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MARSHALLTOWN YMCA-YWCA SCHOOL OF DANCE: THE DANCE KONNECTION 2022-2023 NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2023

Recital is only 5 weeks away and our Ka-motion performance is only 3 weeks away! That means every last minute of class is important and necessary!! Everyone has been doing a great job, but please, be on time and ready to dance!!

Practice makes progress- All your dancers recital music is on the parent portal so you can access it at home so they can practice.

******Reminder ALL** accounts MUST to be paid in full by May 3rd to be allowed to dance in recital.

****The Y **will not** release your pictures to you until you are current on your monthly dance fees.

Costume money was due in FULL January 15!!!! Costumes are HERE! Please get your outstanding balances taken care of NOW!! I will not send your student's costume home if you have a balance due!! If you have questions please give me a call, drop me an email or stop into the dance office.

Recital Flowers!!!! Don't forget to order your recital flowers on picture day, Friday April 21st! We will be offering Single Roses and Bouquets!!! Save yourself and your family members that will be attending the recital time by ordering flowers for your dancer now and take advantage of the convenience of picking them up in the lobby at recital. **Proceeds will go to the dancers who attend summer dance camp** Prices: Single Roses \$7.00 each and Bouquet-\$12.00.

DKSTARZ Showcase 2023: The Dance Konnection competition team will be holding a Showcase on April 23rd at **4:00pm** at Miller Middle School Auditorium. At this time the entire team will be performing each of their award winning competition routines. These dancers work incredibly hard throughout the year, so come show them your DK support by attending and enjoying a fabulous show. Admission is a free will monetary admission. Hope to see you all there!

**** Note from Miss Kimi****

Spring has come and so has the busyness of spring. **Please** stay focused on our tasks ahead. We have a recital in 6 weeks. Our studio has a reputation of putting on an excellent and entertaining show. Please try to make it to all of your classes. We need everyone dancing. Let's put on the best show we can!!!! This is a very busy time of year at the studio. So if I seem a bit distracted when I leave the studio and I'm heading for the office, it's because I have seven million things going on in my head. Unless it's a yes or no answer you need. Please leave me a note, email or call me at home during the day. I would be more than happy to focus my attention on you then. I'm a very hands-on person with every detail of this studio (aka control freak- :)

Dates To Remember:

No Dance—April 7-9-Happy Easter!

April 10-16- Parents Viewing Week

April 20 @ 7PM- Tumble Tots Demo.

April 21- Dance Pictures

April 22 @ 2PM- KaMotion Recital & Acro Demonstration

April 23- DKStarz Showcase

April 30- No Baxter Classes

April 30-May 4- Recital Dress Rehearsal

May 5 & 6- Recital

Ballet 1-5 and Pointe 1-3 Additional Practices:

Saturday April 22: 8:30-10:30AM

Sunday April 30th: 1:15-2:15PM



April Birthdays

Presents:

Ainsley Albee
Stella Gliem
Ellena Hill
Peighton Kroeger
Emory Keefer
Raygen Edler
Zoey Huseboe
Hannah Summers
Katalina Garcia
Sydney Hibbs
Mackenzie Ricken
Rylee Hall
Rylee Edler
Ella Egleston
Harlow Hill

Ka-Motion 1 & 2 End of the Year Party!

What: A party to celebrate all we've done this year! We eat and play games and talk about how great our performance went!

When: April 25 at your regular class time

Where: Studio 4

What to Bring: Any food you want! We will provide the juice, cups, plates, napkins, etc.

(This is in place of regular classes)

Hello Tumble Tots!!!– We have very exciting news!!! Mark your calendars.... Your little Tumble Tot will be doing a mini show on Thursday April 20th at 7:00PM in studio 4. We will have them demonstrate what they have learned throughout the year. Following that, they will each receive a certificate! Juice and cookies will be served for refreshments. It will be a great time!!!

Acro Demonstration– Escape Room!!! Our Acro Show is on Saturday April 22nd at 2:00PM at the Henry Horne Center (new Y building) in the gym, following our KaMotion Spirit Squad. At this time our acro students will be showcasing all their advancements and tricks that they have made and learned in class this year. Come and support these talented dancers!

Acro Demonstration Extra Practice!!!- these practices are only for those participating in the Acro Demonstration. These practices are very important! Our show is a couple weeks away so make it to as many practices as you can.

