

Dear Parents,

We have been enjoying the Physical Education dance residencies for the last several weeks provided by our PTA. Debbie Gilbert and Joanne Petroff have been working with the K -1st classes and Chris Daigre has been working with the 2nd – 5th grade classes.

The Kindergarten and 1st grade students have been learning a dance very specific to the region of study they have been working on for the World Cultures Fair which is next Thursday, February 17th. Below is a description of what your children have been working on during the residency.

- Room 107 – Folktale from Fiji told through movement and dance.
- Room 108 – Endang dance from the Malaysian culture.
- Room 109 – Dance created by students and teachers to the song Kookaburra.
- Room 101 – Dance created by students and teachers about the Great Barrier Reef
- Room 106 – Dance created by teachers and students telling a story of the singing snake.
- Room 111 – A Tahitian/Polynesian Dance called Hoe Ana telling the story of natives paddling to an island.

The students in grades 2nd- 5th have been working with Chris Daigre on learning a Hip Hop dance to perform for our school and community members. In addition to the dance, they have learned about improvisation, theatre, and expression through movement. Though this style of dance was new to many students, they are all doing a wonderful job and having fun with it.

We have three different days for performances and would like to invite you to see your child if possible. The days, times, and classes that are performing are listed below so please read it carefully.

PERFORMANCE INFORMATION:

- **Thursday, February 10th – 2:00 – 3:00 in the Lawton Commons – All Kindergarten and 1st grade classes.**
- **Wednesday, February 16th – 2:00 – 3:00 in the Lawton Commons – All 2nd – 5th grade classes.**
- **Thursday, February 17th – 7:30 – 8:00 in the Lawton Commons – Groups consisting of students from each 2nd – 5th grade class ***

* Due to time constraints not all classes will be able to perform on the evening of the World Fair. Students from each grade band will be chosen to represent the classes that worked with Chris.

As communicated with the students, they will be chosen based on mastery of the dance, leadership qualities, positive and appropriate behavior during class, and an interest to perform. We would like to allow all students to perform but unfortunately this is not an option for the evening event and that is why we have two performance opportunities for the 2nd-5th grade classes. If your child is chosen for the evening performance, he/she will communicate that with you.

As always, we would like to thank the PTA and parents for their continued support of the Lawton Physical Education program

Sincerely,
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