

THANK YOU

The First United Methodist Church held their festival on Saturday, October 15. Thank you to all the parents who brought children to dance. Some of the students danced for their first time in front of an audience. Others learned routines in 2 weeks in order to participate. You were great. Thanks to Shannon Overby, the Alamance Idol in the youth division, who also performed her vocal routine. Thanks also to Katie Walker who used part of her break from her professional dance company in New York to give Master Ballet Classes to our level 4 and 5 students.

Parades

Hope you'll join us in the Christmas parades. ALL STUDENTS CAN PARTICIPATE IN PARADES WHETHER RIDING THE FLOAT OR "DANCING". Not all acrobatic students are invited to do acrobatics but may ride the float or perform with the dance group. Acrobatic students are selected on an individual basis according to skills for safety reasons. Adults on the float have to be selected, but any parent not selected to ride may walk behind the float. All adults who wish may walk behind the group in which your child is a part. We welcome your help!! **Remember...to participate, students and adults need a CoPA sweatshirt.** We are listing parents we would like to ride in the 3 parades. ...but we will always ask extra parents who signed up to chaperone when possible after the children are placed on the float.

Chaperone for Float Rider-Burlington Parade: Lisa Hall (Allison), Naomi Inman (Layne), Tabatha Hyder (Preslie & Paige), Jennifer Hunt (Gracie), Nicole Sudol (Jenni),

Chaperone for Float Rider- Mebane Parade: Terri Wood (Kassidy), Cassandra Love (Aniya Jones), Mindy Jones (Courtney), Tammy McGonagle (Kaitlyn), Mike McCall (Brianna & Caitlyn),

Chaperone for Float Rider - Graham Parade: Tracy Blethen (Samantha Kivett), Iva Thompson (Trinity), Tonya Joyce (Shelby), Cheri or Danny Thomas (Kelli & Hannah), Letonya Anderson-Wiley (Jourdyn)

"Dancer" Chaperone Parent: Caryn Richmond (B), Valerie Watkins (G), Samantha Mitchell (BMG), Cheri or Danny Thomas (B), Madi Libramento (G) Sarah Bowman (G), Michelle Newton (BG)

Clogger Chaperone Parent: Chris & Joe Wisnewski (M), Lisa Ward (M),

Team Chaperone: Pam Smith (BG),

If you were not selected to ride on the float, please walk behind. In some parades, more than the listed parents are able to ride depending on the number of students who come. (Cold weather, of course, can be a factor in the number of students who decide to ride.)

MAY PROGRAM If you are a first time family at CoPA, here is an overview of things that lead up to our costumed performance at Williams High School in Burlington on Saturday, May 13.

- In November a costume deposit of \$35 is due along with the "permission to order" form. Instructors begin selecting costumes depending on the age and size of the students in a class and the music selected.
- In December, the orders are placed. Anyone who has not paid a deposit and still wishes to participate in the May show will have an additional shipping fee charged.
- When you return from Christmas holiday, there will be a book in the lobby with a picture and price of each costume. The total price of the costume will be listed . . . so take off the \$35 costume deposit for the balance due.
- You will be assigned a dress rehearsal day and time for your class at Williams High School during the week of May 8-11. Your class will also participate in one show on Saturday, May 13.
- In March costumes begin to arrive. Before they are given to students, tuition must be up to date and costume balances must be paid in full.
- A recital fee is due in April to help with the school rental, school staff and other program costs. You may invite as many people as you wish since there are no ticket sales.

You will receive much more information about our end of year shows. In the meantime, if you have any questions, just let us know.

CLASS OBSERVATION

You may observe class during the week of November 7-10, expect Meredith's jazz classes who will observe Thursday, November 17. On these days, the students as just as excited as you are. In order for the instructors to give you an idea of what the students have learned, we need as quiet a classroom as possible so the students can concentrate on the movements. We use the observation time to begin to get the students ready for performances later in the year. Please remember this when bringing younger students into the classroom.

Potty We only have the young children 45 minutes in a class and our time is very precious. In order to use our time and your money wisely and prevent accidents, PLEASE take the students to the bathroom just BEFORE they come into class. We've heard over and over, "I just asked her if she needed to go." Please, take. When one student needs to go to the bathroom about 8 others will say they also need to. We can't always know for sure, so the class is interrupted many more times. HELP!!!!

Names in shoes...PLEASE

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR YOUNG CHILD PROMPTLY WHEN THEY ARE LEAVING CLASS. THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE THE ROOM UNTIL THEY SEE YOU.