catcher 2	Dennis Abrego
Sgt. Thayer	Jeremiah Lunis
Lt. Ward	Jeremy Nina
Cecille, maid	Enya Baskerville
Annette, maid	Celine Jobson
Mrs. Greer, head housekeeper	Louri-Ann Foster
Mrs. Pugh, the cook	Abygail Mettelus
Star—to—be	Louri-Ann Foster
Usherette	Nevaeh Pierre
Bert Healy, radio personality	Zaki Williams
Wacky radio personality	Dennis Abrego
Franny McCracken	Taniya Ward
Bonnie, radio singer	Abygail Mettelus
Connie, radio singer	Enya Baskerville

Understudies

Duffy, biggest orphan	Azalee Excelus
Kate, next to littlest orphan	Odalys Fajardo



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Ronnie, radio singer

Olivia Martin

Kaltenborn's voice

Mr. Canares

Louis Howe, pres. associate

Jeremy Nina

Ikes, pres. associate

Jason Dort

Mongenthau, cabinet

Jaden Oates

Hull, cabinet

Jeremiah Lunis

Perkins, cabinet

Celine Jobson





**Congratulations
and
Best Wishes !!!**

to our terrific Forest Street "Cast and Crew" of

Annie

You are all MY Shining Stars!!!

Ms. Cooke, Principal

Dr. Young, Assistant Principal

Ms. Rogers, Administrative Assistant

Ms. Peters, Guidance Counselor

Ms. Latney, Security

Best Wishes
to the
Cast and Crew
of
Annie
from
**The Donnelly
Family**



Orphans Odalys Fajardo
and Davia Campbell at OPA
Preview, April 8, 2014

Orphans

Davia Campbell

Sophia Estape

Azalee Excelus

Odalys Fajardo

Kimberly Figueroa

Jade Garcia

Trisha Headley

Olivia Martin

Diana Mendoza

Rachel Menjivar

Amy Paiz

Nevaeh Pierre

Roodiana Romul

Jasmine Sampong

Kayla Sampong

Nana Sapong

Jahni Williams





“Break a leg”

Best wishes

to

Forest Street Elementary

from

Ms. Caroline Onyesonwu

and the

Bilingual/ESL Department

*You make us
very proud!*

Ensemble



Dennis Abrego

Enya Baskerville

Raffael Davila

Juan Diaz

Jason Dort

Berky Eliezer

Louri-Ann Foster

Celine Jobson

Aaron Larathe

Jeremiah Lunis

Gerald Merisier

Abygail Metullus

Jaden Oates

David Pagan

Christian Prophete

Jalen Reece

Damien Reyes

Taniya Ward

Zaki Williams



Musical Numbers



Overture
Maybe
Hard Knock Life
Hard Knock Life Reprise
Tomorrow
Hooverville
Little Girls
Little Girls Reprise
I Think I'm Gonna Like It Here
N.Y.C.
Easy Street
Fully Dressed
Fully Dressed (Children)
Easy Street Reprise
Cabinet Tomorrow
I Don't Need Anything But You
Tomorrow
Bows

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Good Luck
Ms. Battle

Best Wishes
to
the Cast & Crew
Ms. Worth ☺

Annie's Lucky Bricks

Good Luck!
Ms. Felicio

Good Luck!
☺
Ms. Adame

Good Luck!
☺
Ms. Humphreys

Good Luck!
Mr. Martinez

Good Luck!
Ms. McKitty

Break a leg!
Ms.
Murati ♡

Best wishes!
Ms. McKitty

Best Wishes!
Ms.
Britton

Best Wishes!
Ms. Gavilanez
☺

Break a
Leg !!!
Mr. Warta

Good Luck ☺
Ms.
Springer ☺

BON CHANS!
♥ Ms. O'NEILLIS
(GOOD LUCK GUYS)

Best Wishes
Cast & Crew!
- Ms. Bruce


Have
a
Great Show
Mr. Elbanna

You are the B-E-S-T! Mrs. Peters		Good Luck Ms. Rogers Ms. Latney
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Annie's Lucky Bricks

2nd grade rocks! Mrs. Daniels ☺	Señora Portillo ¡Buena suerte!	Ms. Chen 陈
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Mr. Cushing	Kidzonomics deshea@ moneysprouts .net
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Mr.  Donnelly GOOD LUCK!	Congrats to you all!! ♥ - Ms. White	Break a LEG! Ms. Grimsley
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Good LUCK!	MS Lazewski
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MR. BRAGG	GOOD LUCK Ms. Bunny!
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Ms. Onyesonwu!	Good Luck! from Ms. Paiz
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Biographies of the Cast and Crew

Dennis Abrego (Dog Catcher's Assistant, Eddie) — is a 5th grader who is participating in a Forest Street School play for the 1st time in all his 6 years at Forest. He is a great mathematician and also plays guitar. Dennis will steal the show spotlight during the production!



