

6th Grade CAS

Sunset View Elementary, Mrs. Raymond

A Special Invitation from Chris Roberts, District Arts Integration Specialist

The Back Story: Mr. Roberts teaches dance for some of our classes here at Sunset View. As a thank you gift to last year's 6th grade CAS students for being so exceptional to work with, he brought in Heather Francis, a professional choreographer from one of the BYU dance clubs. Heather is also in charge of the Arts Bridge Scholar Program and the Child International Day of Dance or "daCi".

There are special qualifications to have the privilege of working with a scholar and we don't actually meet those but our students last year were so exceptional she asked us to participate knowing your students would be every bit as impressive. She assigned us her best Arts Bridge Scholar, Miss Savannah Angle, and we have been dancing with her for several weeks now. Your students are collaborating with the scholar to create not only the choreography but the music also. Each student was asked "What is a family?", their voice was recorded and will be added to the music. The performance for this dance is Saturday, November 3, 2018 at the Richard's Building on BYU Campus. Families are invited and encouraged to participate in the event with their student.

A Note from Mr. Roberts

Dear Parents,

Your class has the wonderful opportunity of having an Arts Bridge Scholar from BYU teaching dance. We have been asked to create a dance to perform at the daCi (dance and the Child international) Day of Dance and our Arts Bridge Scholar is creating a dance for us. daCi is a wonderful organization which believes every child deserves the chance to experience creative dance in a developmentally appropriate way. The Utah chapter of daCi is very active and have been holding Days of Dance every year for the past 9 years.

This year it will be held on Saturday, November 3 from 4:30 to 8:30 at BYU in the Richards Building. daCi is very focused on multigenerational dancing and events so we would like everyone in the family (bring the grandparents too) participate in this fun event. It begins with a fun folk dance to get us all moving together and then you will attend two different sessions (some that are offered are: hip hop, folk, African, Bollywood, Native American) and then experience a creative session where the group will create a piece to show at the end of the evening where all 6 creative classes will share their dance. Our class will also show our dance during this time. You would think this would cost a lot of money to attend but it only costs \$15 per family or \$5 per person.

The Rest of the Story: Because our experience last year was so positive and fun, when Mr. Roberts asked me if our class would want to participate in this opportunity I jumped on it and said yes with no hesitation at all; before I knew all the facts, that it was a Saturday and that there would be a fee. (I'm

sure none of you have ever done that! Sigh...) For that reason, we will be using money from our CAS budget to cover the \$5 per student fee.

Also, this is NOT required though encouraged because it is a special invitation. I do however need to know who will participate and we also need you to sign a media release form. The District Policy on students being photographed or video-taped is an opt-out policy but BYU needs these separate of that policy. The form is needed whether or not students will participate on November 3rd. We will let you know the specific time of the performance as soon as we are given that information. There is no fee to come and watch your student dance though families would need to pay if they decide to dance with their student.

Please return the intent to participate form and the permission release form by Monday, October 15, 2018.

Participation? Please initial the appropriate expression for your circumstances.

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- Only my student will participate. _____
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- My student will participate and some of our family will also participate. _____
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- My student is not available to participate. _____

My Website: Still under construction but several links are available. Newsletters can also be found here.

Important Dates

End of Term: October 17 All work must be completed by this date.

Fall Break: October 18-23 Have a fun and safe time!