



# APS Cultural Enrichment



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## Can you say.....Ballet?

For the first time ever, the Alpha Public School will have the pleasure of hosting the American Repertory Ballet from Princeton on **April 7 at 1:00pm** for K-8th grade.

The American Repertory Ballet will perform "Dance Alive" which relates contemporary ballet to students' lives. The dancers will guide the students through the ballet experience with demonstrations, questions and activities.

You will get a thorough look at the basics of how a ballet dancer copes with the incredible athleticism needed to become a fine artist. Classical and contemporary works will be explored and you will have an opportunity to ask the dancers any questions you might have at the end of the performance.

The Ballet Company will be conducting a workshop with our Dance

Club after school on this very special day. What a great opportunity for our student dancers to work side by side with professional dancers.



This is going to be an event you will want to share in, so parents, please join us at 1 pm in the gymnasium and enjoy the show!

### *The Cultural Enrichment Program's Mission:*

To cultivate an appreciation for the arts, not limited to, but including the viewing and participating in various art forms to enhance our children's educational experience.

## Dance the Night Away May 29th

Mark your calendars, The date for the annual incoming kindergarten through fourth grade dance is **Friday, May 29 at 5:30-7:30.**



Parents, if you are interested in helping plan the dance and/or helping out the night of the dance, please contact Colleen Bevis at 454-8129 or [alphaarts@fast.net](mailto:alphaarts@fast.net).

We need ideas for a theme for this year's dance, so ask your child for some ideas and let me know what you come up with!

A flyer will be coming home so watch for it in your child's backpack.



# Thank you Patrons of the Arts!!

We would like recognize the Patrons of the Arts at the Alpha Public School.

These individuals and businesses have chosen to support the Cultural Arts program and we certainly are grateful!

The Cultural Enrichment Programs you have been enjoying have been paid for by donations and grant monies.

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*Thank you for your continued support of the Arts at Alpha Public School!*

## Our APS Band is off to the Symphony

In October master musicians from the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra came to the Alpha Public School and held workshops with each unit of our band.

Our school musicians were able to fine tune their skills and take away many pointers to work on from these fine musicians.

On May 22 our band will have the opportunity to see those master musicians and the rest of the NJ Symphony perform

“Scheherazade: Arabian Tales” at a spotlight concert at the State Theatre in New Brunswick.

This *Young People’s Concert* presented by the Orchestra will take us on a journey to a faraway land with Rimsky-Korsakov’s magical Scheherazade. We will hear the composer’s interpretation of some of the most famous stories from

*One Thousand and One Nights* and discover the Arabian tales for ourselves!



Through the use of masks, puppets, and magic the Enchantment Theatre company will bring these stories to life.

What an amazing opportunity for our band members. It is sure to amaze and inspire!

## Clay for a Day

What a fun day this will be!! An artisan that works with clay from the Baum School of Art will be spending the day in the art room in June.

She will be demonstrating the many ways you can have fun and

make masterpieces with clay.

*This is sure to be a terrific day to mold some clay!*



## Mark your Calendars for October’s Play!

Next school year **Theater Week** will be **October 5-9**. Play practice will take place every day after school and the performance will be Friday evening.

We will be performing “Beauty and the Beast” with the help of Taubenslag Productions.