

We Are So Glad You Are A Part of CoPA!!

Our staff is excited to start a new year. Each staff member has years of training in specific types of dance. If you have any questions during the year, please come to the office and let us help you.

HELP We are looking for a flat bed truck (and driver) for our young student to ride on for 2 parades on November 17 and December 1. Does anyone have a connection? Just let us know.

If you wish to be a chaperone for either the float riders or one of the dancing groups, please pick up a form from the bulletin board and return the completed form to the office. All chaperones for dancing groups are needed. We can't always use all chaperons who volunteered for the float because of space.

Brighten Up You may have noticed rooms 2 and 3 have a new coat of paint. The level 4 ballet girls helped Sarah Salmons paint the ballet room even though they had more paint on them than the walls. So thanks to Blair Foust, Jamie Barbuto and Elise Satterfield. Ms. Kim is coach of the Turrentine Middle School Dance Team. Ms. Kim and ring leader, Morgan Rudd, worked with other team members to complete the painting. Thanks everyone! We are a little slow on getting to the other rooms ___ but they each will have a turn

Performances

Vocal Performance On June 5, Katlin Smith, Katie Way and Rebecca Cook performed for the Young At Heart group of senior citizens at the First United Methodist Church. The audience was treated to a wonderful show. Rebecca teaches voice at CoPA on Mondays and Thursdays.

Alamance County Fair The Stomper Clogging Teams 1 and 2 performed at the County Fair August 29. What energy! They even got the crowd on stage and into the action.

First United Methodist Fall Festival Some of our students will participate in several shows in October. Each class involved will receive a note about the Fall Festival at the First United Methodist Church on Main Street in Graham. We will dance from 10:30-11:00. Come join the fun___ lots to eat, inflatables, silent auction, entertainment.

News of Students and Staff

New Babies Coming __ Nikki Michaels and Kim Potts, both CoPA instructors, are adding to their families.... Babies, babies. Rebecca Cook had her new baby boy in May. Aren't we lucky?

Tuition Since the August/May and September payments are closer together than other months we will not charge a late fee for September. However, starting October 10, a \$15.00 late fee is applied to accounts with outstanding balances due on tuition or fees. You may make payments by check, cash (get a receipt) or credit card.

Statements We try to send a statement home each month listing the amount due for the next month and any unpaid balances on accounts. When you get a statement, please notice the date at the top of the statement. If you have made a payment since the statements were printed, of course, your statement will not reflect the payment. Getting a statement doesn't mean you are late. They are informational statements showing past due, pre-payments, and tuition for the up-coming month. Always contact us if you have questions about the statement so we can correct any errors.

E-mails Have you given us your e-mail address? If you wish to receive information thru e-mails and haven't already given us your address, please write the address and student's name on a paper and leave it with the receptionist or in the office. We hope this will help you receive and keep information more easily.

Dance Masters of America in New York – Tori Melby took several teams from Sanford and 2 Miss Title holders to New York at the end of July. Both Sydney Patterson and Karla Allen were in the top 10. Tori also had students recognized for special awards and in the Champion of Champions competition for the routines with the highest scores. Congratulations Tori on wonderful choreography! Jo Brantley, Meagan Long and Millicent Linens also attended the pageants and were able to meet with a past student, Katie Walker, who now lives and dances in New York.

THANKS! We never get the chance to say a big "THANK YOU" to the parents who help in the dressing rooms during programs. We love having you there and the girls feel so much more comfortable with a class parent in the room. Thank you bunches!!

CoPA Community Service Project for 2007 – Hydrocephalus Association

We would like to help with a worthwhile cause each dance year. Last year Relay for Life was the recipient. This year we would like to collect money all year to go toward Hydrocephalus. Ms. Jo's grandson, Cohen, is one of the reasons. His mom, April Brantley wrote the following as background for her starting the Hydrocephalus team effort for North Carolina.

Our son, Cohen, was diagnosed with Hydrocephalus (water on the brain) and Dandy-Walker Syndrome at six months of age. He underwent a major brain surgery. He has a device called a VP shunt, a tube connecting his brain to his stomach to help drain the cerebral spinal fluid. He has done well with his shunt, but this will be a lifelong process for us. There are many complications that can come along with the treatments for Hydrocephalus. In search of support, I turned to the Hydrocephalus Association.

We are blessed with this special child and want to help others and my son who are affected by Hydrocephalus. I decided to start a team for North Carolina. I felt that this would be an opportunity for me to do something for Cohen and others. I am asking you to do the same.

Team Hydrocephalus Greensboro/Durham will be hosting its 1st Annual Walkathon at Graham Middle School Athletic Field in Graham on Saturday, September 22, 2007. The proceeds raised will benefit the Hydrocephalus Association mission of providing support, education and advocacy to all those affected by Hydrocephalus. They will have inflatables, crafts, popcorn, sno-cones and much more at the walk.

Registration begins at 9:00am and the walk begins at 10:00am. There is a \$35 minimum to join the walk.

Our Centre Spirit teams have volunteered to help with this community project. A Big THANK YOU for the Spirit group effort!

2007-2008 Centre Teams

Centre Stars Dance Company (Tap, Jazz, Lyrical)

Kelly Albright	Veronique Faucette	Caroline Mundy
Jamie Barbuto	Bailey Foust	Talie Patalano
Kara Bradshaw	Blair Foust	Camaryn Richmond
Aysia Bradsher	Ashley Graves	Erica Richmond
Mackenzie Brown	Imari Johnson	Caroline Rudd
Aeryal Ceaser	Lauren Kirby	Katlin Smith
Ceara Corbett	Mary Michael McClure	Sommer Smith
Kaitlyn Downs	Emily Moore	Kensley Wyatt

Centre Spirit Cheer Team

Elizabeth Allred	Amanda Lewis	Hayleigh Poteat
Aeryal Ceaser	Hannah Mathewson	Emily Rattanavong
Nayeli Celedon	Meredith May	Bayley Shoffner
Deja Cousin	Delaney McDaniel	Brooke Smith
Shelby English	Natalie McNeill	Samantha Tiffany
Sarah Henderson	Amanda Murray	Makayla Ward
Cameron Hill	Sara Murray	Makenzie Ward
Taylor Hoke	Anna Panknin	Molina Williams
Samantha Horner	Kristin Payne	

Centre Stompers Clogging Team

Megan Binkley	Cameron Marine	Caroline Rudd
Ceara Corbett	Leslie Morris	Haley Simpson
Bailey Foust	Lindsay Morris	Katlin Smith
Blair Foust	Rachael Parrish	Kaitlyn Ward
Caylee Johnson	Hannah Rich	Sarah Whitley
		Kensley Wyatt