

## Message from Mrs. Cari, Artistic Director...

Did you know participating in an arts-based extra-curricular activity (such as dance) helps children gain:

- An increased sense of self-worth and self-confidence
- Generally higher grades in school
- Creative thinking/understanding
- An extended social network
- Understanding of time management & goal prioritization
- Heightened physical fitness

Within the infrastructure of dance studio programming, students have the opportunity to work independently and in teams, set personal goals, and experience success and failure in a variety of ways. An abundance of life skills are experienced and taught within the dance studio environment. Such skills go beyond a student's dance training and can be applied in school, college, and career.

When it seems like dance is taking up too much time or costing too much money, remember that it gives your child more than costumes or trophies. They are learning what hard work and determination can accomplish. They're learning life skills that will help them succeed!

Kudos to all of you for offering your children this opportunity!

## Have you heard?!!

Members of the BFA Competition Team recently traveled to Concord Mills, NC to attend a one-day dance convention called Shock, the Intensive. The girls were able to participate in a variety of classes from very well-known dancers and choreographers in the dance world! This experience fostered the development of these girls as dancers!



## Congratulations!!

*A big congratulations to the dancers who auditioned and were selected to participate in Dance Theatre of Columbia's 2014 production of Red Riding Hood!!!*

Have you seen these cool car magnets around town? For only \$5 you, too, can have one on your car!



Please stop by the front desk at BFA and get yours today!!!

## Please Mark Your Calendars!

- ✓ **December 16-19:** Open House  
\*Please come during your child's regular class time
- ✓ **March 1:** Red Riding Hood \*Times TBD
- ✓ **May 31:** Recital Day  
\*Times TBD

## Reminders...

- Costume deposits are due by **November 10<sup>th</sup>**.
- The studio will be closed for Thanksgiving break Nov. 27-29.
- The studio will be closed for Winter break Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> through Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 6, 2014.
- Please be sure to check the Lost & Found in the snack area. Unclaimed items will be donated at the end of November.

