



Dear Parents and students of Project Ballet,

My name is Anne Fernandes, and I am parent of several kids who have been students in both the ballet and academic programs at Project Ballet. I am also a volunteer 4H leader. This year, we celebrate our 5th year of having our very own 4H club called the **PB Pioneers!** 4H is a national organization that is all about helping kids develop skills in a wide variety of areas. While it was originally developed to educate kids in agriculture, it has expanded to offer projects in everything from gardening to fine arts to recycling to wildflowers. There is even a category in Allen County called 'Do Your Own Thing.'

Our club meets **once per month on the 3rd Friday of the month.** We will meet mostly in the evenings at our house on the southwest side of town OR sometimes at 10:30am at Project Ballet. We also take many field trips during our regular meeting times.

We welcome any academic or ballet students and their siblings (who need not be PB students).

4H is open to kids in grades 3-12. Mini 4H is for grades K-2. We meet together with all grades, and I provide separate activities for younger participants as necessary.

Registration (which allows for participation in the Allen County and Indiana State Fairs and many other opportunities throughout the year) will be online beginning in October. In our club, while official registration is encouraged, it is not required for attending our monthly meetings.

OUR FIRST MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY, **September 16**, at Project Ballet at **10:30am**. We will be electing officers, among other activities which I have yet to determine. We always have lots of fun.

Please do let me know if you plan to attend our first meeting! Please also reach out to me with any questions you have!! [annefernan1@gmail.com](mailto:annefernan1@gmail.com)

Thanks!!

Anne Fernandes (mom of Victor, advanced ballet and senior academic student)