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YMCA-YWCA SCHOOL OF DANCE: THE DANCE KONNECTION 2023-2024 NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2023 SOUTE NEWS

Please remember to call or email if your child will not be in class. If they miss 2 weeks in a row without a call or email we will be contacting you to see where they are!

Reminder: It is The Dance Konnection policy that parents do not sit in the studio to watch their children's weekly classes. This can be very distracting for our students and it makes it more difficult for them to learn what their teachers are trying to teach them. We realize that it is fun to see what your children are learning and that is why we provide a time twice a year when parents are welcome to stay and watch for the whole class time. And our first parent viewing week is just around the corner the week of November 13-16th.

Costume deposit money was due Nov. 1. Costume Deposit Policy

-Reminder: Per your signed registration paperwork below are the following costume deposit changes. Primary classes; preschool & elementary Ballet & tap combination classes have a one time \$80 (plus tax), total due on November 1st. Dancers in any leveled classes (1-9) dancers taking more than one leveled class have a \$110 deposit due November 1st with remaining balance due on January 15th. Dancers taking only one leveled class have an \$90 deposit due November 1st with the remaining balance due January 15th. **All costume fees are non-refundable.** The following classes will not purchase costumes for the May recital: Dancers Conditioning, Ballet 6, KaMotion 1 & 2, and Acro classes.

Don't Forget... If your dancer is needing new shoes or tights you can order through our online store at WWW.SHOPNIMBLY.COM/ **THEDANCEKONNECTION** The best part is they will be shipped directly to your home.

Dance Bags: Please remember that all dancers need to have dance bags for their dance shoes.

"When you dance, your purpose is not to get to a certain place on the floor. It is to enjoy each step along the way."

-Wayne Dyer

Dates To Remember:

November 1- 1st Costume Payment DUE

November 2- Christmas Extravaganza Meeting

November 4- NHSDA Meeting at 2PM

November 13-16- Parent Viewing Week

November 18- Injury Prevention Workshop

November 22-26th- Thanksgiving Break

November 30- Christmas Extravaganza Meeting

December 3rd- Christmas Extravaganza

December 4-7- Bring A Grown Up To Dance Week

December 18-21- Christmas Parties in Class

December 17- Scrooge-Jazz'd Up Like the Dickens Performance

December 22-January 4th- No Dance - Merry Christmas

January 8- Classes Resume

January 15- Final Costume Payment DUE

February 10- Tights/Accessories Forms and Money DUE

February 10- Anatomy Workshop

March 16- Movie Night

April 1-4- Parents Viewing Week 2

April 12- Dance Pictures

April 25- Tumble Tots Demo.

Acrobatic Arts Evaluation Day- We will be holding an Acrobatic Arts Evaluation day Saturday November 18th from 11:30-12:30PM for Acro levels 1-5! \$10.00 per dancer. What is an Acro Evaluation? Your student will be evaluated on their current level and what they will need in order to advance to the next level using our Acro platform, Acrobatic Arts. This will not be an evaluation of level advancement for the Dance Konnection, just strictly the Acrobatic Arts program. Email the office to get signed up!

Parent's Viewing Week will be November 13-16th at your dancers' regular class time. Come see what we've learned!!!!!! There is no parent viewing for Dancers Conditioning, Acro classes, Tumble Tots, Ballet Tech, or PBT.

Thanksgiving Break is November 22-26th. Have a Happy Turkey Day!!!

Acro 1/2, 3/4 & Acro 5 dancers mark your calendars!!! We will be combining all Acro 1/2, 3/4 AND Acro 5 classes on Saturday December 2nd from 1:00-2:30PM to run through their performance for the Christmas Extravaganza show on December 3rd.

