

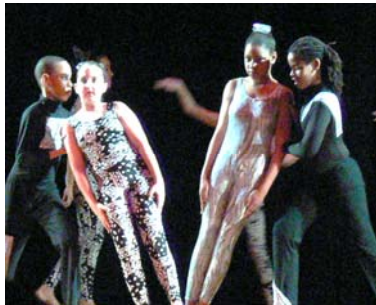
# DANCE MATTERS

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## Bravo To Our Wonderful Dance Students - A Fantastic Performance At Plaza MS!! WOW!!!

Our ODC students danced with confidence, commitment and incredible dedication to dance at the annual dance concert on Sunday, April 20th. It has been wonderful watching these young dancers blossom from the beginning of the year until now. They have been on a journey - a journey of discoveries, struggles, triumphs and plain hard work. We are so proud of them!!!!



Photos of the performance - more pictures to come in the next edition of "Dance Matters"



### Comments about the performance by Parents and a Dance Teacher

- This evening's performance was simply SUPERB!!!! It was truly evident that you all have worked extremely hard with the students this school year at ODC. I think that I speak on behalf of all parents when I applaud you all for a job well done!!!! Thank you kindly, *Jacqueline Wilson, Ed.D. (William Wilson - Thursday Student)*
- The show was great. I was very excited to see children that age dance like they meant it. Unfortunately, I only see children that age dance in a typical recital. There, it is all about being cute, and not remotely close to art. Many of your kids really get it. How exciting! I have never seen a group of students dance with such conviction. Sincerely, *Michael Kaiser - local dance teacher*
- My daughter Meredith Arndt was fortunate enough to be selected to participate in the ODC Dance Program this past year. This was our first ODC dance recital and your fabulous dance staff gave us an afternoon to remember. I am continually awed by their ability to mold these youngsters in such a positive way. We have been attending dance recitals for quite a few years and nothing has compared to the show we enjoyed on Sunday. It would be nice if Virginia Beach would provide a better venue for a event that showcases our local student talent. Might I suggest the City Council loan us the Sandler Center for an afternoon so that we, taxpayers, could enjoy the show in the Performing Arts Center that we funded. Bravo to you and your staff! *Maggie Arndt (Meredith Arndt - Tuesday Student)*
- Your amazing ability to bring higher complex level creativity into physical form through the dance show is such a unique example and experience for our children. The show was such an example of the balance between structural linear contained energies and formless boundless creative energies. What a great collaboration. As an audience member, this show was like an experience into a whole universe full of magic and variety. I love the element of surprise or humor in each performance. It was just incredible. Thank you, *Julianna Barile (Macy Pniewski - Friday Student)*

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### It Takes a "Dance Village" To Have a GREAT Program

- ♦ A BIG thank you to all the parent volunteers that helped to make the dress rehearsal run so smoothly.
- ♦ Thanks to all who came by to get a hamper or two or three of costumes and helped us by washing these costumes.
- ♦ A special thanks to the dress rehearsal parent volunteer coordinators, Jackie Alwine and Darlene Ambrosio.



And a special thank you and WOW to Chuck and Linda Boyle for staying up on a ladder for hours, video taping the dance auditions.



# PARENT INFORMATION

## An Alvin Ailey Master Class with Wayne Williams

On May 1st, the ODC Dance Education Program, in partnership with the Virginia Arts Festival, hosted a master class given by Alvin Ailey dance company member, Wayne Williams. He gave the Thursday students a class in the style of Alvin Ailey and taught them a section from Ailey's dance masterpiece, "Revelations." Hopefully these photos capture for you some of the incredible spirit of that class.



### Important Reminders



- **Intention Forms Due NOW-** There are still some students who have not turned in their intention form. The dance department is in the process of taking new students into the program. If a returning student has not turned in an intention form, his or her place in the program will be filled by a new student.
- **Costumes Returned** - Please check and make sure all costumes and costume pieces have been returned to ODC.
- **Report Cards Coming Home** - Parents please sign your child's parent packet by the line "Report Card 3" to let us know you saw his or her evaluation.
- **Where To Purchase The Concert DVD** - The ODC Dance Program does **not** handle the sale or distribution of the concert DVD's or video tapes. The company that is handling everything is:

Video Horizons Productions—1131 Independence Blvd.  
Virginia Beach, Va. 23455 (757) 464-6262

Please call or contact them for more information.

- **Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences** - The dance teachers are in the process of requesting and scheduling parent/student/ teacher conferences. These conferences are designed to find strategies to help dancers succeed in this program.
- **Lost and Found** - The "Lost and Found" bins are overflowing with items. Please check and make sure your child hasn't misplaced something that might be in our bins.

### About the "Me" Book



During these last several weeks of ODC, part of what our dance students will be working on is their 2007-2008 "Me" book. This is a book created by each student that holds for them memories of the year. Memories from each class, the rehearsals, performances, "Golden Moments, and more. The outline for this project is on our Teacher website. All books will be bound the last week of dance, June 2nd—June 6th. Students will work on these books in class and at home. Ask your child how his/her book is coming along. This is truly an exciting project and something that the students will cherish for many years.

### Landstown ES GRT, Kim Cabotaje Visits The Dance Program

We love for our GRT's to visit us.

Mrs. Cabotaje with Monday students from Landstown ES and Landstown MS





