

**Queen of Peace Middle School
Happy Valley-Goose Bay
presents**

Wheel of Poverty

Cast

Brian	.....	Chris Burton
Maddie	.....	Riley Winters
Mary	.....	Charlene Duffett
Mad Dog	.....	Dominic Mullaly
Erika	.....	Pamela Duffett
Rachel	.....	Carly Thompson
Bob, Announcer	.....	Ellen Niles
Policeman 1	.....	Amber Hodder
Policeman 2	.....	Alex Furlong
ZO	.....	Ashley Montague
PO	.....	Crystal Acreman
Rhonda Peacock	.....	Sarah Roberts
Richard	.....	Zack Fox
Julia	.....	Meagan Messier
Bill Gates	.....	Jonny Chubbs
Security 1	.....	Elizabeth Holmes
Security 2	.....	Meagan McGrath
George, The coffee guy	.....	Samantha Mesher
Joe, The guy at the end	.....	Maria Mullaly
Studio Audience and Commercials	.....	Alicia Russell
	.....	Hannah Kennedy
	.....	Alexis Engram
	.....	Shannon Chandra
	.....	Michelle Saunders

Teacher Advisor

John Hicks

Technical Support

Cassie Powell, Kayla Chubbs

Scene 1 Backstage dressing room, host pacing back and forth.

Host: I can do this, I can do this! I'm sure Rachel's not going to be watching TV at this hour. Doesn't she have a yoga lesson or something? Yeah, that's it! Or she's probably what am I thinking?..... She'll probably be watching TV.....Oh God, if she finds out about this she'll probably dump me! Then what will I do? Where will I go?

Announcer: (Offstage) Come on people, final touches! We're on in five minutes! Where's my coffee and donuts? Well, I need to cut down on those triple chocolate donuts with sprinkles anyway. George! Get me a large double-double and, oh well, I'll try a Danish.

(Knock on host's door)

Host: Come on in, unless you're Rachel. Oh wait, it can't be her. Just come on in anyway. (Maddie enters with her dog, Princess under her arm) Oh, it's you, and what do you want now?

Maddie: You'll never believe this! My dressing room is the wrong shade of pink. I asked for magenta and what do they give me? Fuchsia, that's what! My poor puppy Princess hasn't had her nails done in a week! How am I supposed to be ready in five minutes? I haven't seen the makeup artist yet!

Announcer: (Offstage) Come on people! All contestants, host and crew, on stage now!

Host: (Taking Maddie's arm) Come on! We'll fix everything up. You don't want to be late for the premiere of the second season of Wheel of Poverty, do you? (Said very sarcastically. Host and Maddie leave the stage)

Scene 2 Host, contestants and audience take their places on the show set

Announcer: (center stage with scene clacker) Places everyone! Places! We're on in three, two, one... (clacks the clacker and leaves)

Host: Welcome everybody to this, the premiere of the second season of **WHEEL OF POVERTY!!** (Audience claps and cheers) Thank you! Thank you! Before we meet this season's first contestants, I thought you might like to catch up with two contestants from one of last year's shows. This show changes their lives! They used to be..... ah, but I will let them tell you! Ladies and gentlemen, welcome Richard and Julia!

(Audience claps and cheers)

Richard: Hello, my name is Richard Williams. Before I came on this show I was worth an estimated three and a half million dollars. And what am I worth now? About fifteen hundred dollars. This show changed my life. I now know the true value of life. I think.. (gets cut off)

Host: Wow! Maybe I should try it. Just kidding!! Next we have.....

Julia: I'm Julia. I used to have seven million dollars. Now I have nothing! Watch out for this show! It's the worst thing I've ever done in my life! Don't go on this show! I'm warning you all... **DON'T GO ON THIS SHOW!!** (keeps on screaming as they drag her off stage)

Host: SECURITY!! SECURITY!! (Security drag Julia off stage. Bob, the announcer, escorts Richard off) Well, sorry about that, but like I said, this show changes people's lives. And now, let's meet this season's contestants! First up we have (reading with difficulty, probably needs reading glasses) Dog Mad!

