



5th Grade Ballroom Stars

From March 9-13, 2020, Chesapeake Terrace 5th graders will be participating in the Baltimore County Public Schools Fifth Grade Ballroom Stars program. This program gives students the opportunity to learn several ballroom dances as well as social etiquette. Benefits of dance include improved physical fitness, coordination, as well as learning respect for others. Ms. Abby Stone, owner and instructor at the Ministry of Swing in Baltimore, will be our special guest teacher for the week. Students will have daily lessons in ballroom dance with a special "Ball" on Friday March 13, from 11:55am-12:45pm in the gym. We invite all 5th grade parents to join us for the Ball and celebrate what our students have learned as they demonstrate several dances. Formal dress is suggested for the ball for both students and guests. In order to help prepare, I recommend families watch some video clips of *Dancing With the Stars*, or the movie *Mad Hot Ballroom* about the elementary ballroom dance program in New York, as well as talk with your child about any reservations or apprehensions they may have regarding the program. Students will be graded daily on participation and cooperation with others, as well as demonstration of the skills taught. We look forward to this exciting event and hope you will join us on Friday, March 13 at 11:55am in the gymnasium. An RSVP will come home next week. Special thanks are extended to the **PTA** for funding this program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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