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Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Social Story

Thursday, July 12 at 7:30 p.m.



I am going to see a show called **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang** at Mounds View Community Theatre.

I will go to Irondale High School, where the show is performed.



I may have to stand in line to get my tickets for the show. The lobby might be crowded. I will wait in the lobby for the theater to open.



There will be volunteers in the lobby to help me. I can borrow ear protection or fidgets.



There are restrooms available if I need to use one.



When it is time to enter the theater, I will show my ticket to an usher.

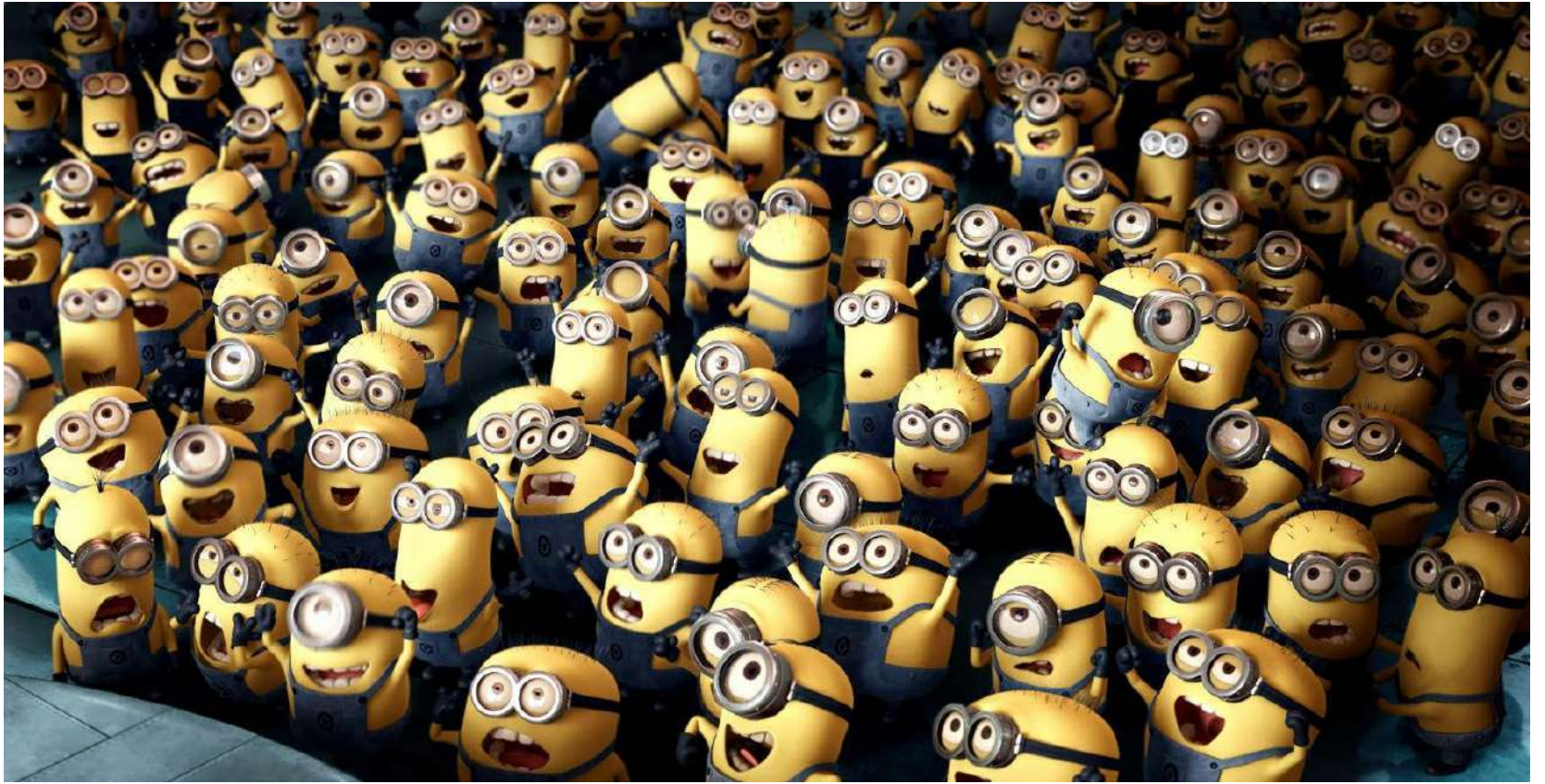
An usher will give me a program with information about the show.



At this show, I can walk around the theater to find the seat where I feel most comfortable. Many people will come into the theater and be seated while I wait for the show to begin.



The lights dim when the show is ready to start. There may be announcements or music.



If I see something that I like or think is funny, I can clap my hands or laugh.



If the show sounds are too loud, I can use ear protection or cover my ears. If I am nervous, I can use my fidget or hold my adult's hand.



If I need to take a break, I can ask to go to the Quiet Room in the lobby.



At the end of the show, people will clap and cheer. The actors will take a bow. If the clapping is too loud, I can cover my ears.



When the show is over, I may need to wait in line to leave the theater. I can stay in my seat until the crowd has left.

Acknowledgements

Mounds View Community Theatre (MVCT), in collaboration with Ramsey County Library, Friends of Ramsey County Library and the Autism Society of Minnesota, is committed to increasing access and inclusion for our community's children and families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders and other social, sensory, and cognitive disabilities.

To provide a supportive and welcoming environment for children and families our dedicated Sensory Friendly performance includes:

- Reduction of loud or jarring sounds; reductions in flashing or strobe lights; modification of the house lights during the performance
- Open seating: the audience may sit where they are most comfortable; audience members may talk or move during the show
- Extra volunteer support; designated "Quiet Room" and "Take a Break Space"
- Guidance and sensory supports (fidgets, earplugs, noise cancelling ear-muffs) available in the lobby before the show

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