April 21, 2025

Dear Will Rogers Learning Community 5th Grade Parent/Guardian:

This year the Santa Monica College Dance Department is providing twelve lessons of dance through our SMC Dance Academy. The SMC Dance Academy is an instructional program taught during the school day. This program is a part of an Arts in Education curriculum that will conclude with a Culminating Event.

Your child has been working hard in dance class, focusing on Musical Theater/Jazz dance with the theme of *Westside Story*. Within our syllabus, they are also learning elements of Salsa, Waltz, and a Hip Hop dance. The students are excited to show off their dancing for you at our upcoming Culminating Event.

Please save the date to attend the Culminating Event to be held in the auditorium at Will Rogers Learning Community on: Tuesday, June 3rd at 2:15PM.

Please send students to school wearing the following attire or have them bring the attire with them to change into:

- Bright solid color top (t-shirt or long sleeve shirt, with no logo or image).
- Black pants, leggings, shorts or full skirt (w/shorts underneath) - no logo or image.
- Shoes that are comfortable to dance in (sneakers suggested).

This program is brought to you by Santa Monica College, SMMUSD, and the Santa Monica Ed Foundation.

Sincerely,

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