

**April 19, 2010**

**The gymnasium at Western Avenue School, 940 Western Avenue in Flossmoor School District 161, was transformed into a Broadway theatre the evenings of March 23 and 24 for the presentation of the school's 2010 Spring Musical, "Oliver Twist."**

**Directed by Mrs. Valerie Pasqua, music teacher, the musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' 1838 novel featured more than 90 talented Western Avenue School students. Additionally, the production was "double-cast," performed by a different cast in each of the two performances.**

**On Tuesday night the performance featured the following fourth grade students: Lauren Barker, Brianna Callahan, Ava Calpino, Jillian Curran, Michael Fanello, Elizabeth Fontana, Will Lawton, Jillian Lessner, Jordan Levine, Allie Mangel, Jennifer Martin, Timmy McGrath, Emma Novak, Nathan Oh, George O'Malley, Lauren Parker, Andrew Pounder, Madeline Swanangan, Micah Swansey, Tori Richardson, and Tyler Van Kley.**

**Fifth grade cast members on Tuesday included Kylie Barthelemy, Vanessa Bowers, Emma Brown, Duree Everett, Claire Fortman, Jen Fritz, Joey Greenebaum, Nina Harris, Ben Hoefle, Annika List, Caroline Madden as Oliver Twist, Leslie Malley, Alex Nicolazzi, Daniel Pena, Gianmarco Petrelli, Jacob Rothchild, Olivia Ryan, Matthew Scholefield, Jacquari Smith, Daniel Stemple. Caleb Stevens, Hannah Tronsen, Natalie White and Joy Woods.**

**Wednesday night the cast included fourth grade students Sarah Albers Fester, Kyle Anderson, Kylie Anderson, Charoni Biddings, Lauren Davidson, Madeline Davidson, Meghan Dwyer, Allyson Finkelstein, Kellyn Gerenstein, Ryan Gorton, Robb Hallam, Whitney Hopson, Joey Humphrey, Kendall Jiles, Megan Jiles, Elizabeth Lampley, Elyse Mansfield, Geena Melone, Clare Ryndak, Kyle Salley, Luca Strohmeier, Maggie Sullivan and Cole Weber.**

**Fifth grade cast members on Wednesday night were Ben Allen, Isolde Belisle Dempsey, Olivia Bergeron, Melinda Berman, Eleanor Dolan-Cook, Staci Everett, Rebecca Falb, Olivia Gear, Sydney Gear, Isabel Henry, Patrick Jelinek, Sam Klupchak, Maddie Kosmin, Jack Mulay as Oliver Twist, Haleigh Porter, Andrea Ramirez, Eva Rubin, Erica Siliezar, Rachel Steinmetz, Eliza Sykes, Bryan Tapley, Kalla Williams, and Alex Wright.**

**The volunteer efforts of the students, staff, parents and community members involved in the production of "Oliver Twist"**

**resulted in two evenings of delightful family entertainment.**