



DANCE MATTERS



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Congratulations to our Eighth Graders


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More Dancers are 2008 "WOW" Reflection Contest Winners

From Left to Right:
 Jada Jones—Wednesday dance student – 1st place city wide winner from Landstown MS in literature—
 Charlyn Rand—Wednesday dance student- 1st place city wide winner from Hermitage ES in literature. Charlyn also won 1st place in the **district competition!!**
 Samantha Pittman— Wednesday dance student— 1st place at her home school in literature!!
Congratulations to all our "Reflections" winners!!

Editor's Goof 
 Keanna Brown, pictured on last week's "Dance Matters" cover, is a Wednesday dance student not Tuesday student.

The following 8th grade dancers have been accepted into these academies for the 2009-2010 school year.

Monday

Ariana Wilkins- Salem's Visual and Performing Arts Academy - Dance

Tuesday

- Macy Pniewski - Princess Anne IB, Governor's School for the Arts (Theater)
- Brienne Kordis - Tallwood—International and Global Studies Academy
- Britni Birt - Princess Anne IB
- Rachel Potts – Governor's School for the Arts, Dance

Wednesday

- Rachel Parilla - Salem's Visual and Performing Arts Academy, Dance and Vocal
- BriJéa Colvin -Salem's Visual and Performing Arts Academy, Dance—First Colonial HS, Law Studies
- Erica (Nikki) Hill waiting list for Salem's Visual and Performing Arts Academy , Theater
- Randi Wright - Salem's Visual and Performing Arts Academy, Dance

Thursday

- Marquise Hitchcock-Jones - Governor's School for the Arts, Dance
- Dalton Henderson - Governor's School for the Arts - Dance
- Joanna Wicker– Salem's Visual and Performing Arts Academy, Dance, Theater, Vocal— Bayside HS, Health Science—Governor's School for the Arts—Theater
- Roy Bernard -Salem's Visual and Performing Arts Academy, Dance and Theater
- Aila Castane - Salem's Visual and Performing Arts Academy, Dance
- Abigail Matthews- Salem's Visual and Performing Arts Academy, Dance
- Summer Morris -Salem's Visual and Performing Arts Academy, Dance , Vocal, Instrumental
- Sumedha Deshmukh- Bayside Health and Science- Ocean Lakes Math and Science- Princess Anne IB
- Simren Bhatt- Bayside Health and Science—Ocean Lakes Math and Science—Princess Anne IB

Friday

- Angela Derder-Parawan - Landstown Technology— Tallwood Global Studies and Language—Salem's Visual and Performing Arts Academy, Dance
- Alexia Rochester- Princess Anne IB— Tallwood, Global Studies and Language
- Kimberly Stafford- Salem's Visual and Performing Arts Academy, Dance

Editor's Note: If any students were overlooked in this issue, their names will appear in future editions of "Dance Matters."

Dance Parent/Student News

There is a lot of amazing energy in the ODC Dance studios these days. Teacher dances are being polished, creative dances are being critiqued and edited, and students are getting more and more excited as the first tour performances approach. During this time the students really do start becoming performing artists and they truly embody their dance roles.

In dance perspectives, stage make up and performance hair has been discussed. (Editor's note: The stage make up requirement is very minimal. The dancers will wear just enough make up to highlight their faces under the stage lights at Plaza Middle School.) The students are bringing home a shopping list of items to get for the performances. For the tour performances, the students are only required to have "performance hair." They will not wear stage make up for these performances.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact one of the dance teachers.



About "Performance Hair"

The hairstyle for the girls is a flat ballet bun placed at the crown of the head. The buns need to be netted and carefully pinned. All girls must also use gel and /or hair spray to control the wispsies (stray hair) and pull bangs securely back. Some teachers may ask for a "specialty concert hair-do example pony tails, hair half up half down), but the majority of hair styles are in the ballet bun. In the upcoming weeks, we are asking the students to come to school with their hair in this performance style.

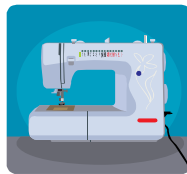


Models for "Performance Hair" are Alexia Rochester, Friday Form team and Jessica Williams, Friday Space team. (These photos are reprinted from last year's "Dance Matters." Jessica is definitely taller this year.)

Tuesday Rehearsal Pictures



The last sewing party will be this coming Saturday, April 4th— ODC - big dance studio - 12:00— 4:00 Call or e-mail Mrs. Spear-Jones if you can come. We are very close to finishing the larger projects.



Help Needed

- 1) Chaperones are still needed for the tour shows. Please check the tour schedule and let Mrs. Spear-Jones know if you could come and help on a tour show. It would be good to have 2 parent helpers per show.
- 2) Calling all Top Chefs - We need parents who would be willing to help organize and serve dinner to the dance students between performances on May 3rd. Dinner would be served to the students about 4:15. Help is also needed with set up and clean up. It would be good to have a couple parents with a Sam's, BJ's or Costco card who could buy large quantities of items to bring to the theater. The school would reimburse any expenses. Please call or contact Mrs. Spear-Jones at 473-5043 or e-mail her at gwen.spear-jones@vbschools.com if you could help us with this.