Mad Dog: Dawg, it's Mad Dog! Can't you read?

Host: Why yes I can! Probably better than you, I'd say.

Mad Dog: Dawg! Them are fighting words!

Host: (As security show Mad Dog to his seat) That's just a taste of the craziness on this show! Our next contestant loves to travel, shop and spend her daddy's money!! Welcome the rich Maddie and her dog, Princess.

(Audience claps and cheers)

Maddie: Well, you got that right! So, how do we play this game?

Host: I'll be telling you all that right after we meet our final contestant! She's shy and loves to read. Ladies and gentlemen, welcome Mary!

(Audience claps and cheers)

Mary: Hi.

Host: And now a word from one of our sponsors, who give us money so we can try and get yours!!

First Advertisement

Scene 3

Host: And now, the rules of the game... Well, it's kind of like Hangman, but different. On this show there will be a puzzle on the board. You have to guess letters to try and solve the puzzle. You spin the wheel and a sum of money will appear. Then you can guess a letter or try to solve the puzzle. If the wheel lands on bankrupt, you lose the game and all your money. Before we start, I would like to hear a big round of applause for the beautiful and talented Erika! (Audience claps and cheers) OK let's get started. Our first category is MONEY!

Maddie: (Pumping her fist) Yes! My favorite word!

Host! OK Mad Dog, spin the wheel!

(Wheel lands on \$300)

Mad Dog: Yo dude! Give me a "D".

Host: (Still trying to see without his glasses) There are two "D's"! (Erika presses the letters) Please spin the wheel!

(Wheel lands on \$200)

Mad Dog: Dawg! Gimme an "I".

Host: You have to buy the vowels.

Mad Dog: Dawg! You can't make me!

Host: (Losing his patience, if he ever had any) Listen, whatever your name is, I say you have to buy the vowels, Buddy! What part of that do you not understand?

Mad Dog: The part about BUY!! So you mean to tell me that if I want to guess an "I", I have to pay you money?

Host: (Smug) That's right!

Mad Dog: I want that "I"! Wanna hear a poem?

Host: OK, I love poems.

Mad Dog: “Roses are red, violets are blue,
Gimme dat “I” or I’ll hit you with my shoe”.

Host: OK, give him the “I”. (Erika presses the letter) OK Maddie, spin the wheel!

Maddie: Ewww..... you mean I have to touch that?

Host: Just spin the wheel!

Maddie: Fine!! (Spins and lands on \$1000) Is there an “S”?

Host: No there is not. You’re down to \$550. Did you really bring all your money?

Maddie: No, just what was in my pocket!

Host: OK, spin again Maddie. (Wheel lands on \$550) Oh, oh. If you don’t guess a letter that’s in the puzzle, you’ll lose!

Maddie: Oh well, is there a “B”?

Host: Oh sorry! You lose! You don’t just lose what’s in your pocket, you lose the whole game! See you!

Maddie: Oh. Well, bye! (Lingers as the host says...)

Host: Wow, one contestant gone already.

(Spotlight on Maddie as she sings)

Maddie: I lost, good-bye to me
I’m sad, but I’m glad
I get to go back to my family
So long! Farewell! Good-bye! Au revoir!
GOOD-BYE TO ME!
Cha Cha Cha Charmin!!

We interrupt this program to give you the following NEWS CHECKPOINT.

Rhonda P: News Checkpoint has just learned that there has been another toy recall, this time for all stuffed animals. Last night a group of teddy bears were found running around taking kids’ lunch money and robbing stores and banks across Canada. (Pause) What does Danny Williams floss his teeth with? Tune in to Tuesday’s

News Checkpoint to find out! That's your News Checkpoint for tonight. I'm Rhonda Peacock and I am Detroit.

And now another word from one of our sponsors, those people who give us money so that we can get yours!

Second Advertisement

Scene 4

Host: Welcome back! We said good-bye to Maddie and so that leaves, (reading) Mary! This round the category is (reading) TV SHOWS and the puzzle has (reading) three words. OK, Mary, spin the wheel.

