



DANCE MATTERS

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Good Bye to Mrs. B.

During the past twenty two years, Mrs. Buchheim, lovingly called Mrs. B. by her students, has taught, inspired and encouraged students and peers alike. In 2003, she was named ODC "Teacher of the Year" — and no wonder! She is the consummate student herself, always hungry to learn more about dance and its power to inspire others. Mrs. B. is officially retiring from ODC but not from dance.

I would like to take this opportunity to say farewell to my students and their families. I will be retiring at the end of this school year. It seems only a short time ago that I interviewed for a position in the Dance Education Program at Old Donation Center. Now I look back at 22 years of teaching and I feel a sense of sadness for the people and things I will leave behind, mixed with a sense of excitement and joy for the opportunities yet to come.

This unit, I am introducing my tap dance software application called Tappinese™ to my students at ODC. They are finding the symbols I created to represent tap dance steps easy to understand and to apply. Their facility with the computer shows me that this application will be very useful to the dance community at large. I will share their work in my presentation to my fellow professionals at the National Dance Education Organization Conference at Towson University in Maryland, June 26, 2008.

I have enjoyed my students and being part of their journey as students of dance and as children growing into adolescence. I am grateful for and proud of the things I have shared with and learned from my students. I can truly say that I have had a career that has been both challenging and fulfilling. I am proud to have worked with an amazing dance faculty and confident that I leave the program in extremely capable and dedicated hands. I know I will think of my students with fondness and hope that I have been a positive influence on some aspect of their lives.

Karen Buchheim

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Editor's Note: This is the last edition of "Dance Matters" for this year. Have a safe and restful summer. See you in the fall.



Mrs. B. and the Friday Energy/Effort team
This was the first group of dancers to try her new symbol language, Tappinese™

Everything in the universe has rhythm. Everything dances.

Maya Angelou

And Mrs. B. is leading this universal dance with her own special, unique rhythm.

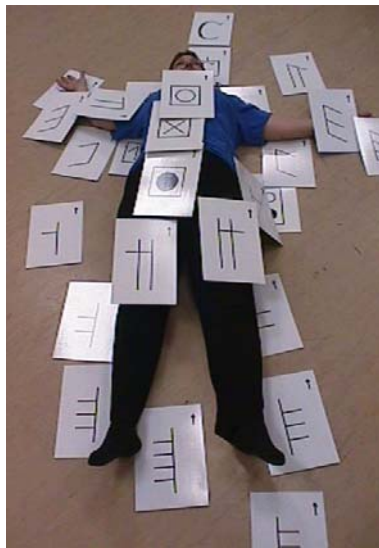
PARENT INFORMATION

Parents and Friends - You are invited to a special End of the Year Dance Celebration

During the week of June 2nd–June 6th , there will be a special time to celebrate the dance students' accomplishments and Mrs. B's incredible teaching career at ODC. The celebration will begin at 12:15 and end at 1:25. All parents and friends are invited. The students will present special dances to Mrs. B., all created in her honor. The students will be given certificates and awards for different accomplishments and there will a time for refreshments. Students will also share their "Me" books.

Please come and join us as we celebrate our wonderful dancing year at ODC.

Remembering Mrs. B.



She receives flowers at the annual dance concert from Noelle O'Donnell. Mrs. B and Mrs. O'Donnell started the ODC Dance Education Program in 1986.



Mrs. B. is teaching the Thursday Time Team Ballet class.

Mrs. B. in retirement!! No, she is actually demonstrating the Language of Dance™ body symbols.



Mrs. B. is speaking to elementary school students during a dance tour performance.



Mrs. B. introducing her new symbol language, Tappinese™



She is helping two Monday students use symbols from the Language of Dance™.



Mrs. B. is working with the ODC academic students in a knitting community service project.