Glenmarie Alonzo-Perez (Annie) — is a 7th grader who has been in many Forest Street productions. Her roles include portraying *Adelaide* in *Guys and Dolls* and a Sugar Plum in the winter play, *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. She is excited to be on the stage again in her biggest role to date: *Annie*. She would like to thank her family, friends and cast members.



To Glenmarie,
God Bless you,
I love you princess.

Love,

Mami

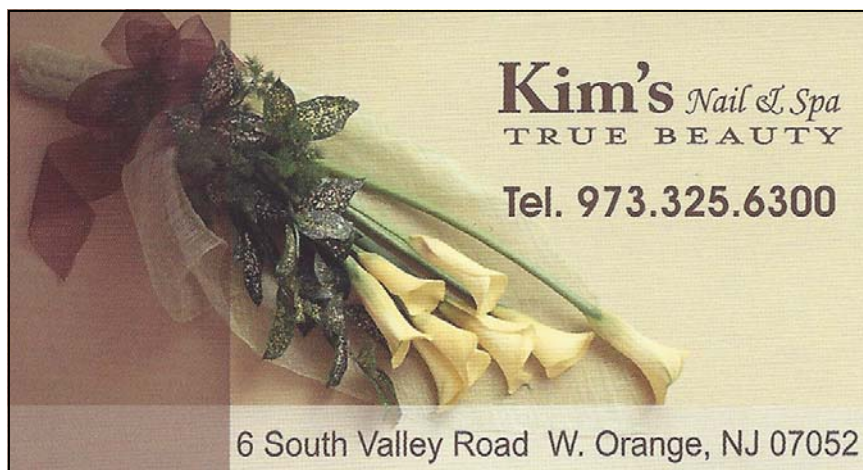


Enya Baskerville (Maid, Woman) — is excited to be playing a double role in *Annie*. Past productions include being an "elf" in the Christmas play, *For Santa* and being cast as a "Hot Box Girl" in *Guys and Dolls*. She likes swimming and she wants to send a big thank you to her Drama teacher.

Joseph Ceciliano (Rooster) — is from Costa Rica. He loves playing soccer and video games. He plays the role of *Rooster* but has also been in other plays such as *Guys and Dolls*. He would like to thank his mom and dad for encouragement to be in the play, and Ms. Pioppi for all her support.



Medina Craig (Stage Crew) — is an experienced stage crew member who worked behind the scenes and appeared as a "gambler" in the 2012/2013 production of *Guys and Dolls*. She is 12 years old and part of Ms. Hunter's 6th grade class. She wishes all the cast members "Good Luck" and tells them to "break a leg!"



Raffael Davila (Franklin D. Roosevelt) — is a 7th grader who has been in as many plays as possible since 6th grade. He was in the 2012 winter concert play and portrayed *Lieutenant Brannigan* in *Guys and Dolls*. He is very imaginative and is there when needed. He would like to thank his parents, friends, Ms. Pioppi and anyone else who cares. To whoever reads this: Good Luck!, Break a Leg!, and enjoy the show!

Megeenah Dacy (Grace Farrell) — is a 7th grader who has been in numerous Forest Street productions, including *Guys and Dolls*, as part of the missionary band, and a *Black History Month Special* as Michelle Obama. She's also very active and loves kickball, volleyball and dancing. Megeenah is very proud to be on stage again playing Grace Farrell.

Jason Dort (Ikes, Press Associate; Street Urchin) — is a very energetic, fun, creative, kind, intelligent person. He plays the trumpet and loves cooking. One day he wants to be a paleontologist. Working on Annie has been a wonderful challenge considering this has been his 1st middle-school play. He would like to thank Ms. Pioppi for her support.

Berky Eliezer (Urchin) — is a 5th grader who is experiencing her 1st year in Forest along with her first-ever production! She is very talented but her main hobbies are singing and swimming. Berky is happy to be at Forest & thankful towards Ms. Pioppi for the opportunity to be in this play.

Will Excelus (Oliver Warbucks) — is in 7th grade. Everyone knows him; he's very mean, but lovable. He can even be cute at times. Not only is basketball his hobby, he is No. 5 on the Forest Street basketball team. He's originally from Haiti, has a sister who is 3 years younger, and a little brother who is 8. In his spare time, Will works at OPA on Saturdays.

