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Tuition Payment

Just a friendly reminder about the Monthly payments. They are due the first week of each month. Please place in the lobby mailbox if paying with a check. A \$5.00 late fee will be added to your account if the tuition is not received by the second lesson of the month. Also, please include dancers name on the check. It will make our jobs much easier.

Special Days

*We will be celebrating Valentine's day on Mon. February 12, and Wed. February 14. Please have the dancers wear something red or pink (leotard, ribbon in their hair, socks, etc.) to dance for Valentine's Day. If they want to bring a Valentine for their friends, teachers will let them hand them out at the end of class.

*The week of February 26, dancers will invite their mom or dad into class the last 10 minutes to "teach" them some dance activities (Tiny Tots through 1st grade recreation classes.)

Costumes

All costumes have been ordered and will be arriving in late April. We will have the dancers try them on to see how they fit and if there is any additional work that needs to be done. Once they receive them, please do not let them play with them. We are planning for pictures in May. More information will follow later this spring.

Reminders:

- If you are going to be gone, please notify the studio at 763 780 6075.
- If you have not ordered shoes for the spring recital, orders will be placed Feb. 15. All dancers must have the correct shoes to be in pictures AND in the spring recital.

- Please check the calendar in the lobby for special notices.
- We have a lost and found box. Check the box by the lockers if you are missing something. The box is getting full! All items left after the Spring recital will be donated.
- Please make sure all shoes are labeled in case they are forgot at the studio and to ensure that dancers are not taking someone else's. Please label the inside of the shoes, not the underneath!
- We will have classes on President's Day.
- ASD will be closed for Spring Break the week of March 12 and there will not be any classes. We will resume on March 19.
- Please make sure that dancers are wearing appropriate dance clothing. Leotards, tights, dance shorts, etc. Please jeans and sweat pants are not allowed for all girl dancers. Hair needs to be pulled back and out of their face.
- Please do not walk on the dance floors with street shoes, they make a muddy mess and could cause the dancers to get hurt.

Fundraising Opportunities

Butterbraids - Will start in March. Pickup prior to Easter at the back of the studio. Order forms coming soon. Thank you Kirsten for coordinating! This is a great fundraiser to help pay for your dancers costs. Profit will go directly into your account!



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Year End Spring Recital

Plans are now underway for the year end dance recital. It will be held on Friday, June 1st at 6:30 pm and Saturday, June 2nd. ALL DANCERS WILL BE PERFORMING IN THE FRIDAY EVENING SHOW! Once again, this year we will be having 2 shows to help shorten the length of the Saturday recital. The first show will start at 11:00 am on Saturday and it will focus on the younger dancers (tiny tots through K-1, Select 1, Elite & Sr. Stars). For the second show at 2:00 it will be the older performing groups (grades 2-3, 4-6/teen, hip hop, boys hip hop, mom/dad/daughter, dancing dads and ladies group as well as all of the competition teams). The recital will be held at Blaine High School. Tickets will be available to purchase on-line in April. Look in upcoming newsletters for more information.

Rehearsal will be on Wednesday, May 30th at Blaine High School starting at 5:00 pm. We will be assigning times for each group at a later date. Younger groups early, with finale practice and then the older groups.

We do require each family to have a parent volunteer to work at one of the shows. Volunteers will be able to watch your dancer from backstage and you will not need to purchase a ticket for the show you are volunteering at. All dancers will be performing in 2 shows. Signup Sheets will be in the front lobby in March. It's very important that every family volunteers so we have enough helpers so that ALL dancers can participate! We appreciate your help!

All dancers who paid for a costume and will be in the recital will receive an

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Arabesque recital t-shirt to wear in the finale. In the finale all students will be wearing their t-shirt and black bottoms of either, pants, capri's, shorts or skorts. Additional t-shirts for parents and siblings will be ordered in April.

Recital packets will be handed out in March. It will also have information about tickets, rehearsal, volunteering and the show itself. This is your opportunity to preorder t-shirts for your family members, DVD's, program books and more!

Lobby Reminders

If you wish to remain in the lobby while classes are in session, please keep voices lowered and siblings from distracting the classes. NO RUNNING OR HORSEPLAY, this is a business and it is very distracting. Parents will be asked to leave with siblings if there are any problems. We ask that students do not arrive more than 5 minutes prior to the start of their class and should be picked up immediately following classes. Also, make sure that wet shoes are removed before entering the dance room. There is a rug to place boots by the dance door. Finally, check the lobby bulletin board for weekly announcements.