Wednesday April 5th: Acro 1/2 6:00-6:45PM in studio 5

Acro 3/4 & 5 6:45-8:00PM in studio 5

Wednesday April 12th: Acro 1-5 6:00-8:00PM in studio 5

Tap 7 & Jazz 8 Extra Practice: April 10 8:15-9:15PM

Jazz 3 & Tap 3 Extra Practice: April 29 12:00-1:00PM

Jazz 6 Extra Practice: April 27th 4:00-5:00PM

Jazz 2 Extra Practice: April 11 5:00-6:00PM in Studio 1

Recital Tickets!!!



We will be selling our May recital tickets online only and at the door the day of recitals!!! Tickets will be going on sale online at www.tututix.com/tickets on **Monday April 17th at 10:00am**. Scan the QR code or copy this link <https://29396.danceticketing.com/>

Ticket prices are \$15.00 each plus a processing fee. Tickets sold at the door the day of the recitals will be \$17.00 each. More information will be given out at parents viewing.

It will be fun bun week at The Dance Konnection April 2-6th!! Dancers can create any hairstyle they would like as long as there is at least one bun and they can dance in it. Get creative!!! Prizes will be awarded for the best bun each day.

Ballet/Pointe Dancers.....Mark your calendars– Below you will find additional dates for our Ballet 1-5/Pointe 1-4 classes.

Saturday April 22: 8:30-10:30AM

Sunday April 30th: 1:15-2:15PM

All Ballet 1,2,3,4,5 and Pointe 1, 2, and 3 dancers need to make it to as many of these as possible. These are free and in addition to your regular dance classes. ***Watch your emails about individual or groups for extra practices***

Ballet Ensemble Soloist Rehearsals:

March 23, March 30, April 6, April 13, April 27 from 7:30-8:00PM

These rehearsals will be held with Miss Kimi in Studio 4.

It is important to make as many of these as possible! Please come dressed and ready for ballet.

Private Lessons– For any dancers that are looking to get a little more time in the studio to work on technique, turns or anything else we have the following teachers whom are offering private lessons in the months of March & April with Miss Kristin. You can pay and book one or more please go to your Parent Portal and click on Appointment/Private.

Nation Honor Society of Dance Arts– Banquet: May 13th

NHSDA: Next meeting TBA

Summer Dance Camps & Classes!!!! Coming SOON!!! We are excited to be offering a full summer schedule this year!



Volunteers Needed!!

Recital:

Backstage Helpers with our younger dancers– Friday: Need 4, Saturday: Need 5

Recital Teddy Bears Available for purchase!! They make a great keep sake! The cost is \$7.75 plus tax. They are mini plush blue bears with the recital t-shirt design. We have a limited number so when they are gone they are gone. You will need to come to the office to purchase them. We take cash or check and we will not put it on your account to pay later, so they need to be fully paid at the time of purchase. They are sooo stinking cute!!!

We are doing the DK Recital Program Memory Book again this year!

We will no longer be handing out programs at recital, (there will be a digital download available) but we are doing an amazing memory book! Not only will it have the recital order of the show, etc., but you will also be able to purchase an ad to tell your dancer and the world to break a leg!! You can even advertise your business. This program will be an amazing keepsake for your dancer. The program will be in a high glossy booklet with all prints being in black and white. With the purchase of an ad, you will get one memory book free of charge. If you get a business sponsor for an ad, you will get your ad at equal or lesser size free (one booklet).

Ads are due no later than **Thursday, April 13th at 9:00pm**. Any ads received after 9pm on April 13th, will not be included in the memory book. All ads must be submitted via email to DKDKstudio3@gmail.com. The email must include the text you want in it, ad photo (jpeg format only), if you are doing a business ad also, we will need their logo/business card sent (jpeg format only) and the verbiage they would like to put in the book. The picture of dancer must be in a jpeg format only and dancers name **MUST** be spelled correctly. Anyone can purchase an ad, grandparents, friends, aunts, uncles, absolutely anyone!!! These ads can be to individual dancers or even classes!!! We have an example program from last year in the dance office, if you would like to take a look. Ad Prices are as follows:

Full Page: 4.5"x7.5"h- Can fit up to 3 pictures (1st pic FREE, add'l pics \$5 each)- \$100.00

Half Page: 4.5"x3.75"h- Can fit up to 2 pictures (1st pic FREE, add'l pics \$5 each)- \$75.00

1/4 Page: 2.25"x3.75"h- Can fit 1 picture- \$50.00

1/8 Page: 2.25"x1.875"h COPY ONLY! NO PICTURES! - \$25.00

Spring Dance Recital: May 5 and 6, 2023 Which night will you dance?????

SPRING 2023 RECITAL SCHEDULE: Classes perform on the following nights in the Spring Recital May 5th and 6th, 2023.

