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CMDE SPRING 2010 NEWSLETTER

School Closing Dates for Spring Semester 2010:

Monday, January 18 - Martin Luther King Day

Saturday, February 13 through Friday, February 19 - Presidents' Week

Friday, April 2 through Sunday, April 4 - Easter Weekend

Friday, May 28 through Monday, May 31 - Memorial Day Weekend

Closing announcements for inclement weather will be on our answering machine.
Call 201-342-2989 to check for cancellations in bad weather.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Free Teen Dance Crew, January 28 - March 25, Performance on March 27

Join the CMDE Dance Crew and create your own original choreography! Brandon Clifton, last year's recipient of a CMDE talent scholarship, will be leading Dance Crew on Thursday nights from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Participants will learn about different kinds of dance and work on developing their own movement in a fun, creative environment. Dance Crew will perform at CMDE's Spring Cameo Concert on March 27. The program is co-ed and open to students age 11-18.

Spring Cameo Concert, Saturday, March 27 at 3:30 & 5:00 p.m. at CMDE

The Spring Cameo Concert will feature original choreography by staff and students, presented in an intimate setting. The CMDE Companies and Teen Dance Crew will be performing. Students who are at least intermediate level are invited to audition original, well-developed works for inclusion, but please be aware that participation is selective and inclusion is not guaranteed. Auditions will take place March 9-13; details will follow. Suggested audience donation is \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children, teens, and seniors.

CMDE Dancers at Free Family Fun Festival, Sunday, April 18, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Bring the whole family to the "Family Fun Festival" on Sunday, April 18th, at the Richard Rodda Community Center in Teaneck! As part of the festivities, CMDE will be presenting a multi-cultural dance program featuring performances by staff, students, and guest artists, followed by interactive open dance workshops for all ages and experience levels. The festival is sponsored by the Bergen County Department of Human Services, the Bergen County Office for Children, and several other County agencies, and is part of the County's celebration of the "Week of the Young Child." In addition to dance, the event will feature storytellers, clowns, music, crafts, and other activities for children. Come enjoy an afternoon of free fun for everyone!

Earth Day Celebration & CMDE Fundraiser, Sunday, April 25, 3:00-8:00 p.m.

This spring, CMDE and the NJ-based drum circle DRUMS from HEAVEN will be collaborating on a fun, interactive performance and fundraiser at the Saddle Brook VFW on April 25th, in honor of Earth Day. Rhythm will rule the day as we share food, music, and dance! Enjoy performances by The Seventh Principle African Performance Company, Raqs LaMajali World Fusion Dance Experience, and more! Dance or play along with the DRUMS from HEAVEN circle! Enjoy light refreshments and a cash bar, and browse the unique jewelry and craft items for sale! Take a chance on the many raffle prizes including a Djembe drum. Proceeds from this event will benefit CMDE scholarships and other free and reduced-cost programs for everybody, including youth at-risk and individuals with disabilities. DRUMS from HEAVEN is in its 5th year of existence in raising money for a wide variety of charitable organizations. Please come support this endeavor and have fun doing it! Door donations are \$20.00 for adults, and \$10.00 kids (7-17 years old) and seniors, or buy tickets in advance for \$15.00 and \$5.00, if purchased before April 18th. Children under 7 admitted free.

Ticket sales start in February. Only 200 tickets will be sold! Call 201-342-2989 or visit www.cmde.org, or www.myspace.com/drumsfromheaven. The VFW is located at 44 Market Street, Saddle Brook, NJ, 07663.

Danceathon Day 2010, Saturday, June 12 in Fair Lawn

Danceathon Day is CMDE's annual celebration of dance! All CMDE classes will be performing on the professional stage of the Fair Lawn Community Theater, located at 10-10 20th Street in Fair Lawn. The CMDE Danceathon is a relaxed, fun day of performances by everyone. Younger students sit in the audience with their teachers until it's their turn on stage, and the youngest children are accompanied on stage by their teachers to do short demonstrations of the dance class activities that they enjoyed the most. Older students wait back stage in the "green room" until it's time to perform. Costuming is minimal, and everyone is a star!

The Danceathon is also CMDE'S biggest fundraiser of the year, and is especially important during these difficult economic times. Because CMDE is a non-profit organization dedicated to making dance available to everyone, we provide many programs that do not fully pay for themselves. We ask students to send letters to friends, relatives, and business associates asking to be "sponsored" in the Danceathon. CMDE will create a standard letter and provide 10 copies with envelopes to each student, who can then add a personal comment to his or her letters, and address the envelopes. Please return the addressed, unsealed, envelopes to the office, where we will add return envelopes, stamp them, and mail them. Everyone who addresses 10 envelopes will get one free ticket to the Danceathon, and there will be prizes awarded to the students whose letters brings in the most donations.

A tentative Danceathon Schedule will be available in February. There will be three Danceathon performances this year, and each show will be about an hour and 15 minutes long. Some classes will be rehearsing at the theater on Wednesday, June 9. Other classes will just show up and dance on the day of the performance. Tickets to the Danceathon can be purchased online at www.cmde.org, or at the CMDE office, starting in May. Directions to the theater will be available in the office or at www.fairlawncommunitycenter.org.

Volunteers & Donations Needed For Danceathon

CMDE is seeking volunteers to help on Danceathon Day, both in the theater and at the tables outside. We will be selling food and drink items to help raise money, and need donations of "finger food" (fruit, prepackaged cookies and crackers, individually-wrapped sandwiches, etc.), as well as packaged juices and water. Please make donation arrangements with Elissa (201-342-2989). Items should be brought to the theater at least half an hour before the performances.

Free Summer Dance & Multi-Arts Programs for Children & Teens

CMDE is pleased to announce the 2010 season of its Free Summer Stars multi-arts day camps for children 10-13 years old, and its Free Summer Moves co-ed intensive dance program for teens. Both programs are made possible with special funding from the Bergen County Department of Human Services, and are open to eligible students. Please call Elissa at 201-342-2989 for eligibility information. Registration will begin in March, and eligible students will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis (please note that programs fill up quickly). The schedule will be available on-line in February. In order to take part in these programs students must commit to attending complete sessions.

Summer 2010 Mini-Session

CMDE will again offer a five-week Summer Mini-Session at special reduced rates. The tentative schedule will be available on-line and in the office this spring. One class/week for five weeks will be \$60 if paid in full by the first class; otherwise, pay by the class at \$15/class.

CMDE's programs are made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts; by funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 awarded by the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art; and by the Bergen County Department of Human Services, the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, and the Lillian Pitkin Schenck Fund. CMDE is located in a wheelchair-accessible facility; patrons needing assistance should call 201-342-2989 or email cmde1962@aol.com.

