

RECITAL NEWS!!!!!!!
RECITAL JUNE 19TH 1PM AND 6:00PM AT READING HIGH
DRESS REHEARSALS TBA

Dear Parents,

For over 15 yrs The Dance Academy has provided students with an exciting performance experience through our June recital. The recital gives our students a chance to shine in front of family and friends, and to showcase the results of all their hard work and progress throughout the year.

A big part of the dance training process includes learning through performance. The experience helps build self esteem, and contributes to a sense of confidence. It also helps the children develop retention skills, and by working with their classmates on a group performance, they learn the positive aspects of working as a team to create the best end results.

Dedication to recital commitments is the responsibility of both the students and the parents. We have created this newsletter to clarify what we expect from you in terms of your responsibilities to our show, and other students and parents.

RECITAL UPDATES:

As we approach the end of our dance season, there will be additional information or updates posted on the studio bulletin board in the waiting room. Make it your responsibility to keep abreast of all this information. Our goal is to make the recital as organized and exciting for all involved.

COSTUMES:

As costumes start to come in they will be distributed to you when your balance has been paid. To ensure that there are no costume problems, students should not wear their costumes prior to the photo session, and never before the recital.

Parents are responsible for sewing straps, hemming pants if they are too long and any other alterations needed. Parents need to make sure that their child has the appropriate color and style tights and correct color of their dance shoes. On Your Toes, located on Lowell St in Peabody has a list of all classes and what you need. If you want to find out please ask Kim or Sarah at the desk .

We recommend that your child's name be placed in all costumes, shoes, tights and accessories. We are not responsible for lost or stolen items please pick up everything after the dress rehearsal and show.

There are no refunds if a parent withdraws their child from the school after

costumes have been ordered and prior to the recital. Parent or guardians may pick up their purchased costume at the studio at the time of distribution or up to 15 days after the recital. Costumes not picked up after 15 days will be given to charity.

HAIR AND MAKEUP:

All Female students are required to wear makeup for the recital:

Preschool- Kinder combo will wear pink blush, and rose colored lipstick.

All other students will wear brown eye shadow, mascara, blush and red lipstick.

Uniform hairstyles are required. Your child's teacher will go over how they want their hair worn for each dance they perform. No bangs or beads are allowed .

Dancers with short hair must pull their hair away from the face and slick it down.

PRE-PLANNING:

Make sure you have everything several days in advance so you will know if you are missing anything. Bring at least one extra pair of tights, bobby pins, safety pins, hairspray, gel and extra hair nets for buns. Panty hose is unacceptable.

DRESS REHEARSAL:

The dress rehearsal allows the students to become familiar with the auditorium, and to feel comfortable with their performance, costume(s), and being onstage.

Lighting, music cues, and set changes, are all part of making our production a success. The students need to be able to hear our direction and to fully understand their cues, and blocking. **Participation in the dress rehearsal is mandatory.**

In order to run an organized and timely dress rehearsal, your help with the process is needed. Please arrive 15 min prior to the start of the rehearsal. Students may arrive in their costumes or get changed in the dressing rooms. Please check the bulletin board for the exact order of the show, AND YOUR REHEARSAL DAY/TIME. Not everyone will have to attend both dress rehearsals , check the bulletin board for dress rehearsal information starting April 26th. **One parent or guardian may accompany each student to the rehearsal.** Relatives, friends are not allowed into the rehearsal or dressing rooms. When you arrive you will bring your child to their assigned dressing room, where you will be checked in and seated with their class and the class volunteer. Older students parents may leave at this time and pick up when rehearsal is over.

Parents will be allowed into the auditorium only when their child's class is brought backstage to perform. You will not be allowed to view the entire dress rehearsal. At this time you may videotape, and use flash photography.

Please note : NO VIDEO OR FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY will be allowed in

the auditorium at the recital, Staff personnel will ask you to bring any cameras back to your car. A professional video will be taken at both shows for you to purchase, you can pick up a DVD form at the front desk starting May 1ST As soon as your child's run thru is done you will go back to the dressing room to meet them. A run thru of the finale will take place at the end of Act 1, this is for **dancers only, parents are not allowed in the auditorium for the finale run thru. It becomes too chaotic , and we want the dancers to be able to hear our directions.** All students will remain in their last performance costume for the finale rehearsal. If you are not planning on your child being in the finale at the show and they are done with the rehearsal you may leave and sign out your child with the class mom.

We have changed our dress rehearsal procedure to ensure that our students along with our staff are able to have time to check costumes, lighting and sound without the noise and confusion of everyone talking while seated in the auditorium. We also believe this will help you to take a picture or video without people and children getting up and down in front of your view. Also we will be able to run everything much more timely and organized.

We will sell recital tickets at dress rehearsal if any are needed. **All tuition must be paid in full to participate in the recital.**

AUDITORIUM RULES:

Eating is allowed in the auditorium or in the dressing rooms. Dancers may bring water only into the dressing rooms. During the dress rehearsal you may go out to the lobby to have a snack if you are going to be there for awhile. For our younger dancers, bringing coloring books, etc is a good idea to keep them busy while waiting for their turn on stage. **Parents please let your guests know that the doors to the auditorium will close while dancers are on stage, we ask that everyone be on time for our performances and remain seated until intermission.**

BACKSTAGE/DRESSING AREAS

Family members and friends do not belong backstage or in our dressing areas! The same applies during intermission and after the show. No one is allowed backstage before intermission, if you are not staying for the second act of the show you may pick up your child only during intermission. Please remind your guests to be respectful of this area, and of the dressing rooms. **Men are not allowed in any of the dressing rooms, no exceptions!** Parents picking up their child from the dressing rooms, must do so alone, have all guests wait in the lobby to for you. You

will need to sign your child out of the dressing area with Kim before you leave. She will be seated right outside the dressing room door.

