

Orchard Park students in dance performance

Cindy Croker, a member of the acclaimed dance collective Motus O, has been holding a 10-week series of classes called Theatre Plus for primary and junior students at Orchard Park Public School. "I've been working Tuesday lunch times with Grades 1 to 3 and after school with Grades 4 to 6," said Croker. "We've been working up a performance which will take place at the school on April 18."

The idea for the classes came from parents, she noted. "A few approached me about doing something in the school when we were performing Alice there last year." She talked to principal John Hopkins and he was enthusiastic. "The staff have been fantastic and so supportive," she said. "I couldn't have put this together without their cooperation or without the help of (parent) Andrea Stevens."

There is no script for the performances, said Croker. "The students communicate with body language through movement done to music and they were amazed at how much work it is to do a performance." The primary presentation is at 9 a.m. and the juniors perform at 9:15 a.m. in the school gym. People in the community are welcome to attend. Motus O's performance credits include the dance series at Markham Theatre and appearances at festivals in Canada, the United States and Australia.

A FASHIONABLE AFFAIR

Students from Stouffville District Secondary School's entrepreneurial class are holding their annual fashion show at the school at 7:30 p.m. on May 15. "It's called Flirting With Fashion, and 20 students are involved in planning it," said class spokesman Mike Berry.

Among the stores represented are The Gap, La Senza and Thrifty's and students will model the clothes. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend and refreshments will be served. Tickets are five dollars and children under 10 are admitted free. For more information call 640-1433.

OSTEOPOROSIS AWARENESS

Claremont is the local venue for the 1997 Osteoporosis Walk, which will be held May 10 across Canada. Registration and sponsor sheets can be picked up now from the Claremont Corner Store or Houston's Pharmacy in Stouffville. The full five kilometre walk starts at the United Church and finishes at Claremont Legion, and there is an optional, shorter walk of three kilometres. In addition, a new event, The Boney Express Race Walk Relay begins at 10 a.m., with teams of four competing in a 100-metre speed walk. There is no registration fee for entering this year's walk, but prizes will be awarded for the most money collected in all categories - adult, child and senior. Osteoporosis is a condition in which bones become brittle and at much higher risk of breaking, and it affects more than a quarter million Canadians. A further two million are likely to develop the disease, which affects one in three women over the age of 50. Information on osteoporosis will be offered May 1 at Osteoporosis Awareness Night, a free public health forum which will be held 7 to

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9:30 p.m. at Claremont United Church. The forum, called Changes: Choices and Challenges and organized by the Osteoporosis Society of Canada, is aimed at education and prevention. For info, call 649-3030.

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