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Happy New Year!

Faculty News:

I would like to welcome Jessica Polzella to our staff for the spring 2010 semester. Jessica will be taking over my Tuesday classes while I am out for maternity leave and will possibly continue teaching some of these classes through the end of the year. Jessica is an accomplished ballet dancer and choreographer and we are excited to have her on staff. Below is Jessica's Bio.

Jessica Polzella is a recent Graduate of Wichita State University, where she received her Bachelors of General Studies in Psychology, Sociology, and Dance. Dance has been a part of Jessica's life since her early beginnings at the Colorado School of Ballet. Since then she has trained at Friends University under Sharon Rogers and Rogers Ballet, Joyce Yagerline at Kansas State University, and Denise Celestin, Sabrina

Vasquez, and Richard Isaac at Wichita State University. Jessica has choreographed full length musicals, and works for show choirs and children's theatre. She has performed numerous professional theatre productions, including the title role in the Little Mermaid, in which she also did the costume design and choreography. Jessica has attended many festivals and seminars at Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet, Kansas Dance Festival, and the National Ballet School of Canada. She has traveled to many countries for dance tours including Taiwan, England, France, Italy, and Switzerland. Most recently, Jessica was a guest artist for Topeka Metropolitan Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker."

Please help us to welcome Jessica to our staff when you see her at the studio!

Jan/Feb. Closings:

Mon. Jan 18th—We DO have dance although USD 305 is out.

Feb. 11th and 12th—We DO have dance classes although there are elementary conferences for USD 305.

Baby News:

Tamara will be out of the office for the last portion of January through mid February. Classes will continue as scheduled unless you are contacted directly via e-mail by Tamara. Substitute teachers are in place throughout the month of February and the teachers have all the material needed to continue with lessons and choreography. Steven and I appreciate your support and understanding while I am away. Thank you for all the wonderful well wishes!

Dance Olympus Workshop & Tuition Info

Dance Olympus Workshop:

Interested in traveling to Kansas City for the Dance Olympus Workshop? Dancers ages 8 and up may attend. The workshop will be held Sunday March 7th, 2010. Registration is due to the office by Jan. 25th to receive the reduced rate. After the 25th you will have to register on your own and the rates will most likely increase. The rates are as follows in the next column:



Assistant Teacher: \$110
Senior \$95
Junior \$85

The workshop will most likely last from 8 am—approximately 3 or 4 pm.

Tuition & Late Fees:

Just a reminder that tuition is due by the 7th of each month. After the 7th, a late fee of \$10 is added to all accounts. If an extension is needed for any reason, please give us a phone call and we will waive the late fee. Notices will be sent monthly for accounts overdue. Normally, if the 7th falls in the middle of the week, we take payments through the end of the week before adding the late fee.



“A child sings
before it speaks,
dances almost
before it walks,
music is in our
hearts from the
beginning”
~ Pamela Brown

Costume Information

All costumes have been ordered for all classes. Costume balance sheets were mailed home in early January. Costume balances are due by February 5th.

We are starting to receive some costumes. As we do, we will have the dancers try them on. Even if you have paid your balance, we will hold your costume until all accessories, tights, etc.. Have arrived.

We put together the costumes

in separate bags with directions on how to fix any straps/pants etc, make-up information and any other pertinent costume information to make the costume process easier for you!

We will also be offering a free “Costume Fix-It” Day this spring. If you need assistance with hemming pants, fixing straps, or any small alterations, volunteers will be available free of charge to help you put it all together. This event will be held prior to pictures in April. A specific date will be sent home with recital information. Our goal is to make the costume process painless for you!



Recital Information & Pictures

Just a reminder that our 3rd annual recital will be held:

Saturday May 1st, 2010 at the historic Stiefel Theatre.

Information regarding rehearsals, specific times, etc, will be sent out late February/early March.

Picture Week:

Picture week is scheduled for the week of April 12th through the 16th. Your dancer will come

to their normally scheduled class time to take their classes picture.

If your child attends more than one class a week, they may be required to come to each dance class day. A specific schedule with what to wear and when to arrive will be sent home with the recital packets.

Recital Music:

Needing a copy of music for your dancer to practice to at

home? Please bring us a blank CD and give us a week and we will put your child's music on the cd. If you would like song information sent to you to purchase on iTunes, e-mail us and we can get that to you.

Notes for dances are not available for dancers to take home. Dancers may write their own notes following class. Parents will be allowed in later this Spring to video if needed.

Important Recital Information



Parent's Pride in Recital Program Book—Reserve your space—accepting forms beginning March 1st. (Limited space). Last day to accept pictures is March 26th (if space still available)

Recital Program Book Ads— Ads are due by March 26th

Recital Picture Week—April 12th—16th. Schedule TBA with recital packet

Recital Tickets on Sale to Parents—April 2010 TBA—Seniors students will have early purchase priority—TBA on date.

Recital Week— April 25th—May 1st. Specific schedule available in recital packet.

Summer Registration—Monday May 3rd. Summer classes run June and July. Evening classes similar to fall classes are available as well as summer week long day camps for a shortened dance experience.

Fall Registration—Information will be sent out with recital packets on adding your name to our fall class list. Spots will be reserved for current students first. Class spaces are limited each year. Please be sure to let us know if you will be taking class again in the Fall of 2010 on the form we send out!