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Juan Diaz (Ensemble) — is an enthusiastic member of the cast who demonstrates his excitement in every song and scene! His experience includes past Forest Street productions such as *Freddie the Frog*. All the cast members wish him the best of luck!

Odalys Fajardo (Orphan) — is a very hard working, kind and courageous person who tries her best in school to get good grades. She was seen previously on *Guys and Dolls* and is now looking forward to appearing in *Annie*. In her spare time, Odalys loves dancing, singing and acting. Her idol is Bethany Mota. She wishes good luck to the cast and crew!



Kimberly Figueroa (Orphan) — is in the 4th grade and just loves to act! Her experience includes the winter show: *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* and other plays, among them *Freddie the Frog*.



Louri-Ann Foster (Mrs. Greer, Sophie) — in all modesty, is an extraordinary and magnificent singer, violinist and overall amazing person! She participated in the infamous *Guys and Dolls* production and many other plays. Louri-Ann has always been interested in theatre and would like to shout out her true homie, Amaya Whitehall, for her support through thick and thin.

Jade Garcia (Kate) — is a 4th grader who has many talents including acting, singing and drawing. In fact, she aspires to be a professional singer some day in the future. While she is not performing on the stage or doing schoolwork, she is also learning to play the piano. She sends a warm hello to her friends Kayla, Jasmine, Nana and Kimberly. In addition, she wants to thank Ms. Pioppi.

Celine Jobson (Perkins, Servant) — is a 5th grader at Forest Street. She enjoys soccer, golf, kickball, tennis and swimming. Celine has also appeared in several other plays. She would like to thank her friends, her mom and Ms. Pioppi for encouraging her. She adds, *"I would like to thank you guys for supporting me throughout the play!"*




Arron Larathe (Drake) — has been rehearsing and working hard to make the play a success. His experience includes the "Christmas play" and his interests extend to sports. He reports it was a personal challenge for him to take on this role but he has stepped up to the plate confidently to do it! He has a loving family and thanks them for their support.

Benslyne Lazarre (July) — loves acting, especially when she is portraying a character who is hard to imagine. She is into many activities, such as dance and cheerleading, and is a member of Forest Street's Cheerleading Squad. She would like to thank her family, the cast members and Ms. Pioppi.

Jeremiah Lunis (Hull, Sgt. Thayer) — is an extraordinary student at Forest Street School. Not only does he think "outside the box", he's an independent student who enjoys basketball and soccer. Jeremiah's experience includes the Choir and a role in *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. He wants to thank Ms. Pioppi for including him in the cast.





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Diana Mendoza (Orphan) — is a 5th grader who is excited to be in *Annie*. In her free time, Diana enjoys helping others. Last year she was a member of the Community Service Club. She also plays the violin. As the cast of *Annie* goes out on stage, Diana gives a shout out to the whole crew, especially to her good friends Rachel and Sophia .



Rachel Menjivar (Orphan) — is a 5th grade student who has done really well in school again this year. In fact she is an honor roll student! She loves to be in plays and has been in a few so far. In her spare time she has been in ballet for four years and also takes violin lessons. She dreams of becoming a scientist/physicist when she grows up. Meanwhile, she thanks Ms. Pioppi for including her in the play.





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Roodiana (Molly), Glenmarie (Annie) and Wilsonny (Warbucks)

Abygail Metellus (Mrs. Pugh) — is a 5th grader who was very excited when she heard she won a role in *Annie*— which she sees as “Step 1” on her way to Hollywood! Abygail is known for writing songs in her class. Her inspiration in life is Lisa “Left Eye” Lopes. She loves the 90's and the girl group, TLC. She'll fit in perfectly with this musical because she loves music. She'd like to thank Ms. Pioppi for this experience, as well as her mom, dad, friends and family, and Lisa.



Jaden Oates (Morgenthau) — is a 4th grader, with a sense of humor and adventure, who has acted in previous Forest Street plays. While off the stage, Jaden is also a member of Forest's popular 4-5 basketball team.





Congratulations
to the
Cast and Crew of
Annie!

from the
Forest Street
ESL teachers

Ms. Diaz and Mr. Donnelly

Amy M. Paiz (Orphan) — is a fourth grader in Ms. White's class and is also one of Forest Street's amazing cheerleaders. She plays Sarah, an orphan in the *Annie* production. This is Amy's first time on the Forest Street stage and she is so excited to be part of the show! All the cast members wish her *Good Luck!* and will be silently rooting for her backstage.

