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**FIFTH-GRADERS FROM SIX PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
TO COMPETE IN DANCING CLASSROOMS PITTSBURGH  
'COLORS OF THE RAINBOW' SEMI-FINALS**

**WHO:** Mercy Behavioral Health and Pittsburgh Public Schools

**WHAT:** Dancing Classrooms Pittsburgh "Colors of the Rainbow" Semi-final Competition  
Six teams of fifth-grade students representing the following elementary schools will compete in the semi-finals of Dancing Classrooms Pittsburgh: Pittsburgh Arsenal K-5; Pittsburgh Carmalt K-8; Pittsburgh Dilworth K-5; Pittsburgh Linden K-5; Pittsburgh Montessori K-8; Pittsburgh Whittier K-5

Young couples will perform five dances – the Merengue, Foxtrot, Rumba, Tango, and Swing – in front of a panel of judges. Four teams will advance to the finals, scheduled for May 21, 2011 at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall where they will compete against the gold medal winners of the fall 2010 semester.

The event is open to the public and admission is free.

Mercy Behavioral Health, part of Pittsburgh Mercy Health System and sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, brought the international program to Pittsburgh in September 2009.

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 2 until 4 p.m.

**WHERE:** Pittsburgh Allderdice High School Auditorium, 2409 Shady Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217

**WHY:** Dancing Classrooms was launched in 1994 as a not-for-profit project of the American Ballroom Theater Company. As seen in the documentary film "Mad Hot Ballroom," Dancing Classrooms is an in-school residency for every child. Through the program, students broaden their experiences, create healthy relationships, learn social awareness, and become young ladies and gentlemen. For more info, visit [www.dancingclassrooms.com](http://www.dancingclassrooms.com).

**PHOTO OPS/**

**INTERVIEWS:** Fifth-grade ballroom dancers, teachers, principals, parents, teaching artists, judges, and Mercy Behavioral Health representatives.

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