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Beauty is in the eye of the Ogre Marlowe Middle School's *Shrek the Musical Jr.*

HUNTLEY, IL – Once upon a time, (because that's how all fairy tales begin), in a faraway kingdom, a somewhat brash but lovable green ogre, Shrek, finds his swamp has been invaded by banished fairy tale misfits. They've been cast off by Lord Farquaad, a short-tempered tiny terror with big ambitions. When Shrek sets off with a wise-cracking donkey to confront Farquaad, he's handed a task – if he rescues the feisty Princess Fiona from the dragon-guarded tower, his swamp will be returned to him. But a fairy tale wouldn't be complete without unexpected twists and turns along the way.

Marlowe's production, featuring a cast of 90 students, grades 6-8, is directed by Jennifer Lindsay, assistant director is Ashley Kaster, assistant music director is Kim Popenfoose, with costuming by Sarah Moran. Lighting and sound design and set design and construction is by PAC technical production manager, Nathan Knapke, who will also oversee a crew of 15 high school students working to make the fairy tale come to life.

Based on the DreamWorks Animation Motion Picture and book by William Steig, book and lyrics by David Lindsay-Abaire and music by Jeanine Tesori, *Shrek the Musical Jr.* is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

Performances take place on March 8 at 7:00 p.m., and March 9 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. in the Huntley District 158 Performing Arts Center located at Huntley High School. Tickets are \$5 each, general seating and can be purchased online at d158.ticketleap.com or at the door one hour prior to show time.

Part romance and part twisted fairy tale, *Shrek the Musical Jr.* is a fun show that reminds everyone that friendship and love aren't only found in fairy tales.

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