



Fine Arts Program: Dance

Fine Arts Program Highlights:

- Students in PK4-grade 8 eligible to participate
- Lessons on Monday and Wednesday after school
- SMLS will provide the dance room and other facilities for the program

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Getting to Know Ms. Vanessa



When I'm at school: ... I'm doing what I like best, teaching dance.

What I like most about teaching is: ... the thrill of my student's accomplishments.

I decided to become a dance teacher: ... when I was six years old.

Nobody knows: ... I want to hang glide.

People would be surprised: ... to see me not busy.

My dream vacation would be: ... traveling to a foreign country and spending an entire summer studying the dance of that country.

When I have leisure time: ... I like to sew, knit, bake, read, and create.

My favorite food is: ... seafood.

I was born in: ... Moline, IL and baptized in Monroe, MI.

My college degree is from: ... Findlay College, now the University of Findlay in Ohio, with majors

in: biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics. Minor was in theatre.

Members of my immediate family include: ... Tasha, Maxi, and Little Bit my three cats.

Vanessa has studied dance since 1962, and has been a dance teacher since 1975. She began her career in Ohio, but has danced and taught in many places through out the world, including South Carolina, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Hawaii, Canada, Israel, Egypt, and France. She has been in commercials for the Hilton Hawaiian Village and Epcot. She appeared in an episode of Magnum, P.I., and at one time was a regular entertainer on board the FunKruuz Casino boat. Students of Vanessa were top winners on Ed McMahon's Star Search. She opened Fame Performing Arts Center in 1995, where she teaches dance and drama. Her schedule really does keep her on her toes-but she loves it! To Vanessa, life is dance, and she wouldn't have it any other way.



What is the cost?

When are the classes?

All program revenues will go directly to the Director as the program is only offering lessons in individual and small group settings. **All lessons are prepaid by the semester.**

Classes for SMLS students are one day a week:

- ◆ **Level 1: ages 4-8**, is on Mondays
 - ◆ Ballet is 3:15-3:45
 - ◆ Jazz/Tap is 3:45-4:45
- ◆ **Level 2: ages 8 and up**, is on Wednesdays
 - ◆ Ballet is 3:15-3:45
 - ◆ Jazz/Tap is 3:45-4:45

The prices are \$35 for ballet ~ (\$158 per semester)
\$60 for Jazz/Tap ~ (\$270 per semester)
or \$80 for both per month ~ (\$360 per semester)

Dance Attire:

Students will be required to wear appropriate shoes to the class:

- Pink Ballet Slippers
- Tan Jazz and Tap shoes
- Shoes can be ordered through Ms. Vanessa's dance studio FAME



- ◆ Any color or style of leotard, tights, leggings, etc... will be permitted in class. However, during a recital, all participants will wear tan matte tights.
- ◆ During ballet, students may wear any color leotard.
- ◆ Hair must be worn off the face with long hair fastened back.

