

# The Moment In The Spotlight



The yearly fall musical at Sunset was kicked into action early and was full of new 6th graders, excited to get a chance at a new experience. This year's musical was High School Musical Junior, the Musical. Connor Easton, a 6th grader, came to auditions, not expecting to get a big role as a new middle schooler, but he was pleasantly surprised when he got the role of Ryan. He said he "wanted to step it up" from being part of stage crew for his 5th grade musical. The musical brought a lot of attention and was in the end, amazing, but did not come without challenges. After overcoming the challenges, the night of the play was spectacular, bringing many parents and fellow students to Sunset to enjoy the show.



# Leave It <sup>On</sup> The Floor



Valeria Perez is an avid dancer who specializes dance, Folklorico. This dance originally started in Mexico and has spread throughout the world since. Valeria enjoys the dance, but especially the dresses that she gets to wear. She has been dancing since she was 3. The reason that she started dancing was because of her Aunt. Her Aunt danced and Valeria was brought into Folklorico through her family. Her dancing doesn't come without challenges, of course. One of the biggest challenges that she faces is the blisters that develop on the back of her ankles. Valeria practices 2 times a week to continue to grow her skills. All of her practicing pays off when she and her group are invited to perform. She has become close friends with the people that she dances with, making them a great team. Valeria enjoys dancing and continuing the tradition of Folklorico and its amazing movement and costumes.



Emily Warriner, one of our fellow students at Sunset, does it all. She is a dancer, an accomplished student, and a leader in her community. Emily has been a dancer for the longest time, dabbling in many different styles of dance. The dance that she is most passionate is ballet. She has been a ballerina for 11 years. Although, she says, she has tried many other dances as well, including jazz, tap, and more. In school, she is also a superstar. One of her many academic accomplishments, is having 10 4.0's. This means she has had a perfect grade point in every quarter of her middle school career. It has taken a lot of hard work and focus, and she says that it is one of the many things she is proud of. All of these good grades qualified her for National Junior Honor Society. This is a place where she can lead with other people and make a difference. She volunteers and helps in the community as a part of NJHS. Even though Emily is also a dedicated student and dancer, she also spends time with her family. She carves out time every Friday to spend quality time with the people she loves. All of this makes her schedule very busy, but all of this hard work has paid off to make her a very accomplished student and dancer.