

Successful Square Dance Adventures

An eventful square dance adventure was spent with Garfield Elementary School kids in Ottawa, Kansas for Kansas Days. This made it a full day of square dancing.

Caller Shirley Meloche, a member of the Ottawa Promenaders worked patiently along with seventeen (17) other square dancers from Frontier Twirlers, TNT, and Ottawa Promenaders to instruct the kids and teachers. The kids ranged from kindergarten to fifth grade in each group. They came with their teachers to the gym to learn Modern Square Dancing. Shirley taught ten calls to the group size of twenty-four (24) to four-two (42) in ten different twenty-five (25) minute sessions.

Despite the “cottise” Shirley encouraged the kids that the “cottise” would wash off and they went ahead and joined hands. We heard comments like “I never square danced before, I can’t do that”, “Oh grouse this is not going to be fun”, to “I do not like to dance”, all these comments after dancing turn into “This is fun”, “I like this.” “I can dance” and “I want to learn to square dance”

Lunch was served to the dancers. During lunch break the dancers were allowed to visit the school classrooms. Many kids that had already been to our session said they really liked square dancing. A lot of teachers show interest in square dancing and ask about our lessons.

These kids are our future to square dancing. It is great to see the fun the kids had at our sessions. Let’s keep square dancing alive in our communities and show our kids what fun and fellowship we adult have with square dancing.

We want to thank all the dancers and Shirley for their time spent for our future of square dancing.
THANK YOU!

The next day Ottawa Promenaders went to Appanoose Elementary School for an hour of fun with 150 kids dancing to Caller Dana Schirmer and taw Donna. Lots of fun was had with all.

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