

The Whistle Stop  
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Dear Nancy,

My son Kaleb is a fifth grade student at E. K. Key Elementary in Sulphur, Louisiana. We were very fortunate to have the dancing classrooms program at our school this year. I wanted to share with you some of our family's experiences.

First, I have to be honest. When Kaleb came home and told us he would be dancing in P.E., he was pretty uncertain and not real excited. P.E. is for football and twister ball! The first week however, he came home telling us all about his dance teacher, how funny he was, his accent and his expectations for the students. Over dinner he would tell us funny things his teacher said or did. It was not long before Kaleb came home excited about one of the dances he had learned. Next thing I know we are moving furniture out of the way and my first ballroom dance lesson began. Kaleb was excited to show us what he had mastered and wanted to teach us how to do the Tango! This was the first of several dance lessons our family experienced in our living room!

Kaleb is the youngest of three boys. I know he felt very empowered to be able to come home and teach his big brothers something new! He can't tell you that with this experience he learned discipline, kindness and respect. As his parents we could see and experience the positive impact this program had on our son. He is back to playing twister ball and tag in P.E., however his experience will last a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Sheri Hogg