Sara Paiz (Ensemble) — is a 1st grade student at Forest Street School and is appearing tonight in a singing role in her first theatrical production. Sara's interests include painting, dancing and playing in the park. She is now very excited to be given an opportunity to participate with the older children in the play. Her Mommy and Daddy are VERY proud of her!



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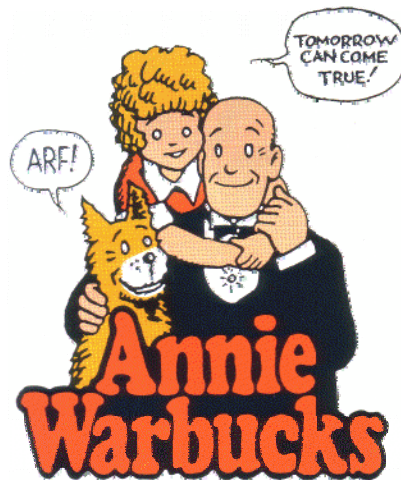
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Ms. Cooke !!!





Christian Prophete (Ensemble) — is a nice kid who has great acting talent. In fact, he was born to be on TV! He knows this because ever since he was 3 years old he has been filling his whole house with joy! Christian is in a dual role tonight, portraying both an Urchin and a Servant in the *Mansion*. He would like to thank his parents and the *Annie* cast for helping.

Jalen Reece (Apple Seller, Ensemble) — is a 4th grade student with a long history of stage appearances at Forest. In 2nd grade he appeared in *Soul Train*, followed by *Freddie the Frog*, as one of the ants, and *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* as one of the reindeer. Tonight he takes on a dual role as a juggler and a typical New Yorker.

Damien Reyes (Mr. Bundles) — is an experienced actor at Forest, having appeared previously in the role of a "beetle bug" in *Freddie the Frog*. He is also on Forest Street's amazing 4-5 basketball team. Go Damien!

Jasmine Sampong (Jessie) — plays the orphaned twin-sister Jessie in *Annie*, but she's also a twin in real life. She has appeared in many school activities, among them: *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* and some musical programs. She's an athletic person with an enormous amount of talent. She likes ice and roller skating, and has her own sense of style.

Kayla Sampong (Tessie) — is one of Forest's amazing cheerleaders and a fantastic fourth grader. She portrays the character *Tessie*, who is a twin in *Annie*, just as Kayla is a twin in real life. You might remember seeing her in Forest's production, *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. She would like to thank her family, fellow cast members and especially Ms. Pioppi, while giving a shout out to her best friends Jasmine, Kimberly, Nana and Jade.

Victoria Solarin (Stage Crew) — is in a major Forest production for the third time and is excited to be part of *Annie*. She wishes all the cast members "Good Luck"—especially to her good friend Davia who is portraying an Orphan.



Actress Quvenzhané Wallis portrays *Annie* in the 2014 movie remake soon to be released later this year.



Aliyha Waite (Miss. Hannigan) — is very excited to be joining her last play at Forest. She is involved in cheerleading and likes dressing up in different kinds of clothes in her spare time. She would like to thank Ms. Pioppi for helping her with her acting and her mom and BFF's for giving her confidence.

Taniya Ward (Ensemble) — is 12 years old but she has been doing plays since she was only 4 years old! Her activities include art and football (which she loves) and dancing for the Orange Dance Conservatory. She would like to thank Ms. Pioppi for including her in the play.

Zaki Williams (Bert Healey, Ensemble) — has appeared in numerous plays so far. He starred as *Super Frog* in *Freddie the Frog*, in which he also portrayed "Mr E." He then took on the role of a main character in this year's Christmas show. Off the stage, he is one of the playoff champions on Forest's 4-5 basketball team.

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Annie “One-Liners”

*Congratulations to the Cast! Love, Jackie
Jeremiah Lunis—You’re amazing! Love, Mom & Dad*

*Congrats Jeremiah L. Love, Jackie
Nana Sapong...We wish you the best! Kia & Family*

Go get them, Basim

*You’re a Star, Jeremiah L. Love, Kwam—Josh
Break a Leg! Love, Jackie Garthwright*

***“Pepper” Nana, You’re the best. Mom
Wish you the best! Campbell Family***

Good Luck to the Cast and Crew!!! Ms. Guyton

Grrrrr.... grrr Grrrr Great Job Kids!

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Break a Leg!!! Best Wishes to the Cast! Ms. T.

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Taniya, Davila and Odalys



L to R, around the back: Berky, Christian, Akeel, Abygail, Dennis and Celine, with Jason in the center.

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