

REQUEST FOR COVERAGE

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**FIFTH-GRADERS FROM EIGHT PITTSBURGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TO COMPETE IN DANCING CLASSROOMS PITTSBURGH
'COLORS OF THE RAINBOW' FINAL BALLROOM CONTEST**

WHO: Mercy Behavioral Health and Pittsburgh Public Schools

WHAT: Dancing Classrooms Pittsburgh "Colors of the Rainbow" 2010-11 Final Team Match
Eight teams of fifth-grade students representing the following schools will meet in the 2010-11 finals of Mercy Behavioral Health's program Dancing Classrooms Pittsburgh: Pittsburgh Allegheny K-5; Pittsburgh Carmalt PreK-8; Pittsburgh Dilworth PreK-5; Pittsburgh Linden K-5; Pittsburgh Phillips K-5; Pittsburgh Sunnyside K-8; Pittsburgh West Liberty K-5; Pittsburgh Whittier K-5.

Young couples will perform five dances – Merengue, Foxtrot, Rumba, Tango, and Swing – in front of a panel of judges. The event is a showcase of what students have learned through 20 weeks of in-school instruction and determines who takes top honors for the 2010-11 school year.

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

WHEN: Saturday, May 21, 2011 from 10 until noon

WHERE: Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall, 4141 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213

WHY: Dancing Classrooms began in 1994 as a nonprofit project of the American Ballroom Theater Company. Through the program, students broaden their experiences, create healthy relationships, learn social awareness, and become young ladies and gentlemen. 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. More than 1,100 Pittsburgh children have benefited.

For more info, visit Dancing Classrooms Pittsburgh blog: <http://dancingclassroomspgh.org>

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

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