

many voices, one movement

First Generation

Monthly newsletter for ensemble, families and friends of *First Generation*

March 2009



Third Retreat at Angle's Rest February, 2009. Ensemble practices their Karate moves with Sensei James Arana. "I am young. I am strong. I am intelligent. I am focused. I am always humble and polite. Oooush!"

We would like to acknowledge Nakeah and Jon for their leadership work with 4th & 5th graders in the Rebecca Johnson after school program.

We would also like to welcome and acknowledge Shareef for beginning to work with the after school program as well!



**Mark your
Calendars**

**MARCH
13th-15th
is
our next
Retreat**

The upcoming retreat brings us into an exciting new phase as an ensemble. We have reached the half-way point of our creative journey. We will start to rehearse our script.

DATES AND UPDATES

Saturday Rehearsals: We are in the home stretch! We will be having regular SATURDAY REHEARSALS from now until our show. The times will vary slightly from week to week, but basically between 10am and 4:00pm.

Performance Dates: Our first “Preview” performances are coming up on Friday, April 17th and 18th. The week before our shows is called *Production Week*. During production week rehearsals will be held *every* evening. Please plan ahead of time with schoolwork and all other responsibilities. Production week is an essential week for ensemble members to attend every rehearsal. This is when we sync sound and lights with the show and have full run throughs.

Academic Mentors: We are still seeking academic mentors (tutors) to work with our Springfield Ensemble Members from 3-4:30PM at Rebecca Johnson on Mondays and Thursdays. We hope to have this in place soon.

Community Collaborators: We are continuing to match each ensemble member with their own personal mentor. It’s still happening!

Reminder for Retreats: *We would like to encourage the Ensemble’s focus on our artistic work while we are on retreats. We ask that ensemble members limit phone use for socializing but, of course, welcome family contact as necessary.*

Ensemble Members: *remember to bring your homework to the retreat.*

FAMILIES: *Our upcoming retreat may be out of cell range. It is at a place called Earthdance at 252 Prospect St, Plainfield, MA. (30 min from Northampton)
IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY PLEASE CONTACT JULIE LICHTENBERG or PROJECT COORDINATOR, DW WALKER at 413-634-5678. This is the landline. You can also reach First Generation members at that number. We are committed to calling you back as soon as possible!*

Shout out and BIG THANKS to:

***Harream, Michelle, Max, Beth, James,
Walid Massad, Sam’s Pizza, AND Martin Carrera
for their amazing support!!***

***Many warm blessings to you all
and stay in touch!***

***All the best,
First Generation***
