

**The Wolf Pack, Mud Lake School  
Mud Lake  
presents**

**“Mr. Miser’s Frightful Night”**

Cast

Narrator.....	Jeremy Broomfield
Mr. Miser.....	Gregory Hope
Ghost of School Days Past.....	Randi Best
Ghost of School Days Present.....	Brittany Heard
Ghost of School Days Future.....	Derrick MacLean
Teacher.....	Holly Chaulk
Gwen.....	Martha Rumbolt
Austen.....	Junior Rumbolt
Old Man.....	Jamie Penney
Old Woman.....	Martha Rumbolt

Teacher Advisor

Michael Stevenson

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### **Opening of the story**

**Narrator:** Once upon a time there was a greedy little man named Mr. Miser. He was cruising around in his boat looking for ways to spend his money when he passed the community of Mud Lake. He immediately got ideas which would bring him more money, so he bought the school and the land. Everything was going well until one dark stormy night.....

### **Scene 1**

*(On one side of the stage Mr. Miser’s bed will be set up using 3 desks, a blanket and a pillow. There will also be a bedside table set up using 1 desk, with a glass of water and a pair of glasses on top. Mr. Miser is asleep in his bed, with his glasses on the bedside table. The Ghost 1 enters dragging chains and ringing a bell. In the background: voices - ooooooooooooooooooh!! Mr. Miiiiiiiissssssserrrrrrrrrr!!!)*

**Ghost 1:** You have been a very greedy man. Wake up and come with me.

**Mr. Miser:** What do you want? Who are you? I’m going to call the cops if you don’t leave right now!

**Ghost 1:** I am the ghost of school days past. I am here to show you the history you would be ruining by tearing down the school. Come with me.

*(The ghost pulls Mr. Miser out of bed. The lights flash, chains rattle, bells ring, and voices call - ooooooooooooooooooh!! Ooooooooooooooooooohh!!)*

### **Scene 2**

*(The lights turn on to show the audience a scene of an old fashioned school room. There is a small desk for the teacher. There is a wood stove prop. There are 4 chairs close together to form benches for the students. The children are gathered around the wood stove rubbing their hands together and blowing in them because it is so cold.)*

**Teacher:** Did everyone take their kindling with them today?

**Austen:** No, I forgot mine.

**Teacher:** Go stand in the corner and hold these books over your head. *(Austen goes to the*

*corner with the books)*

**Gwen:** May I please go to the outhouse?

**Teacher:** Certainly Gwen. *(Gwen leaves)* Now everyone take out their slates and we will do some math.

**Austen:** But it is sooooooooooooo COLD!

**Teacher:** Hilda, please put another stick of wood on the fire. If you all are really good today, we will play a game of marbles.

**All kids:** Yipee!

**Mr. Miser:** This is a good try but I'm still tearing down the school.

**Ghost 1:** You have a lot to learn Mr. Miser.

*(The ghost and Mr. Miser exit to one side and the children exit to the other)*

### Scene 3

*(The dim lights show Mr. Miser crawling back into his bed and putting his classes on the bedside table)*

**Mr. Miser:** I'm so tired. I just want to go to sleep. I have a big meeting at the bank tomorrow. *(Mr. Miser closes his eyes and is just falling asleep - light snoring sounds. Ghost 2 enters banging blocks/sticks together, dragging chains and voices in the background - ooooooooooooh! Mr. Miiiiiiiiissssssserrrrr!)*

**Ghost 2:** I am the ghost of school days present. I am here to show you the lives you would be ruining if you tear down the school. Come with me.

**Mr. Miser:** Can't you people see I am trying to sleep? If I go with you will you leave me alone?

**Ghost 2:** We will see Mr. Miser, we will see.

*(Mr. Miser and the ghost leave. Blacks bang, lights flash and voices in the background - oooooooooooohhhhhhh!! Oooooooooooohhhhhhhhh!!)*

#### Scene 4

*(The lights come on to show a present day classroom. The teacher is at the desk and there are 2 or 3 students at desks writing in scribblers)*

**Ghost 2:** This is the school at the present. Look at these children learning so much and having fun. These are the lives you will ruin.

**Mr. Miser:** Shopping malls make more money than schools.

**Ghost 2:** Without an education these kids can't grow up and learn how to work and manage your shopping malls.

*(The ghost and Mr. Miser step off to one side but stay in the scene)*

**Teacher:** OK class, it's time for gym! Put away your math books.

**Kids:** Yahoo!! *(The kids are very happy)*

**Teacher:** Remember to study your times tables tonight.

*(The kids pack their backpacks and exit the stage saying "Yahoo!!" and "Woohoo" They are excited for gym. Mr. Miser and the ghost step to the center of the scene.)*

**Mr. Miser:** I didn't realize school could be so much fun.

*(The ghost and Mr. Miser exit to one side and the children exit to the other side.)*

#### Scene 5

*(Mr. Miser is in bed with his eyes wide open)*

**Mr. Miser:** I can't sleep. I just can't sleep.

*(Ghost 3 enters stomping feet, rattling chains, in the background voices - ooooooooooh!! Mr. Miiiiissssserrrrr!!!)*

**Ghost 3:** I am the ghost of school days future. I am here to show you the problems you will create by tearing down the school. Come with me.

**Mr. Miser:** Oh alright, I might as well go with you. I don't think I can get back to sleep anyway!

*(The ghost pulls Mr. Miser out of bed. The lights flash, chains rattle, feet stomp and voices call - oooooooooooooooooohhh!!! Oooooooooohhhhhhhhh!!!)*

## Scene 6

*(An old man and woman are standing in front of a painted mural of an old house with the windows boarded up and some broken)*

**Old Woman:** You know Henry, things just aren't like they used to be since the school was torn down.

**Old Man:** No, all the families had to move to the Valley and nobody ever moved back!

**Old Woman:** I've lived here all my life and I never thought it would come to this. *(Falls to her knees, crying)*

**Old Man:** Don't cry dear! We've still got each other.

**Mr. Miser:** Stop! Stop! I can't take it anymore. You were right. All of You. If I tear this school down it would destroy the community. Take me back. I'll do the right thing. I promise!

*(The ghost and Mr. Miser exit to one side. The old man and woman exit to the other side. The mural is covered up.)*

## Scene 7

*(There is a desk in the center of this scene and people are gathered around it while Mr. Miser is standing on top of the desk. The 3 ghosts are standing off to one side of Mr. Miser's bed watching Mr. Miser and the crowd of people.)*

**Narrator:** The next morning.....

**Mr. Miser:** I've gathered everyone here today for an important message. I see how much a community like yours needs this school. So, I have decided NOT to sell the school and I will use my million dollars to build a new one!

**Everyone:** Horray!!! Yahoo!!! Well done!!!

**Narrator:** Mr. Miser kept his promise and built a modern new school. People began to move to Mud Lake so that their children could go to a great school. And guess who

became the principal.....Mr. Miser, of course!

**Ghosts:**     *(all together)* WELL DONE MR. MISER!!!

*(Cast comes forward to the front of the stage)*