

CLEVELAND BALLET

VERMILION MIDDLE SCHOOL FILLS AUDITORIUM FOR CLEVELAND BALLET OUTREACH EXPERIENCE

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Sailorway Middle School experienced a special treat on Friday, April 5, with an assembly centered around Cleveland Ballet's production of *Sleeping Beauty*, which was attended by the entire school. The assembly was the conclusion of the unique month-long afterschool program that allowed aspiring dancers to take dance lessons and learn a choreographed dance that was performed in front of their classmates, parents, and teachers.

The program was funded by the generous contributions of the Erie County Community Foundation and the Dorn Foundation through a grant received by Harbourtown Fine Arts Center.

During the assembly, the audience learned about the history of the production, guessed what different pantomime movements meant, and participated in other engaging and educational activities. Additionally, they got to witness beautiful excerpts of *Sleeping Beauty*, performed by Cleveland Ballet artists. The audience filled the gymnasium with great enthusiasm and support. It was an inspiring event and Cleveland Ballet hopes to work with these young artists again in the future.

