

VINEYARD GAZETTE

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Kid Critic Reveals Eleanor's Secret

Gone are the grownup gatekeepers of movie merit — kids are the audience for the weekly Cinema Circus films. So the Gazette and the Martha's Vineyard Film Festival bring you the big view from the smaller viewers with weekly kid critics.

Today almost-sixth-grader Danielle Hopkins reviews *Eleanor's Secret*, an animated feature from France for ages five to 10, 76 mins. which screens (along with stilt walkers, unicyclists, trapeze artists and dancing acrobats to entertain you while you enjoy face painting, fortune telling, hula hooping, art activities, lots of bubbles, Rick Bausman and the Drum Workshop, pizza and popcorn) on Wednesday, July 28, at 5 p.m. at the Chilmark Community Center. It's a prelude to dinner and a movie for the grownups — more on that below.

On a scale of 1 to 10, I would give this movie a 10. I would recommend this movie to anyone who likes adventure stories and likes magical fairy tales.

Eleanor's Secret is a movie about a boy who has to move into his dead grandmother's house. He discovers his grandmother's secret library, which is not an ordinary library, but an enchanted library where all the characters from all of the books come to life! He has to read a magic spell in order to be the keeper of the books. The problem is, he cannot read! An evil character from one of the books waves her wand and shrinks him to the size of a mouse. When his parents sell the books to a secondhand bookshop in order to pay for the house, the boy realizes he has to read the spell to get big again and get the books and characters

Rap Sheet



Smiles up from Danielle Hopkins for Cinema Circus.

Name: Danielle Hopkins

Parents: Kimberly Cartwright and Ewell Hopkins

Siblings: Kristine and Tripp Hopkins

School: Oak Bluffs School, going into sixth grade

back. Will he get home in time? Will he read the spell?

I thought the movie was great. I liked all the characters from the books especially Alice from Alice in Wonderland because she was so nice and believed he could read the spell. I think the movie really teaches that you can do anything if you try. I think people of all ages will enjoy it. I hope you get a chance to watch it!

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The main feature for tomorrow night, *The Tillman Story*, screens at 8 p.m. followed by a question and answer session with film subject and Pat Tillman's fellow platoon member, Spc. Russell Baer. The film, due for August release, notes that Pat Tillman never thought of himself as a hero. His choice to leave a multimillion-dollar football contract and join the military wasn't made for any reason other than he felt it was the right thing to do. This riveting and enraging documentary explores how the military manipulated his tragic death into a propaganda tool, and how his family put themselves on the line to expose this unfathomable truth. The film not only takes the entire chain of command to task, but also examines the theme of heroism itself.

Dinner is available from 7 p.m.

Favorite subject: History

Favorite movie: Grease

Favorite summertime food:
Ice cream

Favorite place and why: the beach because I love to swim.

What do you want to do when you grow up: Be an actress

Best thing about summer on Martha's Vineyard: swimming at the BEACH!