The following classes will dance on Friday, May 5th, 2023:

Tuesday 4:00-4:45 3-4 year old Ballet & Tap	Ballet 1,2,3,4,5
Tuesday 5:30-6:15 5-6 year old Ballet & Tap	Pointe 1,2,3
Wednesday 5:00-5:45 4-5 year old Ballet & Tap	Tap 1,2,3,4,5,6,7
Wednesday 5:45-6:30 7-8 year old Ballet & Tap	Jazz 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8
Younger Boys	Clogging 1/2
Older Boys	Clogging 3
Musical Theater 2	Modern 1/2

The following classes will dance on Saturday, May 6th, 2023:

Monday 4:00-4:45 7-8 year old Ballet & Tap	Ballet 1,2,3,4,5
Monday 4:45-5:30 3-4 year old Ballet & Tap	Pointe 1,2,3
Monday 5:30-6:15 5-6 year old Ballet & Tap	Tap 1,2,3,4,5,6,7
Tuesday 4:45-5:30 4-5 year old Ballet & Tap	Jazz 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8
Thursday 5:00-5:45 5-6 year old Ballet & Tap	Younger Boys
Baxter-	Older Boys
Sunday 12:30-1:15 3-4 year olds	Clogging Combo
Sunday 1:15-2:00 5-6 year olds	Musical Theater 1
Sunday 2:00-2:45 7-9 year old Ballet & Tap	Musical Theater 2
Sunday 2:45-3:30 7-9 year old Jazz	Modern 3

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
Musical Theater 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.

What show/s does your dancer dance in???

Friday

Ballet Ensemble

Tap 1

Tap 2

Tap 3

Tap 4

Tap 5

Tap 6

Tap 7

Jazz 1

Jazz 2

Jazz 3

Jazz 4

Jazz 5

Jazz 6

Jazz 7

Jazz 8

Younger Boys

Older Boys

Senior Tribute

Clogging 1/2

Clogging 3

Musical Theater 2

Modern 1/2

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

Saturday

Ballet Ensemble

Tap 1

Tap 2

Tap 3

Tap 4

Tap 5

Tap 6

Tap 7

Jazz 1

Jazz 2

Jazz 3

Jazz 4

Jazz 5

Jazz 6

Jazz 7

Jazz 8

Younger Boys

Older Boys

Clogging Combo

Musical Theater 1

Musical Theater 2

Modern 3

Competition Team

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

Saturday Continued...

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

Baxter-

Sunday 12:30-1:15 3-4 year olds

Sunday 1:15-2:00 5-6 year olds

Sunday 2:00-2:45 7-9 year old Ballet
& Tap

Sunday 2:45-3:30 7-9 year old Jazz

Kids Production -Attention all dancers in the 3-4, 4-5, 5-6, 7-8, and younger boys classes.

Each year we do a Kid's Production. This years recital theme is Games. We will represent the game Olds Maids. So parents, you will need to come up with a grandma or grandpa outfit for your dancer. More info will be given out at parents viewing but wanted to give you a heads up.

Tap Production- Attention Tap 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, & 7.

This years recital theme is Games. You will represent the game Where in the World is Carmen San Diego. So you will need to come up with an outfit for your country that Carmen is in. Below is your class and what country:

Tap 1: America—Country

Tap 2: Germany

Tap 3: North Pole

Tap 4: France

Tap 5: Jungle—Animals

Tap 6: Caribbean Island

Tap 7: Australia

Jazz Production- Attention Jazz 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, & 8

This years recital theme is Games. You will represent Monopoly. So you will need to come up with an outfit for your game piece.

Jazz 1: Rubber Duckies-Miss Kimi will explain at parents viewing

Jazz 2: Jail

Jazz 3: Money

Jazz 4: Boardwalk (think summer time: shorts, swimsuits, sunscreen, etc.)

Jazz 5: Boardwalk (think summertime: shorts, swimsuits, sunscreen, etc.)

Jazz 6, 7, 8: New York (I <3 New York shirts and black leggings. Miss Kimi will be sending a link for the T-Shirts)

Ballet Ensemble Soloists—Congrats to the following dancers on getting soloist in our Ballet Ensemble this year.

Ballet 1: Wynn Clark

Ballet 2: Emma Richardson

Ballet 3: Savanna Fogle

Ballet 4: Olivia Walker

Ballet 5: Lucas Hagen

Pointe 1: Sydney Hibbs

Pointe 2: Mattea Wright

Pointe 3: Sydney Harwood

***We will be having separate practices for this section of the ballet ensemble. Emails will be sent out regarding this.