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Most chosen and fastest growing school in Boca Raton

Director's Notes

This year we made significant changes to our dance programs. We upgraded our teaching faculty, adding new talented and highly qualified dance instructors. Our new dance director, Miss Courtney, does an excellent job, overseeing the curriculum and attending other teachers' classes.

We hear many very positive comments from the parents about our dance teachers. Here is one of them:

"Lalima is enjoying her class very much. It is one hour of intense training, and I wasn't sure if Lalima would be able to cope. However, thanks to Miss Gina's teaching methods, Lalima is enjoying herself immensely and is coping just fine. The small class size is also helping with the attention that each child is getting. I think Miss Gina is an excellent instructor. She brings out the best in her students without tiring them out."

Our Dance recital will be held on Sunday, May 20, at West Boca High School. The deadline to register for dance recital - March 1. We will add some non-recital classes in February, so if your children will join the program later in the year, they will be able to learn a lot and have lots of fun as well.

— Miss Elena

School Office Hours

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00	9:00	8:00
8:00	8:00	8:00	8:00	7:00	2:00



Merry Christmas & Happy Hanukkah!

Wishing Everyone a Wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

**Winter break
Dec 23—Jan 7**
School is closed

**Bravo Academy
Holiday Performances at
Town Center Mall**

December 17 and 18, 2011.
Dance, Voice, Flute,
Violin Ensemble

Bravo Players

Our *Bravo Players* are preparing the Musical Theatre production, "Bravo's Tribute to *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*".

The performance will be held at Willow Theatre at Sugar Sand Park in Boca Raton at 2:00pm. Tickets go on sale Monday, Jan 16, 2012.

Our Bravo Players class is the next step in preparing theatre students to audition for art schools or for those students who are considering a career in the performing arts.

Calendar of Events

Dec 5	Performance Fee is due for Bravo Players
Dec 10 1:00pm	Music students perform at St Andrews Estates North
Dec 17-18 1:00-3:00	Town Center Mall Holiday Performances
Dec 21	Hanukkah - School is open. Makeups will be scheduled for people who observe this Holiday
Dec 23- Jan 7	Winter break. School is closed
Jan 9	Classes resume after Winter break
Jan 15	Deadline for Early Bird recital fee
Jan 16	Martin Luther King - school open
Jan 22 1:30-3:30	Open House
Jan 30 5:00-8:00	Dress Rehearsal for "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" at Sugar Sand Park, Willow Theatre
Feb 5 2:00pm	Show: "Bravo's Tribute to <i>You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown</i> " at Sugar Sand Park, Willow Theatre

Dara, winner of the contest, with her prize.
Dara brought the most friends to our school during our October 'Bring a Friend' Week



Questions & Answers

Q: One day, my 4 year old daughter Elizabeth came from her preschool and said: "Mommy, we learned a new song today". She came up to the piano and in a few minutes figured out how to play the tune of "London Bridge". I was so impressed that immediately I signed up Elizabeth for private piano lessons. In a few months, she quit piano lessons. Since then, she **never** wanted to play any musical instrument.

All members of my family (me, my husband and 3 other children) play musical instruments. Elizabeth is my only child who doesn't. What happened?

A: Elizabeth started formal piano lessons before she was ready for that physically and emotionally.

Majority of students, who begin private lessons too early, become discouraged and discontinue lessons within a few months. Many never return to playing an instrument again.

The best age to start private piano lessons is 6-7.

Additional Classes (starting in January)

- Pre-Piano with Miss Elena
Thu 5:15-5:55, ages 5-6
- Pre-Ballet with Miss Gina
Mon 3:40-4:10 (ages 2½ -3).
- Hip Hop-1 with Miss Gina
Thu 3:20-4:20 (ages 7-10)
- Hip Hop-1 with Miss Crystal
Sat 1:15-2:00 (ages 7-10)
- Ballet/Jazz with Miss Crystal
Wed 5:45-6:45, (ages 5-6)

Bravo Boutique

Not sure where to purchase the dance wear or music books? We have everything you need for your dancer or music star!
Christmas and Hanukkah piano & violin music for sale.



DECEMBER SPECIAL: "NUTCRACKER"

In December, all children in Miss Elena's Music Workshop and Pre-Piano classes will be acting out the music from the ballet "Nutcracker" by Tchaikovsky.

**Where there's music
there can be no evil.
Cervantes**

Advice from our Teachers

Schedule musical instrument practice into your child's day

Try scheduling the day so that a certain amount of time is set aside for your child's musical instrument practice. Make it a regular part of your child's routine.

It may help to post a sheet showing which hours are designated for practice. Post it in your child's room so she/he can see it on a daily basis. During your child's practice time, there should be no distractions such as television or phone calls.

Your children will make more progress when musical instrument practice becomes a regular part of their life like brushing teeth in the morning.

Birthday Parties



Check out our incredible Birthday parties! You can schedule your child's Birthday Party on Saturday or Sunday. Choose one of the following themes:

- Ballet Party (ages 3+)
- Hip Hop Party (ages 6+)
- Zumba Party (ages 7+)
- Musical Theater Party (ages 5+)

Holiday Wisdom

THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE

- 1) You believe in Santa Claus.
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- 3) You are Santa Claus.
- 4) You look like Santa Claus.

Kid's Voices at Bravo

Mother: What composer did you learn today?

Mitchell: Cheese and coffee (Tchaikovsky)

Miss Elena: Bach lived very long time ago. He lived before all other composers that we learned.

Jennifer: Is he alive now?

Miss Elena: No, he died.

Jennifer: Who shot him?

Mother: Emma, why you don't want to take ballet classes any more?

Emma (age 5): They have too much discipline.

Mother: Miss Elena is a strict teacher too.

Emma: But Miss Elena has the chairs.