Mary: OK (spins the wheel and it stops on \$1, 000, 000. Audience claps and cheers) All right! I would like to buy an "A" please, if you don't mind.

Host: There are two "A's! Congratulations Mary, you have just won a million dollars!! (Sirens go off, policemen are running everywhere) What's going on here? I didn't sign up for any of this!

Policeman 1: We're sorry for disrupting the program but we have an emergency. While we were on our coffee break ZO escaped from jail!

Mary: So, who's ZO?

Policeman 2: (Very agitated) Have you been living under a rock? Don't you ever read the newspapers?

Policeman 1: John, calm down. Breath in, breath out, breath in...

(Both policemen do some sort of yoga breathing exercises)

Policeman 2: OK that's better. ZO is a murderer and he has just broken out of jail. It's really nothing to worry about... (he keeps breathing) You see our station is five blocks from here.....

Host: FIVE BLOCKS FROM HERE!! Are you nuts? He could run here in five minutes!! OK, NOBODY PANIC! (Lights suddenly cut out to be replaced by emergency lights) OK, PANIC!!

(Total panic on stage)

Mad Dog: Dawg! Turn the power back on! YO! I can't see anything!

Deep Voice: Brian...Brian...

Host: Oh no, no, it's.....it's old Uncle Fred rose from the dead! I'm sorry I snuck in your house and stole your triple chocolate donuts with sprinkles!

(Announcer eating one, quickly hides it)

Deep Voice: Brian.....Brian.....Brian!!

Host: (On his knees) Come on, give me a break. I was only FOUR!!

(Lady in a mask runs out)

Lady: Brian, I warned you!!!

Host: (Still on his knees) What did I do? (Policemen grab the lady and hold her securely)
Who are you?

Policeman 1: We're about to find out. (Pull off mask to expose Rachel. All make appropriate surprised noises)

Host: Rachel! Is that really you?

Rachel: Yes, it's me!!

Host: But why?

Rachel: Well, you see, I've watched your show and I've always thought that you'd go for Erika, because she's a lot prettier than me.

Host: Honey, how could you? I'm sorry I lied to you. It's just that you never wanted me to come here, but I love this show. Ahhh, this might be a bad time to tel you this but... I think we're over.

(Audience responds in a negative way)

Rachel: WHAT?

Host: I'm sorry, but you always try to keep me from my one true love, which is this show. I'm sorry. This is probably a bad time to tell you this, but you are right, Erika and I are going out now.

Rachel: (Screams) AHHH, I'M GOING TO KILL YOU.

Policeman 1: Not if we can help it!!

(Policemen continue to hold her as she tries to break free. Lights are doing something)

Rachel: NO! THIS ISN'T THE LAST YOU'LL HEAR FROM ME, BRIAN!!

(Policemen drag her off as the lights come back to normal)

Host: Oh well, she's getting what she deserves. I think we'll take a much needed commercial break...

Third Advertisement

Scene 5

Host: Well, this is quite a show. Welcome back, and if everyone is here we'll start right away.

Announcer: They're all here except for Mad Dog, Brian.

Host: Oh, my nerves, where is he gone?

Announcer: Someone said they saw him running into the woods.

Host: Oh well, we'll have to continue... (looking at the rules) Ah, since Mad Dog isn't here, it means you, Mary, get all his money and well, you win!

Mary: Oh my goodness, did I really? Oh my goodness...

Host: What's that smell?

(Everybody smells)

Announcer: I don't know what it is.

Erika: Smells like apple juice!!!

Everyone: Apple juice?!!!

(Everyone falls to the floor. ZO walks on with his sidekick PO)

ZO: Told you PO, knockout gas has never failed me! I've robbed millions and it all started with a little knockout gas!

PO: Right! You da man, Boss! (Sticks up hand looking for a high five that he doesn't get.)

ZO: OK! Let's take as much as we can! Here fill this Glad super stretchy garbage bag. We're sure to get loads with it.

PO: Are you sure? Cause I saw the commercial and...

ZO: Listen, I know what I'm doing! Relax!

(They start filling bags and the police run onto the set.)

Policeman 1: Freeze! Put your hands up! I've always wanted to say that!

