

Pamela Norris



Mission Statement:

Pamela is passionate about infusing students with the joy in movement! She encourages risk taking in a “no wrong answers” approach. Communication, collaboration, critical thinking & creativity-skills for the 21st century are present in all programs.

Grades Served:

K-12

Lives In:

Troutdale, OR

Homestay:

Not required

Movin’ - Rehearsing Life Skills through Dance

Appreciation of differences, problem solving skills, and teamwork-fundamental skills essential for success in school, family and community are developed through movement exploration activities. Students discover unique ways of moving and relating to one another through rhythms, mime, leading, copying, and elements of movement (time, space, force). This is a playful exploration tapping into students’ imaginations to connect their minds and bodies.

Grades K-4

What’s in the Words? Poetry in Motion

Using prosody, students will translate poetry into dance, deepening their understanding of word meaning, nouns, verbs, adverbs, and adjectives. Students will work in groups to create performance pieces using elements of movement (time, space, force). Skill in observing and discussing will be developed so they can meet Art Standard of create, perform, and reflect. **Grades 3-6**

Middle Eastern Drumming & Dancing

This is an excellent opportunity for students to explore another culture through the universal language of music and dance. Developing appreciation for other cultures can promote world peace. Students will learn Middle Eastern drum rhythms and dance patterns as they experience the energy and cooperation generated in an ensemble. May culminate with a showcase. **Grades 5-12**

Facility & Supplies

Open space is essential due to the nature of activities (gym, multipurpose room, etc.) Drum rental may be required unless school has hand drums available.

About the Artist...

Pamela Norris, BS, MA has been a movement educator and dancer for 30 years. She is licensed teacher currently working with Young Audiences and Right Brain Initiative as a teaching artist in the Portland area. She performs with Mythobolus Mask Theater, Casino Rueda Salsa Troupe, & Mujeres Flamencas.

