



DANCE MATTERS



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Good Bye to Our Wonderful Eight Graders

We will miss you!!!

(This eighth grade population represents 12 Middle Schools in the Va. Public School system)

Attended ODC :

For 1 year- Rachel Potts and Arianna Wilkins

For 2 years- Jessica Bunting

For 3 years - Roy Bernard, Macy Pniewski, Milan Williams, Randylin Wright

For 4 years- Brijea Colvin, Ka'Vion Fleming, Rachel Parilla, Alexia Rochester, Joanna Wicker

For 5 years- Britni Birt, Caroline Ciatko, Angela Parawan, Leslie Gomez, Allegra Hawkingberry, Deanna Herbol, Erica Hill, Marquise Hitchcock-Jones, Brienne Kordis, Hannah Kreer, Emily Prussock, Miranda Wallace, Kai White

and

Our 6 year survivors (attending ODC since the 3rd grade) Simren Bhatt, Katrina Carlson, Aila Castane, Sumedha Deshmukh, Dalton Henderson, Aubree Lyons, Abigail Mathews, Kimberly Stafford

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Editor's Note:

This is the last edition of "Dance Matters for the '08-'09 school year.

The dance faculty hopes that everyone has a safe and restful summer. It has been a GREAT year!!

Dance Sayings!!

Ballet dancers always have a POINTE!
 If it bends it's funny; If it breaks it's not funny
 So, I'm a dancer, what's it tutu you?
 Once a dancer —Always a dancer
 Dancers have the best buns!!
 If dance were any easier, it would be football.
 Real men lift women.
 Why walk when you can dance?
 Flexible people never get bent out of shape!!
 God gave you toes so —pointe them!
 Dance like nobody's watching.
 If ballet was easy, then everyone would be doing it.

*(Found and compiled by Lexi Hennessy
 Tuesday Space Team)*

A Poem about Dance Rehearsals by Crystal Mapp (Tuesday Space Team)

*It's that time of year
 But have no fear!
 We're learning a new dance
 And we can't go into a trance,
 We hear the music and off we go
 Did I hear tutus? Oh no!!
 Day one and two are really rough
 this dance seems a little tough
 Day three and four not so bad
 Worked as a team and didn't get mad
 Practice, practice is what we do
 That's what it takes to make it
 through
 It's time for a travel show
 But the dance we really know
 Recital time has now come
 Sadly, another year is done*

Over the past nine weeks the students kept timelines/journals of the rehearsal and performance process. Their summative project was to bring together all these journal entries, thoughts, discoveries and feelings into an essay format. These essays have been fantastic. Below are excerpts from some of these incredible writings.

- I have learned and grown in knowledge of just one more unique awesome dance, and I have grown in learning to see the big picture and how much teamwork can really effect you. **Emily Parker –Thursday Energy Team**

- I have grown since the first rehearsal. I have learned so much about what to do during rehearsals. I have learned more about performance skills and being expressive as a raindrop. I have learned about working with other people, and that sometimes it's harder than other times! I have also learned that you have to use your imagination and use your mind to be creative. **Katie Knapp - Wednesday Space Team**

- I was just a dancer during the rehearsal process. While on tour and during the performance, I quickly became an artist with a story to tell the audience. I learned that you can express yourself through dance. When you are performing, you have something to say to the audience. A dance is the "novel" but the dancers are the "storytellers." **Leilani Simmonds -Tuesday Form Team**

- I've prepared for the concert by pressing "file, save and remembering in my head." I've actually grown a lot since the first rehearsal. I learned to be more expressive. I've learned about "being my character" on stage. **Ashayla Byrd–Friday Time Team**

- I grew an amazing friendship with my peers and we worked together perfectly. It felt like we were a separate family who fought though different emotions, changes and difficulties to become completely united. A vocabulary word from our perspectives class was the word I would use to summarize this year - Unity. Our teachers also had to struggle with unity this year, not only within themselves but without a dear friend and talented colleague to be here, Mrs. B.. I enjoyed that the teams and their names faded away this year because we were mixed within groups with similarities between size and/or strengths. We displayed unity through out the year and learned that to have the best finished product, everyone must have a say and strive for that everlasting goal. **Katelyn Logsdon - Thursday Effort Team**