



25 Years...

November Newsletter

Well Good Morning Mother Nature...

We'd had a wonderful October at Devon School of Dance - thank you to all who came out for our first parent watch of the season it was so fantastic to see all of you. In this newsletter we will cover some of the information that was discussed during Parent Watch to help keep everyone up to date on the happenings at the studio.

Outside Shoes

As we enter into the colder, wet weather please encourage your dancer to place their boots on the front racks and jackets on the hooks in the change room. All outside shoes must be removed by everyone when they enter the building please, this will help preserve the hard wood floor in the lobby.

Tuition Post Dates

Just a reminder that Tuition #2 cheques will be deposited this week. These fees are for November, December and January.

Festivals

Our competitive dancers will be taking part in 4 different festivals this season. These dates are as follows:

Standing Ovation - April 5th - 8th

Shy Ann Dance Festival - April 18th - 22nd

Dare to Dream Dance Festival - April 26th - 29th

Dare to Dream Dance Festival/Competition - May 10th - 13th

These events have entry fees associated with them and these groups fees are due into the front desk no later than **November 21st** - after this time you will have a late fee of \$31.50 added to your account. This is a strict deadline and no exceptions will be issued. Solos/Duets you are asked to choose which events you would like to attend, your entry fees for these routines are due **November 14th** - please make sure you also hand in your white sheet with your fees so that we can confirm which events you are attending.

To watch
us DANCE
is to hear
our
HEARTS
SPEAK

Future Stars will be participating in the Dare to Dream Dance Festival April 26th - 29th. An information sheet regarding this event will be going home within the next week.

Costumes

All students at Devon School of Dance will be receiving a costume for the dance season. These costumes are ordered from the USA – all dancers have now been measured and within the next week or two they will all be ordered. Dancers wear these costumes for all Festivals as well as at our Strawberry Tea (our Spring Show held in town) and then at our Year End Recital in May. Our Parents Association (Devon School of Dance Parents Association or DSODPA) is kind enough to handle all of our deposits and balances regarding costumes for us. This will allow families to use any fundraising money that they have earned. Everyone has received an invoice for costume deposits – these are now due. When making a payment for the costume deposits/balances these cheques need to be written to DSODPA and placed in the white mailbox behind the front door. If everyone can please write their dancers name in the memo line on the cheques it would greatly help during the accounting process. All families are required to submit a deposit of \$60.00 per costume. Once costumes arrive (usually in early spring) the studio will try everything on and look to see what alterations need to be made. Any major alterations will be handed by the studio anything minor such as a strap adjustment will be the responsibility of the parents. More notice will go home once the garments arrive.

Class Cancellations

All of Miss Kim's Classes on **Thursday November 16th** will be cancelled as I will be out of town at a convention. I will be holding makeup classes for this day on **Sunday November 12th** as follows:

Beginner Ballet – 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Junior Ballet – 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Junior Tap – 2:00pm – 2:45pm

During this day I will be working on choreography for festival routines.

Remembrance Day

We will not be cancelling any of our classes in association to this holiday.



Trivia Questions

Thank you to all of the dancers who took part in answering our trivia questions all of the answers are now posted on the bulletin board - a big congratulations to the following dancers:

1st Place - Makayla Strangemore

2nd Place - Evyn Gallant

3rd Place - Trynity Link

Ladies we will have your prizes at the studio this week for you.

Yearly Performances

Just to give everyone a guideline of our performance events for the season:

- ❖ Christmas Show - December 9th (Devon Community Hall)
All Dancers Participate
- ❖ Strawberry Tea - February 18th (Devon Community Hall)
All Future Stars (Ages 3, 4, 5) and Ballet Classes Participate
- ❖ Standing Ovation Festival - April 5th - 8th (Fort Saskatchewan)
Competitive Dancers Participate
- ❖ Shy Ann Dance Festival - April 18th - 22nd (Edmonton)
Competitive Dancers Participate
- ❖ Dare to Dream Dance Festival - April 26th - 29th (Edmonton)
Competitive Dancers & Future Star Dancers (Ages 3, 4, 5) Participate
- ❖ Dare to Dream Festival/Competition - May 10th - 13th (Edmonton)
Competitive Dancers Participate
- ❖ Year End Recital - May 26th (Edmonton)
All Dancers Participate

Christmas Show - Saturday December 9th

Our annual Christmas Concert will feature all of our dancers this season in celebration of our 25th anniversary of the studio. It will be held in the afternoon at 1pm at the community hall in Devon (behind the IGA). For this event all dancers will be wearing their class wear requirements and we will then add some sort of accessory to this for a costume - costs for this costume are usually no more than \$10.00. All tickets for the show will only be sold at the door to the community hall and the cost will be \$5.00 per person (cash only), dancers are free as are spectators 5 years and under.

The following class will be performing in the listed disciplines:

Beginner - Ballet

Junior - Jazz & Tap

Intermediate - Jazz & Tap

Senior - Jazz & Tap

Jellybeans - Ballet

Munchkins - Tap

Kinderkool - Tap

Costume accessories and show details will go home later this month.

Team Wear

Were excited to offer new Devon School of Dance Team Wear this season.

We will be selling the following items:

Adult Jackets \$80.00 plus GST

Youth Jackets \$75.00 plus GST

Adult Sweat Pants \$45.00 plus GST

Youth Sweat Pants TBA

Adult Off the Shoulder Sweater \$42.00 plus GST

Sparkle Back Packs \$45.00 plus GST

We will have sample sizes of each of these items at the front desk shortly.

All items will be back at the studio in time for the Christmas season. Our order deadline will be November 28th.

Congratulations

A huge congratulations to all of our dancers who took part in the auditions for Alberta Ballet's Presentation of the Nutcracker. We are lucky to have 2 of our Intermediate Dancers performing in all shows:

Siobhan Clyne & Matty Parnell

We'll be cheering you on the whole way - we're so very proud of this huge accomplishment for both of you!!

Thank you everyone for a great start to our season – looking forward to seeing our festival routines being started and all of the creative juices flowing. As always if you have any questions please do stop by our front desk (Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays) and our receptionists Julia & Evyn will be happy to help you out.

You can also contact me at any time email is usually the quickest at kim@devondance.com or by phone at 780-619-4072.

*See you all soon,
Miss Kim*

