



WINTER NEWSLETTER

Welcome back and Happy New Year! As well, I would like to give a warm welcome to all those families who have just recently joined us. We are now heading into the last half of our dance season. I would like to thank my students and their families for the many lovely Christmas gifts. Your generosity was appreciated.

FOOD DRIVE

Wow what a success! I was ecstatic with the number of donations each family made towards our food drive. By the end of the week our box was almost full and it took several bags to carry it all out. Matt said that his back was almost broke at the end for all the lifting! Thanks again to all those that contributed. It made for a nicer Christmas for those families who were in need this year!

OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

At this time if there are any families who have received bills stating the amount they still owe for either term fees, or competition fees, I ask that you send your cheque or cash in an envelope to your teacher, with your child's name printed clearly on the front, as promptly as possible. Debit/MC is also available to cover your payments if you prefer. Just ask your child's teacher at the beginning or end of their class. Thank you for your consideration.

BALLET EXAMINATIONS

Ballet examinations will be coming up near the end of this term. I have now been handing out participation slips to all new candidates. All slips need to be returned before the 17th of January so I can finish filling in the entry forms. If your child did not receive a slip and you are interested in them doing their ballet exam please speak to me as soon as possible. Any student that participated in a ballet examination last season will be participating again this season. If you do not want them to do their

ballet examination please speak to Miss Kelly before Jan. 17th!

COMPETITION TEAM

The competitive team is now gearing up for the beginning of their season. They will be participating in competitions located in Hamilton, London, Collingwood and Niagara Falls over the next 4 months. The scheduling, location and directions for each of these events will be posted on the studio bulletin board. Please feel free to join in and support our dance team at any one of these venues. You will have the opportunity to view a variety of great choreography from many different dance studios while supporting our studio in the process. Good luck to all of the competitors. I know that all of your hard work, dedication and commitment, in the past several months, will be rewarded as our competitive season gets under way.

SHOWCASE

The competitive team will be offering a showcase of all their competition numbers locally. Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Acro and Hip Hop will be performed. We will be performing at the Arden Park Hotel on Sun. Feb. 22nd. Start time is 1:00pm and will run until approximately 2:30. The cost for each family is \$15.00. All proceeds for this event are being donated to Optimism Place. This is a great opportunity to view a variety of dance, be entertained and help to support a local charity!

HOLIDAY REMINDERS

Family Day is scheduled for Mon. Feb. 16th. No regular scheduled classes will be taking place on this day. Dance Arts Academy will be taking their **March break** from **Saturday March 14th to Friday March 20th**. All classes will resume on Saturday March 21st at their regularly scheduled times. As well, there will be no regularly scheduled classes taking place at the studio over the Easter weekend. Therefore the **studio will be closed** from **Friday April 10th to Monday April 13th**.

All classes will resume at their regular times on Tuesday April 14th. Please make sure these dates are clearly marked on your calendar.

CHANGE ROOMS & ENTRY WAY

This is just a quick reminder to all dancers – please remember to clean up after yourself in the changerooms! Recycling and garbage bins have been provided for your convenience, so please remember to use them and leave your area tidy and clean. As well, shelving has been provided for bags – lets try to use them to reduce the number of items on the floor. I realize that the entry area is small, but please try to do your best to place your boots neatly to the side, underneath the coats. Please do not leave your boots directly in front of the door or on the matt – as it makes it very difficult for those students/parents coming in behind you. Please make sure that you are leaving with your own boots and footwear. Unfortunately Miss Ashley's boots have still not been returned. If anyone knows about their whereabouts please let us know asap. It would be in everyone's best interests if they could please make sure that all of their belongings, including footwear, is clearly labeled with your name. Your consideration on these matters is appreciated.

"THE PULSE"

Information regarding this event and a sign up sheet has been posted on our bulletin board for your convenience. This is a great opportunity for all of the students to try different forms of dance technique like jazz, tap, hip hop, urban, street, etc. while working with well known choreographers like Mia Michaels and Brian Friedman – just to name a few. The workshop is recommended for all students age 10 and up. Miss Ashley and I will be in attendance. If you have any other questions please feel free to ask. Hope to see you there!

QUICK REMINDER

Just a quick reminder to all students that as teacher's we expect their hair to be pulled back from their faces and secured for all of their classes. If you are a ballet student including our mommy & me, pre-primary and primary students you are required to have your hair in a secure bun with a bun wrap to hold it in place. If you do not have one and still require one – please ask your teachers. I know that being a mother myself time can be very limited, but please take the extra 5 min. and help your child to do their hair. Thank you!!

YEAR END PARTY

We will be having our year end potluck on Sun. May 3rd. Please mark this date on your calendar. We hope that all of the families involved in the studio will be able to participate and join in the fun. We are also looking at bringing in some entertainment this year. More information regarding this event will soon follow.

As always if you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact me at home during daytime hours Monday to Friday, (519) 655-6814. I look forward to dancing with all of the students as our season continues to progress.

Miss Kelly