

Peacock Elementary  
Happy Valley-Goose Bay

presents

"MONEY CHANGES EVERYTHING"

CAST

Mother	-----	Adrienne Edmunds
Father	-----	Corey Hynes
Jessica - tennaged daughter	-----	Carrie Michelin
Jimmy, aged 6	-----	David Kuzyk
Rebecca, aged 8	-----	Terri Michelin
Gramma	-----	Rachael Borlase

CREW

Peacock Movers - Kelly Webber  
Todd Torraville  
Dana Blackwood

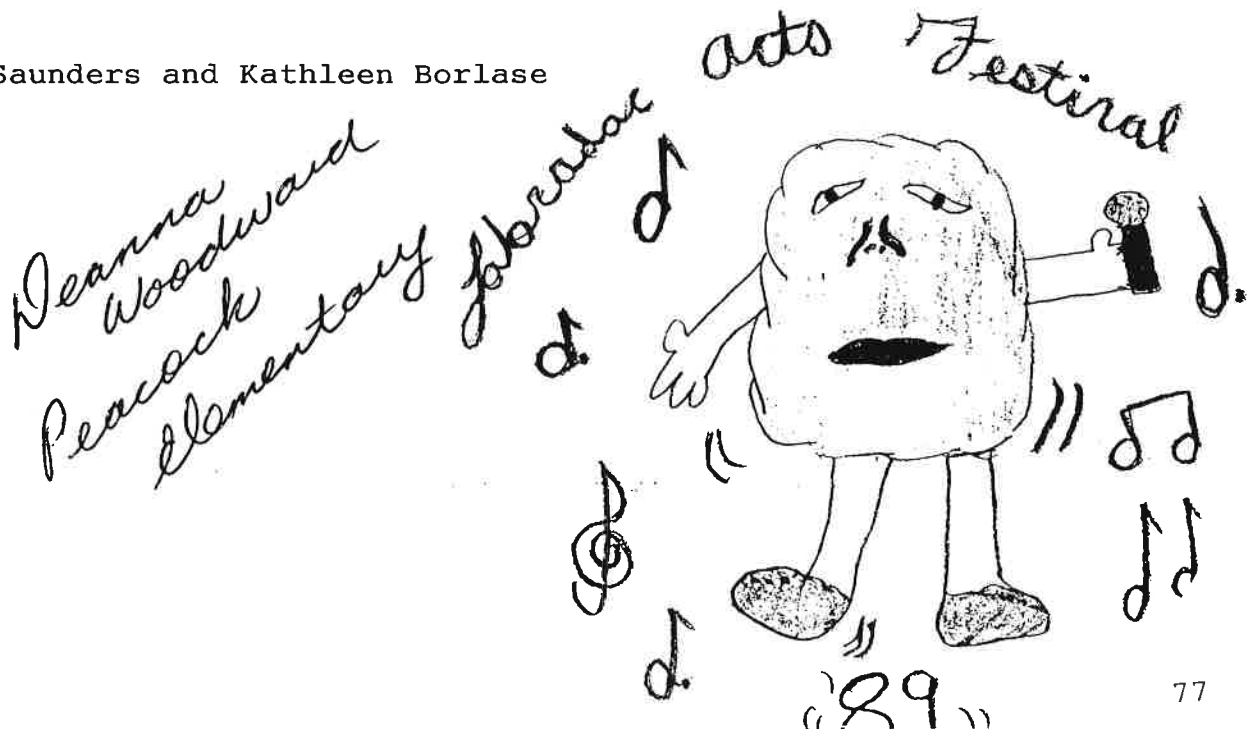
Beauty Salon Operator - Natasha Dunn  
Boutique owner - Misty Brown

PLAYWRIGHTS

Todd Torraville	Misty Brown
Kelly Webber	Linda Davis
Natasha Dunn	Karen Dylla
Carrie Michelin	Cindy parsons

TEACHERS

Margaret Saunders and Kathleen Borlase



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Scene 1

Setting: Family sitting around living room - Grandma's knitting, Mom's ironing, Dad's reading, children looking through catalogue, Rebecca making bracelet, Jessica doing homework. The phone rings.

