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Community Calendar

Atkins Class of 1967 Party
The Atkins High School Class of 1967 will host a holiday party tomorrow (Friday, Dec. 28) at the Ivy Arms Clubhouse, 1115 E. Second St. All classmates are invited to attend. For more information, call Myra Shore at 336-245-8646.

Gospel talent sought
Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy, 1215 N. Cameron Ave., will host Gospel Fest 2013 on April 19, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the school's auditorium. It is sponsored by the PTSA. Choir and music ministries that would like to take part are asked to call 336-703-6732 by Jan. 8, and provide the name of group, type of performance style, a contact person, telephone number and the number of group members.

Teen Theatre Ensemble auditions
The North Carolina Black Repertory Company will hold auditions for its Teen Theatre Ensemble on Jan. 5 from 12 noon until 4 p.m. The Teen Theatre Ensemble consists of young people from ages 13 to 18, who are interested in the disciplines of theatre (acting, dancing, singing, tech, etc.). These elements of production will be taught by theatre professionals. The session will be concluded with a full production on Feb. 13 and 14. Anyone interested in auditioning should call 336-723-2266 to schedule an appointment.

Food pantry donations sought
The Shalom Project, 639 S. Green St., seeks donations to its food pantry. Call 336-721-0606 for more information or visit www.theshalomproject-nc.org.

Inauguration trip
The Raleigh-Wake MLK Jr. Celebration Committee is sponsoring a bus trip to the DC Presidential Inauguration. Buses will depart from Charlotte, Raleigh, Winston-Salem and Chapel Hill. Cost for Winston-Salem residents begins at \$285 per person. Call Camille at 336-486-4867 for more information.

LIFE sponsors trip to DC Inauguration
Life Is Finally Enjoyable, Inc. is sponsoring a bus trip to the DC Presidential Inauguration from Sunday, Jan. 20-Tuesday, Jan. 22. The cost per person is \$93. Call Randon Pender at 336-575-2006 or Joseph Daniels at 336-724-9257 for more information.

Foster care, adoption open house
There will be a free Foster Care and Adoption Informational Open House for interested adults on Thursday, Jan. 10 and Tuesday, Feb. 4 at The Children's Home, 1001 Reynolda Rd., from 5-6:30 p.m. Reservations are requested by calling Marc Crouse at 336-721-7652 or emailing him at mcrouse@tchome.org.

2012 Board of Equalization and Review meeting
The 2012 Board of Equalization and Review will meet Thursday, Jan. 24 at 3 p.m. in the Board of Equalization and Review room located on the first floor of the Forsyth County Government Center, 201 North Chestnut St.



Students perform "The Dance of the Sugar Plums."

Photos by Layla Garms

Kids Stage a Holiday Classic

BY LAYLA GARMS
THE CHRONICLE

Students at Diggs-Latham Elementary school brought "The Nutcracker" to life earlier this month. More than 200 youngsters in grades K-5 took part in the beloved holiday classic.

Kindergartners and first graders provided the musical accompaniment for the work, donning handmade themed hats and singing lyrics to the familiar Nutcracker tunes. Second graders graced the stage in custom-made costumes, serving in a variety of roles, from party-goers to mice, soldiers and sugar plums. Honor students from grades three through five narrated the story, filled the principal dramatic roles and served as Russian, Chinese, Arabian, Spanish and other dancers.

The students have been working for months to prepare for the production, said drama teacher Ann Farthing, who co-directed the piece alongside Amanda Stevenson, the school's dance teacher.

"It's been a long process. They have worked very, very hard," Farthing said of the students. "They've done a great job."

The production is one of several Diggs-Latham students will stage this year, said Amanda Gordon, chair of the arts program at the magnet school. Gordon said the production, which includes dances inspired by cultures around the world, allowed students to explore the school's theme of arts and global cultures through a hands-on learning project that celebrates both.

"Since we're a magnet school, we try to do at least three or four big productions a year that incorporate the arts as much as possible, and "The Nutcracker" is a book, so it incorporates literacy as well," Gordon explained. "Along with arts, we're a global school, so we try to make as many connections to that as we can as well."

The production was staged on the afternoon of Dec. 14 for the rest of the student body and guests from the nearby Salem Baptist Christian School, and later that



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Amanda Stevenson helps Mouse King Larry Camacho-Oliva get ready.



Kimberly Gregg, Mary Goodine, Petra Cisneros and Justice Brown dance with Michelle Morales-Marcial as "Clara" during the Waltz of the Flowers.



Russian Trepak dancers Josiah McCloud, Luis Bernal-Acevedo and Nicholas Gist.



Nutcracker Prince Alex Lopez-Mejia and Mouse King Larry Camacho-Oliva battle.



Drama Teacher Ann Farthing poses with some of her students after the production.



Solomon Stover's second graders grace the stage as mice during "The March."

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