



McKEEVER SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE NEWSLETTER AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2017

Crocker



On October 10th the McKeever Dancers performed at the Crocker Art Museum for their *Super Sunday Playday*! A new section of the museum made just for kids was opened and our dancers had fun exploring it after a superior 20 min performance. Some dancers even met local celebrity Rob Stewart from the TV Program “Rob on the Road”. We are so lucky to live in a city with so much access to Arts and Culture! Make sure you check out the Crocker Art Museum’s latest kid friendly addition!!

Our Fourth Year at CelticFest!!



53 dancers, 2 days, 4 shows and tons of fun!
That was our fourth year at the KVMR Celticfest!!! Hard to believe how much we have grown and have far so many of you have come!
Friday night we took part in the Youth Arts program teaching 40 students the Jig and Treble Reel! Then Saturday and Sunday we put on four 45 minute performances. Each show was full of energy and the audiences really responded by joining in and clapping along! What an honor to take part in this huge annual Celtic Music festival! Hopefully all of you got to walk around all of the vendors and activities set up at this great event. The best part is sitting out on the lawn under the trees listening to all the wonderful live Celtic Music! Definitely take part next year if you did not get a chance!! Thanks so much to all the dancers who took part!!

Teaching At Hollywood Park

The McKeever School is proud to be part of CLARA's Arts Outreach, going into public schools in the district and offering classes to children who might not otherwise have access to Dance, Theater, Music and the Performing Arts. Miss

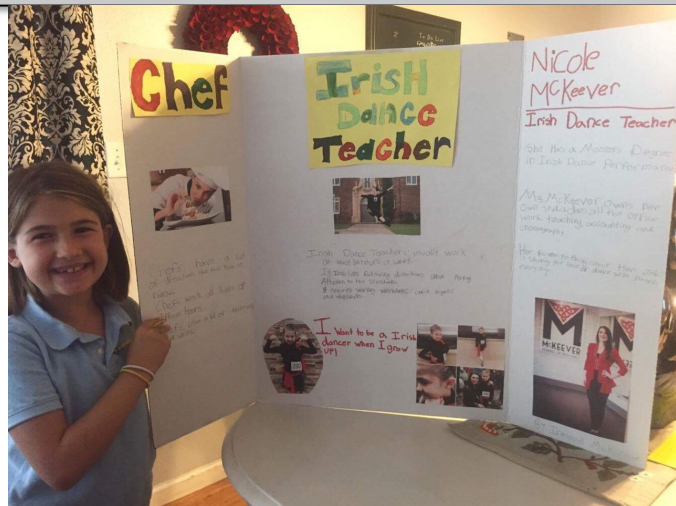
McKeever is going into Hollywood Park Elementary once a week for the next ten weeks to teach a wonderful third grade class what Irish Dance is! Lucky McKeever Dancer Francine W. is part of that third grade class and was so excited to share her love of Irish Dance with her fellow classmates.



Student's Corner



- Pictured first we have a beautiful illustration by dancer Millie K. age 11! We love seeing her imaginative illustrations she brings with her to class and this was such a creative take on the school's logo.
- Below that a picture of Millie and her four first place medals she earned this month at a Digital Feis!!! She recorded herself dancing and sent it off into the "interwebs" and a few weeks later got feedback from judges and her awards! This was an open platform competition so she can't use her wins to advance closer to the Champion level, but the feedback and encouragement was great!!
- Next we have a beautiful work of art by dancer Libby P. age 10. Thank you for such a skilled rendition of the McKeever Logo!
- Next to that we have an illustration of our Open Champion dancer Marcella M. created by Irish dance teacher and illustrator Shelley Locklier. Visit her Instagram @stylishsketchesbyshelley and get one created of yourself in your unique dance costume!!
- Finally we have an adorable picture of dancer Ireland M. Who did an interview and career project on Miss McKeever!! What an honor Ireland, thank you! Lets hope in 15 years or so we look back at this newsletter and you are running your own Irish Dance School!!! <3



Wholistic Warrior

The “Wholistic Warrior” Irish Dance Personal Trainer Cortney Millitello came to our Studio on September 24th to help our dancers work on flexibility and core strength. Her insights were extremely helpful and dancers of all ages even some parents took part in the workshop. Hopefully everyone who participated can continue to work at home and class on these specific aspects of their fitness!!



Teacher Natalie Competes After 14 Years of Retirement!

Check out the beautiful dress our assistant teacher and Champion dancer Natalie McKeever created based on an Alexander McQueen design. Every aspect of the dress was handmade by Natalie and took a lot of time and work!! This past month Natalie traveled down to San Diego and competed for the first time in 14 years since retiring in her late teens. This was no easy task, but Natalie has been training hard 5 days a week for the past year! She earned a third place medal in her Heavy Round and we are so proud of her. It was special that her mom, Jennifer McKeever even made to the trip from New Jersey to watch the competition! Keep it up Natalie!

Upcoming Events

Big Brothers Big Sisters Fundraiser

WHEN: Saturday, October 14th - Event is from 4:30-7:30 but they want us to arrive at 5:30 for a 6pm performance. There will be 200-300 guests and this is a high profile event!

Sports Psychology Workshop

Dr. Ethan Bregman
<http://sacsportpsy.com>
Sign up if interested and if we get 10 people I can charge \$25 per person for one hour and \$45 for 2 hours. This will happen on a weekend and is open to dancers of all levels and ages. The more the merrier. This workshop is perfect for the young competitive Irish Dancer, for Parents and Adults. Once I know people are interested I will create a Doodle Poll so we can pick a date that works for the majority.

EAST BAY FEIS – October 28-29

WESTERN REGIONAL OIREACHTAS – Phoenix, Arizona
– November 17-19

THANKSGIVING BREAK NO CLASSES – November 20th -23rd

CHRISTMAS BREAK NO CLASSES – December 18th – January 3rd (First class back January 4th)

IRISHPALOOZA – HARLONS – January 13th

KENNELLY FEIS SACRAMENTO – January 14th

SCHOOL RECITAL – February 24th

