

“Optimist OPTICS” - continued



Ed Harrison
Memorial
Golf Scramble

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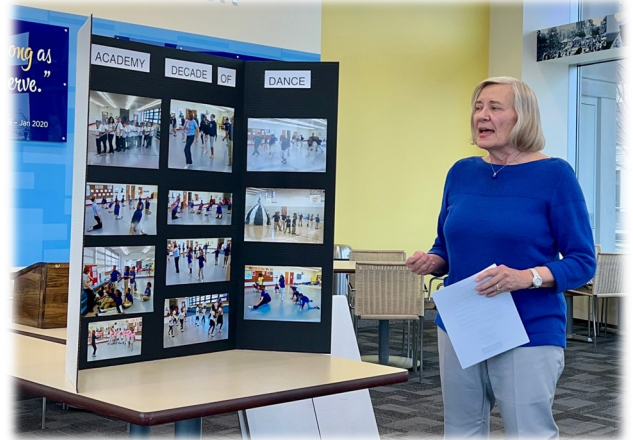


Sarge left us with 6 Things Mentally Strong People Do (similar to optimists):

- They move on
- They embrace change
- They stay happy
- They are kind, fair, and unafraid to speak
- They are willing to take risks
- They celebrate others' success

Speaker

Sally shared photos and experiences from Children's Center for Dance Education's Ten Years at Joshua Academy. Dance has been part of the students' physical education since the academy began in the former Howard Roosa school. A dance studio was built with a safe floor and mirrors. Maps and posters help students appreciate different cultures of the world as they study geography and music along with the particular dance. The optimist club is very much appreciated for their funding of dance shoes over the years. Efforts are made to sanitize and refurbish shoes each year and funds are wisely used to purchase on line when necessary. Optimists helped with purchase of a large screen tv. It is an essential learning tool for kids to see videos of dances before they actually try them. The latest funding from the Optimist club helped with expansion of the dance floor in the studio. Renovation is going on this week during spring break!



Over the last decade, the lives of the students have been enriched by field trips and visits from outsiders coming in and dancing with them. Mayor Winnecke, Assistant Police Chief Phil Smith, news anchor Shelby Coates, author Kristi Valiant, and ex-Chicago Bears defensive end Marty Amsler are a few who have touched the lives of these children.

About 180 of the 245 enrolled students take dance 3 mornings per week from instructors from Children's Center for Dance Education. Those who are interested in continuing their instruction are invited to attend classes at the CCDE studio on Vogel.

The possibility of starting up a Junior Optimist Club at Joshua Academy was raised. Our club will investigate having a program there again.

Adjournment: 1:00 PM

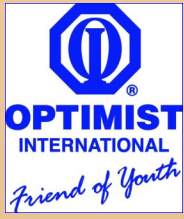
Next Meeting: Wed. April 13th NOW meeting-bring new people to see about joining the club. Lunch details will be given at the meeting reminder. See you next month!

Respectfully submitted,
Sally Olson

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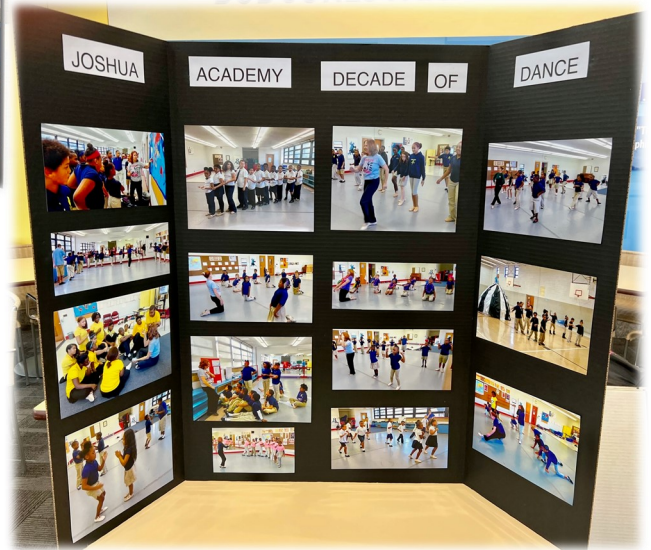
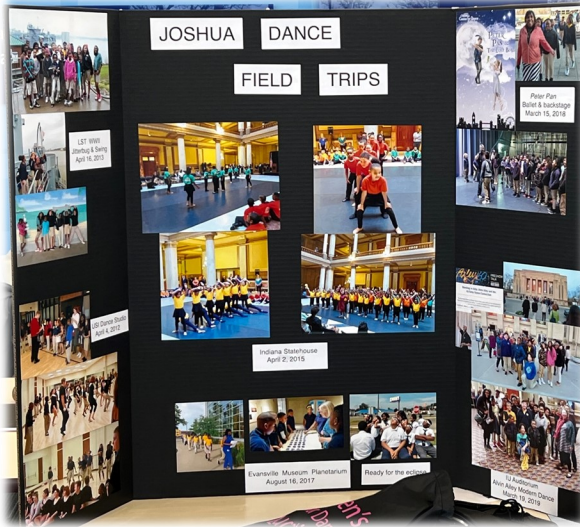
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