

# 2019 Dance-a-thon Oakland – Un Mundo Unido!



## *Fact Sheet for dancers and parents*

Our 2019 Dance-a-thon will be an exciting event for the entire school community. The idea is for us to have fun while raising money for our school. We'll have raffles every 30min to motivate our students to dance. Delicious food & refreshments will be for sale. Each dancer will receive a t-shirt in gratitude for their efforts (after raising at least \$25).

### When is it?

Saturday, December 7th from 11am-2pm in the MLA Cafeteria and yard. Registration will begin at 10:30am and dancing will start at 11:00am.

### What is a Dance-a-thon?

The event is a PTSA (MLA's parent teacher student organization) fundraiser specially designed for MLA students. Parents and family members may also attend.

It is similar to a walk-a-thon, you ask friends and family members to sponsor you for the amount of time you dance. They can donate per hour or a flat sum for the event. Each student is encouraged to seek pledges from their communities (family, friends, neighbors, etc). A pledge is whatever contribution the "sponsor" would like to give (\$1, \$5, \$11, \$25, etc.). Pledges may be made by anyone you know. So don't be shy and go for it! **Remember: don't ask any Melrose Leadership Academy staff and do not send your kids door to door without adult supervision.**

### Why a Dance-a-Thon?

Our goal is to raise at least \$25,000 to fund important enrichment activities for our students, such as the singing classes by Cantaré Con Vivo and for outdoor sports and recreation. Fundraising is better when everyone can participate, so we can make a difference. If each student raises \$50 or more we will achieve our goal! So, get ready to dance and get your family members and friends involved!

### Are there any Prizes for participating?

The class with the most participation will be given a pizza party before the end of the school year.

Each student who participates & raises at least \$25 will receive a free t-shirt, which is approved as an MLA uniform t-shirt. There will also be multiple prize drawings for all the students on the dance floor every 30 minutes of the Dance-a-thon. If you want additional t-shirts, please donate \$25 for our fundraiser.

### Do the students have to dance for 3 hours without rest?

To be eligible for the 30 min interval drawings, students must be dancing on the dance floor at the time of the drawing. However, they can choose to stop dancing whenever they are tired.

**Please bring a labeled bottle water to refill when needed.**

Can I leave my student un-attended during the event?

No. A parent or an adult responsible for your child must be on campus at all times during the event.

Can a student attend and dance without collecting pledges?

A student can attend by registering at the door with a suggested donation of \$25, which includes a t-shirt and they will be eligible for the drawings.

Will there be food?

Yes, there will be delicious items for sale. Bring cash or credit card for payment. Remember to bring your water bottle!

Who comes up with the t-shirt design?

MLA students! The t-shirt design contest is open to all MLA students. Students need to fill out the contest entry form to create a design. The t-shirt is a part of the MLA dress uniform. **If your child would like to participate in the t-shirt design contest, please see information on the following page and submit their design to the office by Wednesday, November 13th before 9 am. Please motivate your student to participate; the theme is Un Mundo Unido!**

Can I help?

Absolutely! There are many volunteer opportunities for parents and students in the planning stages and on the day of the event. Parents can become part of the organizing committee, organize food, chaperone the dance floor, collect student packets, make flyers, work at the first aid table, etc. There are many opportunities! Sign up in the main hallway 2 weeks before the event and/or email Andreina to sign up (afebres.dance@gmail.com)

When are Packets DUE? (Registration, pledge sheets, and forms)

We will have early registration the week before the event but your form and donations can be also turned in the day of the event (12/7). To avoid the long line at the event, use our early registration and drop off your packet December 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> in the morning or after school at the school office.

Who can I contact for more info or to help out?

Please contact:

Andreina Febres (bilingual) for more information

Email: afebres.dance@gmail.com

Or text: (510)332.8329

Kirstin Hernandez (bilingüe) to volunteer

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