Ridge Road Middle School

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year at Ridge Road Middle School!! My name is Jessica Pendry, and I will be your child’s dance teacher this year at Ridge Road.

Through dance, your child will be integrating their core academic subjects as well as nurturing their 21st Century Learning Skills including critical thinking, creative thinking, and problem-solving. They will learn about historical and cultural dance, participate in teacher-led choreography, and create dances with their peers. One of the most important aspects of dance is performance. Your child will participate in numerous formal and informal showings which will include teacher and student-directed choreography. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at jessicae.pendry@cms.k12.nc.us.

Thank you for supporting your child’s education.

Sincerely,

Ms. Pendry

Dressing Out

 Students will be required to wear black bottoms (sweat pants, Capri pants, basketball shorts, yoga pants, etc). They will also be required to wear a **t-shirt** or Ridge Road Apparel. No sweatshirts will be allowed - strictly t-shirts or long-sleeved shirts. Girls should have hair tied back in a pony tail and if there are any distracting stray hairs, they should be pinned back.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*THE SCHOOL DRESS CODE ALSO APPLIES IN THE DANCE ROOM\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

Grading & Evaluation

 Grades will be updated weekly to parent assistant. P stands for participation, T stands for Test, and HW stands for Homework. Per CMS policy, class work/informal assignments count 45%, formal assignments count 45% and homework assignments count 10%. Your student will receive grades for:

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| Class work/ Informal (35%) | Formal (65%) |
| 1. Participation
2. In-Class Assignments
3. Homework Assignments
 | 1. Final Concert (2 tests)
2. Movement tests
3. Written Tests
4. Dressing Out
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* Participation is an important aspect of the students’ grade. They will receive a grade for participation every week. Failure to fully participate will negatively affect your child’s final grade. If there are questions regarding your student’s participation grade, we will schedule a meeting to discuss identified problems.
* Dressing out is one test grade per quarter. For the first 2 weeks of dance, no points will be deducted for not following the dress code. Each day your student does not dress out appropriately, 3 points will be deducted from their dressing out test grade. These grades will not be able to be replaced. If there are questions or concerns, please email me.
* Students are **REQUIRED** to attend the final performance worth 2 test grades or they must complete an alternate assignment which is located on my weebly.

Dance Performance

 Fall Semester Concert: December 10th from 7:00 to 8:00. Students will need to arrive by 6:30.

Throughout the semester there will be other opportunities for your student to perform and view performances. More information will be provided during the course of the semester.

Video Taping

 As a means of grading, reviewing assignments and completing self and group evaluations, I regularly use videotaping in the classroom. These videos are strictly used as a learning tool and for documentation purposes. Some of our class videos are posted to YouTube in order for the students to practice from home. No student names are included in these videos.

Forms

Attached you will find forms to be completed and turned in. Please complete all areas.

1. Student Info Sheet; Include an E-mail Address (Front)
2. CMS Video Release (Back)

Contributions to the Classroom:

1. Air Freshener – Wall Plug-Ins (Refills)
2. Lotion (pump Container)
3. Hair Ties/Bobby Pins
4. ITunes Gift Cards
5. Disinfectant