RECITAL ADS: Recital ads and one line messages to your special dancer(s) will be available at the desk starting April 6th, they will be put into the recital program, please have them to us no later than April 26th, we will not be able to accept any ads after that date. Kim and Sarah will have a copy of last years program for you to look at some of the ad sizes etc. When placing your ad or one line messages write clearly and staple any business cards to the form, checks are payable to the Dance Academy.

RECITAL VOLUNTEER INFORMATION:

Anyone interested in volunteering to help backstage is welcome and greatly appreciated! A volunteer form is required and is included in this newsletter. There will be an orientation for all volunteers held at the studio, and all must abide by the policies set forth by the Academy. Our backstage managers Kim, Sarah and Robin, work very hard to put together a system that works! We ask that all volunteers rely on their experience and follow their instructions at all times. You will receive a name tag for both the Dress Rehearsal and Recital, you must wear this at all times.

Class Volunteers are needed for every class to supervise the dancers.

You will be able to watch your child or class perform from backstage. Class volunteers must assure that each child in her care is safe and accounted for. They are responsible for each child being backstage at the appropriate time, and brought back to the dressing area after their performance. They will be given a class list that will have each child's name on it and they must be signed out by a parent before they can leave your supervision. Class volunteers **MUST** stay with their class for the entire show, or until all students are signed out.

If there are too many volunteers for one class, we may ask you to work with children from another class. * **Volunteers will watch their class from backstage, and then take their class back to the dressing room. Please try to decide asap before handing in your ticket order forms if you are interested in volunteering.**

You can hand in the volunteer form at the desk, and you will be notified of our orientation meeting, again we greatly appreciate your support!!!!!!

PICTURE DAY:

Class photos will be taken on **Sunday May 23rd** at the studio. Photo Reminder cards will be handed out with dancers time(s) of arrival and along with day and

time of their class. Photo forms will be available at the desk. If you cannot be there, you may have your solo picture done at Mirasolo Photography in Wakefield. Please arrive 5 minutes before your scheduled time, dressed and ready. **We will not wait for anyone not there at their scheduled time.** Dancers will need make up and the appropriate tights, shoes, headpieces etc.

RECITAL TICKETS:

All tickets are reserved seating, tickets order forms will be available for pick up Monday April 6th-11th. at the front desk. Ticket Prices are \$15 all seats. Please fill out the order form and include check or cash and hand it back in the same envelope by **April 18th. Reminder: Dancers who are performing in only one number in Act 1 may purchase a ticket for \$8. These dancers will not be allowed to come back into the dressing areas or participate in the finale. Dancers performing more than one dance are not allowed to purchase a ticket or leave the dressing areas during the show, unless you are signing them out to go home. Your envelopes with your tickets will be available for pick up on Monday May 26th. June Tuition and balances must be paid for before we will issue your tickets. If your child is in both shows, and you are volunteering for one show you will have to purchase a full price ticket for the other show you are attending.**

VOLUNTEER FORM RECITAL 2010

NAME _____

PHONE # _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

MONDAY 1:00 PRE SCHOOL _____ DAY

MONDAY 4:00 TAP/ WEDS 3:45 BALLET/WEDS 4:45 JAZZ (2
people) _____ DAY

MONDAY 4:00 H HOP _____ NIGHT

MON 5:00 HIP HOP/ TUES 6:00 JAZZ/7:00 TAP DAY (2
NEEDED) _____

NIGHT (2 NEEDED) _____

WEDS 1:00 PRESCHOOL _____ NIGHT

WEDS KINDERCOMBO 4:00 _____ DAY

WEDNESDAY /7:00/8:00 JAZZ, HIP HOP DAY/ MON 7:00 TAP
DAY _____ (2) _____

NIGHT _____ (2 NEEDED)

THURSDAY 4:00 JAZZ/ FRIDAY 3:45 HIP HOP _____ NIGHT

THURSDAY 4:00 BALLET _____ NIGHT

THURSDAY 4:45 JAZZ/ 5:45 TAP DAY _____
NIGHT _____

FRIDAY /4:45 HIP HOP _____ NIGHT

FRIDAY 3:45BALLET DAY _____ NIGHT _____

FRIDAY 4:45 BALLET

DAY _____ NIGHT _____

SATURDAY 8:30 PRESCHOOL _____

NIGHT

SAT 9:15 K-COMBO _____

DAY _____

SAT 9:15 PRESCHOOL 2 _____ DAY

SAT 10:00 KINDERCOMBO _____ DAY

SAT 10:15 HIP HOP _____ DAY

SAT 11:00 KINDER COMBO 1 _____ NIGHT

SAT11:00 BALLET _____ NIGHT

SAT 12:00 HIP HOP/ 1:00 BALLET _____ DAY

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