ZO: Let's use our secret weapon!

Policeman 1: And what might that be?

PO: It's knock out gas.

ZO: Smooth move.

Policeman 2: Masks on!

Policeman 1: Gotcha! (As they drag ZO and PO away.)

Scene 6 In front of curtain again

Julia: I can't believe that people are still going on that stupid game show!

Richard: They wouldn't listen to me. Money is not the root of happiness! Why can't they see that? Where's our bus?

Julia: Don't look now, but I think that's Bill Gates who just got out of that limo. Hey, look, he dropped something. It looks like a cheque.

Richard: I'm gonna go and give it back to him. (Runs off, calling out)

Julia: Wait! Richard stop! Richard, think about this! We could be rich... (But too late. Looks scornfully at the scene that is playing off stage. She is blown away as she notices that Bill Gates is urging Richard to bring him over and introduce him to Julia)

Richard: Uhhmm, Mr. Gates this is my friend Julia. She's actually the one who saw you drop the cheque. She, ah, she sent me over to give it back to you.

Bill Gates: (Takes Julia's hand and kisses it. As he makes the following speech, he puts his arms around both of them) Enough of this Mr. Gates stuff. I want you both to start calling me Bill. And here, take this as a start. I want you both to start working for me.

Julia: But Mr. Gates... I mean Bill... this cheque is for ten million dollars!

Bill Gates: Richard, Julia, listen to me. That cheque is just one day's profit from my companies. I don't need it. What I do need is to have honest people around me like you two. People who aren't trying to take advantage of me just because I'm rich. People like you!

Julia: (As she carefully puts the cheque into her bra) Well, Bill, Richard is right! Money isn't the most important thing in the world. (She takes both men by the arm and they walk off together.)

Scene 7 Back in the studio. Cast are as they were before.

Host: What happened? Erika, where are you?

Erika: I'm right here Brian darling. But what happened?

(The rest of the cast and the studio audience get slowly to their feet, making appropriate comments. Mad Dog comes on stage doing up his fly, like he just returned from the bathroom)

Mad Dog: Dawg! What have you guys been doing without me?

Whole Cast: Mad Dog! Where have you been?

Rhonda P: We interrupt this show to give you this live report of a daring on-air holdup game show, Wheel of Poverty, by that notorious criminal duo, PO and ZO.

ZO: Hey, that's ZO and PO! (They have been brought in by the two policemen)

Rhonda P: This holdup was foiled by the incredibly quick thinking of two of our finest law enforcement officers, Paul and John. (Paul and John pose for the cameras, forgetting all about their prisoners who run off, followed by the two policemen. Meanwhile, Mad Dog has fallen madly in love with Rhonda.) Well, they say police work is never finished. I will now see if any of the victims of this savage crime have any comment.

Erika: Does anyone have any apple juice?

Mad Dog: (To Rhonda) Hey Babe! Like ahhh... would you be like busy after the show?

Rhonda: (With a disgusted look at Mad Dog) I am Rhonda Peacock and I am Detroit.

Scene 8 Epilogue

Joe: Hi, my name's Joe, and I am going to tell you what happened to the stars of this show five years later, because that's what epilogues are supposed to do. First we have Brian, our host, (they enter). He finally got up his courage and proposed to Erika at a Blue Jays game, and they are busy living happily ever after. Mad Dog got his wish and wore down Rhonda Peacock and they are in a very unstable relationship which seems to please them both. Richard and Julia finally figured that they had something in common and they are now married, but not before introducing their new boss to the only girl who really seemed to not care about money, Maddie! Bill's newest mansion is now decorated entirely in hot pink. John and Paul are still policemen, but they are relocated to the far north. The security guys and Sam and Bob formed a bowling team and are now North American champions. George, Bob's coffee guy, is now serving coffee professionally. And as for Rachel, PO and ZO, well, no one has heard anything from them.

(At this time Rachel, PO and ZO rush onto stage from the audience, each with a large apple juice can with an opener poised, shouting) DON'T ANYBODY MOVE! (Lights out as "Rich Girl" by Gwen Steffani plays.)