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Student actors from The Evergreen State College will stage three children's plays before youngsters in at least five Thurston County elementary schools the third week of May.

Evergreen Faculty Dramatist Ainara Wilder says seven students from the Live and Recorded Coordinated Studies program will present "The King Who Had Goats Ears," "The Giving Tree," and "The Tiger, the Postman, and the Jackal" before students at Littlerock, Tenino, Yelm, Rainier and L.P. Brown elementary schools. More schools may be scheduled before the end of the month.

The short plays will also be performed at elementary schools in Tacoma and Lynden, and at the School for the Deaf in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Wilder says the first Thurston County production is set May 17 at Littlerock. Other performance dates include May 18 at Tenino; May 19, Yelm; and May 21, Rainier. The Brown school performance data has not yet been set.

Directed by three Olympians, the plays all tell stories dealing with common human failings. "The King Who Had Goats Ears", a puppet theater directed by Timberline High School graduate Steve Smalley, tells the tale of a vain king and his tirades with a hapless barber. "The Giving Tree," directed by St. Placid alumnea Laurel White, shows the relationships between a tree and a boy who keeps asking for gifts from the tree until there's nothing left but a stump and a still-greedy little old man. "The Tiger, the Postman and the Jackal", performed under the direction of Paul Bigley, an Olympia High alum, shares the story of a poor tiger who complained because he got no mail. So the postman finally delivered him some --- and it was all bills.

The productions, performed for free at all the schools, conclude presentations by the year-long Evergreen academic program which has combined study of theater, dance, music, film and television.