-Important Christmas Extravaganza Information-

We will be changing to a minimum amount of \$5.00 per person (dancers excluded) for admission to the show, if you would like to donate more that would be amazing. We want to make sure that we can cover the cost of the Auditorium and also have money to donate. We still want the nature of the show to be as much like it has been in the past, a full charity event. So all the proceeds after the rental is paid will go to a charity. It will still be a "come & go" show, but in much more comfy seats. We really need many volunteers to help, so additional help is going to be needed!!!!

Christmas Show- Our Theme this year is Oh! What Fun!- Christmas Extravaganza 2023. The show will start at 1:00 p.m. and go until approximately 4:00 p.m. Everyone is invited for a fun and entertaining afternoon. ****For anyone** who wants to help with this event, please attend the following meetings: **Thursday November 2nd at 7:30PM and Thursday November 30th at 7:30PM.** Both meetings will be held in room 205 here at the CC.

Everyone had such a great time, we are doing this again this year. Bring a grown up to dance week! This will be the week of December 4-7th for the following classes: Monday 4:00, Monday 4:45, Monday 5:30, Tuesday 4:00, Tuesday 4:45, Tuesday 5:30, Wednesday 5:00, Wednesday 5:45, Thursday 5:00, Jazz 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, Ballet 1,2,3,4, 5, and KaMotion 1 & 2 classes. Join your dancers in a fun night of dance. Come do what we do each week. Lots of fun, laughs and sweet dance moves to be had by everyone!!!

Parent/Tot Class: This class is geared towards toddlers, 18 months to 3 year olds, and the special adult in his or her life. It is designed to help students feel comfortable learning in a group setting. Activities will include dance games, playing instruments, and singing songs while having fun together. Learn new and creative ways to enjoy music and dance. This class will be in three 6 week sessions.

Classes are offered on Tuesdays from 7:00-7:30PM

Session 2: January 9th-February 20th

Session 3: March 5th-April 16th

* Sign up on the Y's website. *

Are you dressing properly for Acrobatics/ Tumble Tots classes???

Must wear leotard or sports bra and booty shorts. Hair in ponytail. Boys: snug fitting t-shirt and shorts. *NONE of the following are acceptable for class: No tights, leggings, baggie or loose clothing, street clothes, sweatpants, t-shirt, socks.

Dates to Remember Continued..

April 27- KaMotion Recital & Acro Demonstration Recital Dress Rehearsal-

April 28th—May 2nd, 2024

May 3rd & 4th- Recital

November Birthdays:

Aumree Gerke

Lily Johnson

Amaya Sandoval

Mckinley Vogeler

Amelia Silva

Ileri Corona

Emma Richardson

Bridget Case

Emilia Dent

Idalis Mendez

Cassidy Ruopp

Esmeralda Laguna

Harper Prusha

Maelynn Parrish

Bexley Morgan

Mackenzie Rodgers

Alexa Mendoza Acosta

Josephine Hernandez

Elizabeth Moeller

Kinley Miller

Kinzley Smoldt

Teacher Feature of the Month!

Miss Jonna

Miss Jonna teaches our younger boys, Jazz, and Dancer's Conditioning here at the studio!!

Her favorite foods include tacos and donuts. Yummy!

Miss Jonna loves to work out and spend time outside. Unless it's below 60, then you'll catch her wearing a parka.



Her favorite color is between hot pink and black!

Miss Jonna's hobbies are reading, watching Harry Potter and Marvel movies. She enjoys spending time with her family and 2 husky's and rabbit.

A fun fact about her is that she loves to travel and has been to 8 different countries!

When you see Miss Jonna say hello!!

Scrooge Jazzed Up like the Dickens Performance

It's the year of our Scrooge performance again! Come support these wonderful dancers.

Sunday, December 17th, 2023 at 3:00PM at the Weiting Theatre Toledo, IA.

Tickets at the door general admission \$12.00.

Upcoming Events at the Studio:

These are free to Prodigy students. Non-Prodigy students \$5.00 fee.

