

CENTRAL MIDWEST BALLET *Academy*

NOVEMBER

Important Dates

Nov 21 - Fairytale Pancake Barre

Nov 27 - Edgewater Tree Lighting Ceremony

Nov 25-28 - Thanksgiving Break

Ballet Term of the Month

Fifth Position



Photo Credit: Kat Stiennon
Dancer: Sophie, Pre-Professional Div.

A stance in which the front foot's heel is attached to the back foot's toes. Ideally, the toes of the front foot will also attach to the back foot's heel too. This is the most important and difficult position in ballet.

Molly's Memo

The Standard and Pre-Pro. students had their first character class last month. This is where you learn the folk dances on which ballet is based. I always found character classes to be just be just plain fun!

-Molly

The Little Matchstick Girl Production

Show/Rehearsal Dates: We are adding another show Thurs., Dec. 3 in addition to the Fri., Dec. 4 show. Both are at 7 PM. This now alters our Production Week to begin on Tues. instead of Wed. Cast members : Please refer to your production schedule for details.

Program Ads: Ads are available for purchase in our *Little Matchstick Girl* Program. They may be a business ad or a personal message to your favorite dancer! For more information, contact the office or grab a flyer from the Parent Lounge.

Synopsis: Based on Hans Christian Anderson's *The Little Match Girl*, this ballet tells the story of an orphaned girl who is sad because no one will buy her matches. The Christmas Festival is about to begin, and the Matchstick Girl is reminded of her deceased mother because this was her favorite time of year. She recalls her mother saying that when you see a shooting star, a soul goes to Heaven. Meanwhile, Johanna is searching for her love, Edward. Matchstick Girl helps them find each other. Trying to keep warm, Matchstick Girl lights all her matches but still freezes to death. Her mother carries her away underneath a shooting star.

Little Matchstick Girl
Original Cast apparel
must be purchased
by **Friday, Nov. 6!**

Fairytale Pancake Barre:



On Nov. 21, We will hold our first annual Fairytale Pancake Barre at Bishop's Bay Country Club from 10 AM-Noon. It will feature fun shaped pancakes, arts and crafts, and a sneak peak into *Little Matchstick Girl* scenes. Get your tickets today!

Drawing Credit: Kerry—Pre-Pro. Division

Student Spotlight

Isabelle: Besides being a student in our Supplemental Division, 11 year-old Isabelle ice skates six days a week for the Figure Skating Club of Madison. This year marks the ninth year that she has been skating and has trained hard for the Upper Great Lakes Regionals ice skating competition. On October 13, she won first place in her level with her routine to *Diefledermaus*. Way to go, Isabelle!



About the Editor

Heidi Hartmann is a senior at McFarland High and dances in the Standard Division.