

BULLDOG



DANCERS

FAQ

1. WHO ARE THE BULLDOG DANCERS?

They are an elite performing group of dancers from Holly Grove Middle who show excellence in their dance skills, academics, and behavior. The BULLDOG DANCERS perform at school and community events, representing the best of Holly Grove.

2. I'M IN 6TH GRADE. CAN I AUDITION?

Yes! All grade levels are welcome to audition.

3. WHAT DO I NEED FOR AUDITIONS?

You need comfortable clothing that you can move in. Make sure that your clothes are within the WCPSS dress code. Make sure you attend both days of the audition.

4. DO I NEED TO PREPARE A DANCE?

Yes. You will be emailed a one minute routine on July 21st. You are expected to know this routine when you come to auditions. You will then be evaluated on your technique through some across the floor exercises, and you will perform the one minute routine for the judges on the 25th.

5. WHEN WILL WE HAVE PRACTICES?

We will practice during K-9 time all year long. Dancers are expected to attend 3 days of K-9 rehearsal a week. Dancers are expected to get their agendas pre-stamped every Friday. We will also practice on Tuesday afternoons from 3:00-4:30. You are allowed to miss 1 Tuesday practice during track out. You are not required to attend the enrichment rehearsals during track out.

6. CAN I PLAY SPORTS OR BE IN BAND OR CHORUS OR OTHER CLUBS AND BE A BULLDOG DANCER?

BULLDOG DANCERS will practice during the day and on Tuesdays afterschool. Your sports teams practice after school almost every day of the week. If you really want to participate in a one season sport (not cheerleading) then we can probably work something out. Just remember that your team mates and your fellow dancers are counting on you to be at practice and rehearsal. It really hurts the group when one person is missing. We rely on everyone in the group to share the same level of commitment. You may not want to stretch yourself too thin and wear yourself out. You will not be able to participate in other clubs/activities during enrichment time if you are a BULLDOG DANCER.

7. WHAT KINDS OF DANCE WILL WE BE DOING?

We will typically do modern, lyrical, jazz, and hip hop. Our season is divided into two parts. The fall is mostly Dance Team where we will focus on jazz and hip hop routines for the basketball games. We will also learn one lyrical/modern/jazz piece for Pieces of Gold Auditions. We will have 2 benefit concerts – one at Christmas and one in the spring. These will be in combination with Jazz Band and the Grove Singers. Ticket sales from these concerts will benefit Toys for Tots and another charity. We will choreograph and learn 5-6 dances for each of these shows.

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8. WHERE WILL WE PERFORM?

We will perform in the dance concerts and in performances for the school. This group will also perform at some home basketball games. I will also try to arrange several community performances for you. We also plan to go to Disney this year and perform our Spring Benefit Concert.

9. DO WE HAVE A COSTUME OR UNIFORM?

All BULLDOG DANCERS are required to purchase the BULLDOG DANCER uniform which includes tan jazz shoes, black jazz pants, a black leotard, silver dance sneakers, black shorts, and tan tights. We will decide on costumes once we have dances choreographed. We have very few costumes in our costume closet. Each dancer will need to fundraise or pay the \$100 cost to cover costumes for the entire season. We will start our first fundraiser in the early fall (August/September).

10. DO I HAVE TO BE IN DANCE CLASS TO AUDITION?

No. You are welcome to audition if you are not in dance class. Anyone who loves to dance and wants to perform should audition to be a part of the BULL DOG DANCERS.

11. HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE IN THE GROUP?

I plan to accept 15-20 people into the group.

12. I'VE NEVER TAKEN DANCE AT A STUDIO OR AT SCHOOL. CAN I STILL AUDITION?

Yes. Please come and audition. If you want to dance, you should audition. Even if you don't make it this year, you will have gained the valuable experience of auditioning. Experience is nice, but it is not everything. You may just have enough natural talent to make it into the group!

13. HOW LONG IS THE DANCE SEASON?

The BULLDOG DANCERS are in season from August – April. Please make sure that you are able to make a commitment to the group for the entire year. We are constantly creating dances and performing.

14. WHAT ARE THE JUDGES LOOKING FOR?

The judges will be looking at your technique, performance skills, choreographic skills, and most importantly your attitude.

15. I WOULD LOVE TO GO TO DISNEY BUT I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN AFFORD IT. WILL YOU HAVE FUNDRAISERS? IS IT REQUIRED?

We will have several fundraisers for the Disney trip. In years past, most kids raised the money for half-all of their entire trip to Disney through the fundraisers. Disney is not a requirement, but is highly encouraged since we will be performing our Spring show. We would love for you to come, but you will not be excluded from the group or any of the routines if you cannot go.