Injury Prevention Workshop: November 18 at 10:30AM

Anatomy Workshop: February 10 at 10:30AM

Movie Night: March 16 @ 5:30PM

A google sign up sheet will be sent out to sign-up for these events!!

Injury Prevention Clinic

We are hosting another Prodigy workshop!! Our Injury Prevention workshop will be on November 18th at 10:30AM in Studio 3. This is an amazing opportunity for your dancer(s) to learn more about protecting their instruments - their bodies!! Follow the link to sign-up!! <https://forms.gle/z5FoW4apxEjfyS2L9>

Kamotion Holiday Stroll Info

Our KaMotion dancers will be participating in the Holiday Stroll parade on November 18th. More information will be sent out via email to KaMotion.



Volunteers Needed!!

It takes a lot of parent volunteers to help put on these fantastic recitals, parades, Christmas shows, etc. This year we are going to start getting our volunteer lists started early. Here is a list of volunteers that we will be needing throughout the year, we may need additional volunteers at some point, but this is a good starting point. If you are interested in volunteering for any job/jobs please send us an email stating what you would like to be signed up for so we can put your name on that list.

Volunteers for Christmas Extravaganza– planning, set up, costume removal, front table, prop building, etc. If interested in helping please attend the **November 2nd meeting and the November 30 meeting, both at 7:30PM in room 205.**

KaMotion Recital:

Provide Lunch

Hand out Programs

Help dancers get ready

Recital:

Prop Building– this will start in January

Backstage Helpers with Little Girls & Boys Classes

Backstage Dads

Take Tickets– Friday & Saturday

Programs– Friday & Saturday

Flowers– Friday & Saturday

Auditorium Ushers– Friday & Saturday

NHSDA important information!

The next NHSDA meeting will be Saturday November 4th at 2:00PM.

Food Drive coming soon!- The Dance Konnection NHSDA will be holding our annual food drive at the studio again this year. You can find the boxes located at the doors of Studios 1 & 2 where we will be accepting canned goods, baking items, and toiletries, but NO PARISHABLE items please! All food donations will be split equally between Baxter Food Bank, House of Compassion, and the Emergency Food Box of Marshalltown. Please help us pack these boxes outside of studio 1 & 2 full! Thank you in advance for any help you can give.

Spring Dance Recital: May 3 and 4, 2024. Which night will you dance?????

SPRING 2024 RECITAL SCHEDULE: Classes perform on the following nights in the Spring Recital May 3rd and 4th, 2024.

The following classes will dance on Friday, May 3rd, 2024:

Tuesday 4:00-4:45 3-4 year old Ballet & Tap

Tuesday 5:30-6:15 5-6 year old Ballet & Tap

Wednesday 5:00-5:45 4-5 year old Ballet & Tap

Wednesday 5:45-6:30 7-8 year old Ballet & Tap

The following classes will dance on Saturday, May 4th, 2024: *Saturday may be split into 2 shows*

Monday 4:00-4:45 7-8 year old Ballet & Tap

Monday 4:45-5:30 3-4 year old Ballet & Tap

Monday 5:30-6:15 5-6 year old Ballet & Tap

Tuesday 4:45-5:30 4-5 year old Ballet & Tap

Thursday 5:00-5:45 5-6 year old Ballet & Tap

The following classes will dance in multiple shows:

Jazz 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8

Tap 1,2,3,4,5,6,7

Clogging 1,2,3

Boys Classes

Ballet 1,2,3,4,5

Pointe 1,2,3

Modern 1/2 & 3

Musical Theater 1 & 2

The following classes DO NOT dance in Spring Recital:

Ballet Technique

Parent/Tot Dance

Dancer's Conditioning

All Acrobatics Classes & Tumble Tots

Ka-Motion Classes

Progressive Ballet Technique

PLEASE NOTE: If you have dancers performing in multiple shows of recital you MUST purchase tickets for all shows if you want to attend. There are no discounted or free tickets.