



March 19, 2018

Dear Principal,

With your leadership and support, Kansas City Friends of Alvin Ailey (KCFAA) is recruiting applicants for AileyCamp 2018. AileyCamp began in 1989 through a partnership between KCFAA and the Kansas City Public Schools. A Kansas camp was added in 2000 with the Kansas City Kansas Public Schools. AileyCamp 2018 is May 30 through July 6. AileyCamp is nationally replicated in 10 cities across America and has received awards for excellence in art education from the White House in 1997 and 2016.

AileyCamp is designed to improve self-esteem, creative expression and critical thinking skills through the discipline of dance. This is a physically demanding program where students build skills using dance as the primary inspiration for camp activities.

AileyCamp's success depends on your support to recruit and identify students entering grades 6, 7, 8, and 9 in August 2018. We are looking for all students including boys and students struggling with their grades. No dance training is necessary. KCFAA needs one point person at your school to:

- Coordinate AileyCamp communications with your students through weekly announcements
- Set up the distribution, collection and transfer via fax or mail of applications between students and KCFAA

KCFAA will supply applications, posters, important facts and information for candidates. Camp is free and includes transportation for students residing with-in district boundaries, uniforms, fieldtrips, breakfast and lunch. KCFAA will make arrangements to pick-up applications returned to your school on or before April 6.

All AileyCamp applicants must be interviewed prior to final selection. Interviews will be scheduled to take place 10:00 am at Coronado Middle School, Saturday April 14. KCFAA will notify applicant parents/guardians by mail with detailed camp and interview information. Up to 100 students per site will be selected to participate in AileyCamp 2018.

Thank you for your cooperation. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and your comments are welcome. We look forward to working with you to provide this extraordinary opportunity to your students. Please call or email Ada McNeal at 816.471.6003 / ada@kcfaa.org if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

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