Dad: I'll get that, dear.

Jessica: I'll get it. I'll get it. It's for me. Hello. Oh, hi, Brian. Sure, I'll ask Mom. Mom, can I go to the movies with Brian?

Dad: (Looks through wallet) Wait a minute, I'll see if I've got some money.

Mom: (Gives Dad a dirty look - he puts wallet away). Oh, Jessica. You know you've already spent your allowance and pay day's not 'til next week. We need the cash we've got left for groceries.

Jessica: Oh, yeah. That's right, I forgot. Sorry, Brian, but I can't go. Maybe next time. (Jessica goes back to do homework.)

Rebecca: Hey, Jimmy, do you like this glow in the dark race track?

Jimmy: No, I like this motorcycle better. Mom, can I get this for Christmas please?

(Mom looks over, smiles, and keeps on ironing.)

Jessica: Hey Jimmy, if I get that part-time job at Grenfell Variety I'll try to get that for you.

Rebecca: What about me, Jess?

Jessica: You want that talking Cabbage Patch, don't you?

Rebecca: Yeah - that's what I want. I'll make you 10 gimp bracelets.

Grandma: Oh, you children are so nice to each other. (Looks at Mom) My dear, you've raised a lovely family.

Jessica: Grandma, will you knit me a new sweater for Christmas?

Grandma: When I get my cheque, we'll pick out the colours you want, dear.

Dad: Now, Mom, you know you don't have to spend your money on the children. Your cheque only stretches so far.

Grandma: But, son, I want to do my part.

Mom: Well then, Grandma, why don't you play Shriner's Bingo with the kids. I bought two cards. Jessica, you can get them out of my purse. Maybe we'll be lucky tonight.

Jessica: Doubt it.

Mom: I hear the jackpot's up to a million dollars.

(Jessica gets tickets - phone rings - she tosses the tickets and races to the phone.)

Jessica: I'll get it - Sandy said she'd call - here's the bingo cards.

Jimmy: I'll turn on the TV. Grandma, you sit here and help me.

Jessica: Oh! Hello! Hi, Brian.

Jimmy: Ooooo - (finger scrape)

Rebecca: Him again! Shame, shame, double shame.

Jessica: I'll have to ask. Mom, can I go to North West for a ride?

(Mom ignores Jessica.)

(Jessica talks quietly on phone as Bingo is being called.)

(Jimmy & Rebecca comment as each number is called - Grandma shows more interest - Mom and Dad become interested.)

T.V.: B - 3.

Jimmy: Hey, I've got that one.

Rebecca: I've got that, too.

T.V.: 0 - 72.

Jimmy: Grandma, is this 0 - 72?

Grandma: Yes dear, that's right.

Rebecca: I don't have that one. (Starts looking at Jimmy's card.)

T.V.: G - 55.

Rebecca: Jimmy, look, you've got that one, too.

Jimmy: Mommy, I only need 2 more for a straight line. Hey, Grandma.

(Mom looks over - Grandma nods yes.)

T.V.: I - 28.

Grandma: Jimmy, you've got that one, too! Now you only need one more.

Jimmy: Daddy, Daddy, I'm gonna win. I only need one more.

Dad: Which one, son?

Jimmy & Rebecca & Grandma: N - 40.

T.V.: N - 40.

Grandma: Jessica, get off the phone. We won! We won! (Everyone's shrieking - jumping - dropping things.)

Lights off.

## Scene II

Living Room: New house on Valleyview Drive. Atmosphere - very greedy - very loud.

Mom & Dad sitting at table arguing. Grandma comes in, begins knitting.

Mom: I want that blue convertible at Labrador Motors. I don't care how much it costs. We won all that money and I'm going to have fun spending it.

