



DANCE MATTERS

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HAPPY DANCING NEW YEAR!!!!!!

LOOKING BACK IN PICTURES...

Pictures from the City-wide meeting and from the Winter Celebration

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(pictures from upper left) - Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Winborne speaking at the ODC City-wide meeting; the "Hunter" dance; Tuesday "Winter Celebration" preparation; the Monday Willi Dance; Wednesday dancer Hannah Lillemo and her father; the Thursday Willi dance and Thursday student, Roy Bernard presenting his "Romantic Ballet" project.



PARENT INFORMATION

1) Cold Dancers

The weather is getting colder so a tight fitting, long sleeved shirt or dance sweater will be quite useful to your dancer.

2) Looking Ahead

MARK your calendar for our 2008 Spring Dance Concert -

April 19th - Dress Rehearsal

April 20th - Dance Performance

Many more details to come – Stay Tuned

3) Our Dancing Scientists.

Over the next several weeks, in our Dance Perspectives class, the dancers will explore movement through a scientific point of view. They will experiment with concepts like balance, force, energy, weight, gravity, reaction and action, all basic principles of physics. The students will begin to understand how these scientific principles relate to movement.

"From a philosophical point, for every action in life there is a reaction. If you would touch the world gently, the world will touch you back gently. If you touch the world harshly, the world will touch you harshly."
 Jerri Chavis

Dance Legend

Savion Glover (born November 19, 1973 in Newark, New Jersey) is an American actor, tap dancer and choreographer. Glover is a graduate of the Newark Arts High School. While a student at Broadway Dance Center in Manhattan, his teacher arranged an audition for him with Broadway choreographer Henry LeTang. This led to his Broadway debut at age 10 in *The Tap Dance Kid*. He made his film debut in 1989's *Tap* co-starring with Gregory Hines and Sammy Davis, Jr. In 1990, he joined the cast of the children's television series, *Sesame Street*, and stayed on the show until 1995. His most recent credit is as the motion-capture dancer for Mumble, the penguin in the animated release *Happy Feet*.



Dance Word of the Week:

Force - An influence on the body that produces a change in movement or shape.

Dance History Fact:

Tap Dance is derived from the traditional clog dance of northern England, the jigs and reels of Ireland and Scotland, and from the rhythmic foot stamping of African dances.

Dance Calendar

Jan. 7 – 11 – ODC 8th graders field trip to the Visual and Performing Arts Academy at Salem HS

Jan. 5, 12, 25 Governor School Auditions

Jan. 21 - No ODC classes

Jan. 25 and 28 - No ODC classes

Feb. 1 ODC Dance Applications deadline (Current students do not need to re-apply.)

Feb. 1 Visual and Performing Arts Academy applications deadline

Feb. 18 - NO ODC classes

Feb.25 - 29 - VPAA auditions

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Do you have ideas for stories or articles? Let Mrs. Spear-Jones know!



The "Geriatric" Romantic Ballet Ballerinas

The dance faculty would like to extend a thank you to all who came to the "Romantic Ballet Celebration."

We are very grateful to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with the reception. We couldn't have done it without you!! Thank you so much!