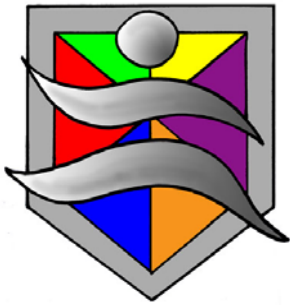


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Students Create Dances About Change

During this quarter, the students are not only rehearsing their “teacher” dances but they are also creating their own dances. The creative dance theme for this year’s concert is “change”. After several weeks of brainstorming, each team has chosen a topic based on this idea; example, changing seasons, changing moods, changing rhythms, changing shapes, etc. The members of each team are working hard on the skills of sharing ideas, listening to each other and using excellent problem solving strategies while creating dances. The students are also charged with using the “creative dance tools” they have been working on since the beginning of the year. They are also to use the “Principles of Design” - the “glue” that keeps dances together. In 4 weeks each team’s creative dance will be presented to the panel of dance teachers and to peers. The teachers will see the creative dances and give the students feedback. The students will then have time, using the feedback, to make choreographic revisions and to show their work for a second time. At this time the teachers choose the dances that best interpret the movement topic. The members of the teams must also have work well together during this process. In past years teams have found that this is not an easy task. There might be a team that presents a wonderful dance but the members just could not get along during the choreographic process. This dance would not get into the concert. One team might have members that worked beautifully together but the dance is weak. The topic is not clearly defined in movement. This dance would not be chosen. The criteria matches the skill level of the team. The “Time” team would be judged differently than the “Effort” team. This is an exciting and sometimes tough learning time for our students.

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Dance Calendar

February 21-March 7 VPAA auditions
4:00-8:00 pm - Salem High School

April 20—April 30 ODC Dancers on Tour

May 2nd Mandatory Dress Rehearsal -
2:00pm- 6:00pm Plaza Middle School

May 3rd Concerts -2:00pm and 5:00pm -
Students arrive at 1:00 and stay until 7:15
—Plaza Middle School

May 4th - No dance students

May 5th, May 7th, May 11, May 12,
May 13th, May 15th, May 19th—May 22—
Dance Screening - Regular ODC dance
students do not attend on these days

June 12—Last day for ODC dancers



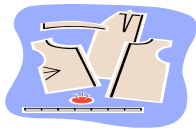
Members of the Friday Time team work on their dance about changing from kernels to popcorn.

Dance Parent/Student News

Saturday Afternoon Costume Parties



Every Saturday, probably until the May 3rd concert, there will be a “costume” party at ODC. The dance department has many costume needs from sewing, to ironing, to cutting patterns, to creating hats, to making sashes, etc. These gathering will be in the big dance studio from 12:00—4:00. You may come at any time during this time frame. Please RSVP by calling the school at 473-5043 or e-mailing Mrs. Spear-Jones. Thank you in advance for your help and efforts.



Pictures From the First Dance Sewing Party



Mrs. Wright, our fearless costume designer/leader helps Wednesday student, Brooke Habit pin together a “The Rite of Spring” elder hat.



Mrs. Wright instructs parent volunteers; Mrs. Walsh, grandmother of Amber Truelove, a Friday student, Mrs. Habit, mother of Brooke Habit, a Wednesday student and Mrs. Harrison, mother of Jayda Harrison, a Thursday student.



Thursday student, McKenzie Hall and Friday student, Meredith Alwine fix tutus.



Even a father got involved! Bravo to Mr. Alwine.



Mrs. Walsh helps Mrs. Albarado sew for the first time.