Dad: But we bought this house you wanted up here on Valleyview Drive and we bought the kids each a new skidoo, your new fur coat - that cost a mint, the Nintendo, we put in the indoor swimming pool, we all went on the cruise, even Grandma (looks at Grandma). What more do you want. Besides, I think we should pay off the bills.

(Grandma leaves, shaking her head.)

Mom: Well, we can sell the old house on Grenfell Stree to do that.

Dad: No chance.

Mom: I want that car today.

(In walks Jessica - a la punk - Mom & Dad both stop and stare at her. Jessica drops her coat on the floor - takes a cookie - decides she doesn't like it - throws out the whole bag.)

Mom & Dad yell: Jessica, what happened to you?

Jessica: Me and Butch are goin' out bikin' around.

Dad: Young lady, you're not going anywhere dressed like that. Hallowe'en's over.

Jessica: Get real, Dad. I'm old enough to make my own decisions. (Hands on hips.)

Dad: As long as you live under my roof you follow my rules.

Jessica: Mom.

Mom: Leave me out of this.

Dad: Go to your room young lady, and wash that crap off your face. You're grounded.

(Jessica stamps off - turns and gives finger.)

(Jimmy & Rebecca come in arguing over Nintendo.)

Jimmy: I'm first.

Rebecca: No you're not. I called it first.

Jimmy: Duck Hunt is my game. I bought it with my money, and I won all that money anyway. I don't have to share.

Rebecca: I don't care, I'm older. Gimme that - Gimme.

Jessica comes in. I'm leaving, just try and stop me.

(Mom and Dad keep arguing about convertible.)

Grandma: (Comes in, looks at all of them arguing and yells.)  
Shut Up!

Lights out!

### Scene III

Kitchen. New House. Everyone getting own breakfast - no one talking, no one helping.

Dad - eating cereal and reading.

Mom - drinking coffee - standing up by sink.

Jimmy - trying to get a bowl - gets chair - then has to get cereal  
Has trouble reaching.

Rebecca - Making toast.

Jessica - makes grand entry - checks fridge - drinks juice from jug.

Grandma - comes in and tries to help.

Jimmy: I want a new pair of skates. They only cost \$250.

Mom: Ask your father. He's the money bags.

Rebecca: I've got to have a gold watch that's better than Jennifer's. Hers cost \$500. I want one that costs \$700 at least.

Mom: Get the money from your father.

(Jessica flounces in.)

Jessica: I'm quitting school and taking off to Hollywood to become a movie star. I want \$5000 to get started.

Mom: Get the money from your father.

(Dad opens wallet each time he's asked and dishes out the money - until he gets to Jessica.)

Dad: Here, take the \$5000. I'm sick of all this greediness and fighting. But look (turns wallet upside down), it's gone. There's no more money left. Now what are we going to do.

(Everyone gasps - Silence.)

Lights out.

#### Scene IV

Back in kitchen of old house.

Sitting around table - having a family meeting.

Dad: It's a good thing Joe and Sally could move out so we could move back in here. And we're real lucky we found a buyer for the house up there on Valleyview Drive.

Mom: Will there be any money left from that after we pay all the bills?

Dad: Yes, there'll be some. Good thing we didn't quit our jobs.

Jessica: I can still try for that part-time job at Grenfell Variety. That should help.

Dad: You'll have to wash some of that paint off your face first.

Jessica: Okay, Dad. Brian doesn't like it either. Butch only hung around cause I had lots of money to spend.

Jimmy: I'm glad we moved home, Dad. I missed my old class at Peacock. My friends and my teacher are glad I'm back. We're just in time for school pictures.

Rebecca: And Mandy said i can come to her sleepover now on Friday night. I really missed her and Crystal when we lived up there. I'm glad we're home too.

Mom: So am I. Now that things are back to normal, I can't believe how childish I was. That money really went to my head.

3 children: Us too, Mom.