

# Dancing Feet

Youth Ballroom Dance Program©



*Elevating youth through  
poise and culture*

Learn to dance in 16 weeks!

6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Merengue, Rumba, Single Time Swing, Foxtrot and Line Dances

High Desert School Dance Team Classes meet on Thursdays

2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

October 13, 2016 – February 23, 2017

Dance competition on Saturday, February 25, 2017

To register complete the Dancing Feet Media Release Form and turn it in to the school office or Mrs. Millar or Mrs. Spiegel by

**Tuesday, October 11, 2016**

Questions: Speak with Mrs. Millar in Room 317 or Mrs. Spiegel in Room 314

or email [jmillar@aadusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:jmillar@aadusd.k12.ca.us) or [dspiegel@aadusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:dspiegel@aadusd.k12.ca.us)



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### Program Information for Parents

**Dancing Feet Youth Ballroom Dance Program© has arrived at your school!  
“Bringing the excitement, elegance, and athleticism of ballroom dancing to young people.”**

Perhaps you have been watching the TV show, *So You Think You Could Dance*, or maybe, *Dancing with the Stars*, or the movie, *Mad Hot Ballroom* and other popular movies and shows; well now it's your child's turn to have the adventure of a lifetime!

The Dancing Feet Youth Ballroom Dance Program© is available to 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Ballroom dance instruction will begin on October 10<sup>th</sup> and will continue building until **February 25, 2017** when all participating schools will gather for a fun competition.

The following dances will be taught during the programs.

5<sup>th</sup> graders will be instructed in 3 dances; Merengue, Rumba and Single Time Swing.

6<sup>th</sup> graders will be instructed in 4 dances; Merengue, Rumba, Single Time Swing and Foxtrot.

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be instructed in 4 dances; Merengue, Rumba, Single Time Swing and Foxtrot.

Students will spend approximately three hours each week either during or after school. Each school determines when and how long the practice periods will be. Competition participation is based on the number of boys and girls participating. In the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, for every boy who dances, he can have 3 different girls as partners to dance each ballroom style, i.e. one girl for Merengue, one girl for Swing and one girl for Rumba. So, if 5 boys are prepared to dance then 15 girls will have the opportunity to dance as well. This equation is expanded in the 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade programs to equal the number of dance styles they will be performing.

The competition will be held at the Antelope Valley Fairgrounds Van Dam Pavilion. All participants in the program will receive participation ribbons and a Certificate of Achievement. The 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners will receive medallions and 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> place winners will receive ribbons.

#### **How can this program enhance the student's educational experience?**

Ballroom dancing offers young people much more than a fun activity and physical education. This program provides education in dance history, basic dance footwork and partnering skills as well as dance and social etiquette. This program instills confidence, poise, an opportunity for students to relate to their peers in positive and respectful ways. Ballroom dance teaches courtesy, patience, teamwork, and can spark an interest that will last a lifetime!

#### **What is the cost to the program?**

Each school is charged a fee to participate in the Dancing Feet Youth Ballroom Dance Program©. A fundraiser is held to provide additional funds that each school can use for this program. Your participation in the fundraising event is needed and greatly appreciated.

#### **What kind of a commitment is required for participation in the program?**

- Students must commit three hours per week during or after school for instruction and are expected to practice at home.
- Parents and students must commit to participation in special events including fundraisers, and a winter social dance held in the evening.
- Students and parents must commit to **February 25, 2017**, the date for the competition.
- Students are required to participate and stay until competition is over.

#### **Can the parents and family members come to the competition?**

Children 10 and under are free. The competition is open to all family members, friends and the general public. The cost of admission is \$5.00 per person age 10 and over.

**If you are going to allow your child to participate in this program, the attached Media Release form must be completed and turn into your program instructor by October 10, 2016.**



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The Dancing Feet Youth Ballroom Dance Program© has been so successful, it has attracted media attention in many forms. During the program, the AV Press and the Daily News may photograph and interview students and teachers at local school sites. The media may also take pictures of students dancing as well as the awards ceremonies. Pictures of the students are also available on our website at [www.dancingfeet.org](http://www.dancingfeet.org). Additionally, parents and others in attendance at the competition have videoed the event. So as you can see, this program attracts the media.

### Additional Dance Opportunities

Your child may continue to dance after the competition event in February at several other community events. Students may be requested for special performances for the community or schools i.e. The Southern Antelope Valley Education Foundation, etc.

- I give my son/daughter permission to participate in the Dancing Feet Youth Ballroom Dance Program© and sponsored activities through their local schools.
  
- I understand that my son/daughter will not be allowed to leave during competition.
  
- I give my son/daughter permission to be photographed, interviewed, and videotaped during the Dancing Feet Youth Ballroom Dance Program© sponsored program activities and competition. I understand that their photograph or video of them may be used on the internet, the Dancing Feet website, or in a webcast that would broadcast live or delayed audio and/or video transmissions, much like traditional television and radio broadcasts.

Please **PRINT LEGIBLY**

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's signatures: \_\_\_\_\_

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E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Room #: \_\_\_\_\_