



25 Years...

March Newsletter

Wow - March already - where did the last month go... Things are really getting busy at the dance studio as we make our final preparations for the festival season - go into our Strawberry Tea and prepare for our picture day. There is a lot of information in months newsletter so please read carefully. If at any time you have any questions please feel free to stop by the desk on Tuesday/Thursday/Friday and we'll be happy to help you out.

Costumes

All of our costumes have now arrived and we are just finishing up putting the last of the rhinestones on everything. Once you receive your balance sheet from the parents association please make sure that you clear this immediately so that they costumes can be taken home. There are several costumes from our Future Star classes that have been sitting at the studio for over a month - please pay for these this week as picture week is right around the corner.

Picture Day

Friday March 16th and **Saturday March 17th** will be our annual class picture day at the school. There are NO classes during this time - as all pictures are taken at the Dance Studio.

Please have your dancer arrive 10 minutes before their scheduled time for last minute touch ups. Parents are not allowed in the room during pictures and you will also not be allowed to take your own pictures that day. The photographer will take a group and individual of each dancer in every group. Solos & Duets are to sign up on the bulletin board (please sign up 3 dancers to a line).

Please make sure that on this day your dancer has on a new, clean pair of tights. Leather ballet shoes should be wiped down with a microfiber cloth to help take away all of the scuff marks and all canvas ballet slippers will be required to be washed. Please wash them on the gentle cycle of your machine and then put them into the dryer until they are damp - at this time have your dancer put them on their feet to stretch them back out and so that they will form to the shape of their foot.

Once the pictures have all been taken Alexis (our photographer) will post everything on her website and then provide us with a secure password to view everything. You will then be able to purchase anything you would like directly off of her website and all items will be shipped to the studio to be passed out. You do not need to purchase pictures so please do not feel any pressure however we do ask that everyone please attend so that we have complete group shots. The picture day schedule is attached at the end of this newsletter.

Future Stars: all of these classes are asked to please pull the sides of their hair up into a ponytail (so that their hair is half up half down) and please add soft curls to all of the hair. Place the hair accessory around the ponytail (please use an elastic that matches the dancer's hair colour). No UNDERWEAR, TATOOS OR NAILPOLISH during pictures and performances. A little light pink blush and lipstick is more than enough for these dancers. If you have any questions please speak to the front desk or your instructor.

Festival Hair & Makeup - Competitive Dancers

We will once again be setting hair and makeup for the festival season - this will also be the same style for picture days. We set hair and makeup for our competitive team to make everything easier so that parents do not have to worrying about changing hair styles for each routine. This year the studio hair will be worn for all routines, including solos and duets. To go over everything we will be holding some information meetings that are mandatory for our competitive division

Intermediate & Senior Dancers we will be doing this on Friday March 9th from 5:00pm - 6:00pm (instead of stretch class).

Beginner & Junior Dancers will be holding yours on Monday March 12th from 6:30pm - 7:30pm (instead of stretch class).

All dancers & parents from the competitive division **MUST** be in attendance on these nights. We strongly suggest that you also bring with you, a brush/comb, hair elastic, and lots and lots of bobby pins. This way when the instructor is demonstrating how to do the festival hair style you will be able to practice on your dancer at the same time. We will be holding a makeup demonstration for all levels on **Wednesday March 14th from 5:30pm - 6:30pm.** ALL competitive parents must be in attendance on this night - we strongly suggest that your dancer attends with you on this night as well. A list of makeup is located at the bottom of this newsletter.

Tights & Accessory Bags

For the festival season please make sure that you have all of the stated tights colour/brand make a difference so please do not sway from this list. The studio has ordered in extra tights for the festival season – once these are at the desk we will let you know. We have only ordered a few of each size so this will be sold on a first come first serve basis. All competitive dancers will be given an accessory bag – with all of their hair items, 1 set of eyelashes, 1 set of earrings and 1 set of eye rhinestones. The cost of all of these items will be place on your account this week and everything must be paid in full before we will release the items. Please note that our supplier is out of our new earrings – every dancer will receive 1 set – for those in Beginner and Junior who requested extra earrings you will also be receiving these. Intermediate and Senior levels you will only be received the 1 pair so please take care of them.

Strawberry Tea

Sunday March 18th will be our annual strawberry tea held at the community hall behind the IGA (same location as our Christmas Show). All of our future star department and ballet department will be showcased during this afternoon performance.

Details:

Show Time: 1:00pm
Doors Open: 12:00pm

Tickets: - these are all purchased online through the link that the Parents Association provided in the last email. Each person will require a ticket – younger siblings (2 and under) may sit on your lap however they will NOT receive their own piece of cake. It makes everything easier if everyone can please purchase tickets and then hand them out to your guests who are attending. If you had given the link to family/friends to purchase their own tickets then please ask them to put the dancers name in the address 2 line so that we know who would like to sit together. If you have any questions regarding ticket sales please contact Joanna at (780) 993-5610 she is our co-ordinator for the event and would be more than happy to help.

Gift Card Donation – the association is still looking for more gift cards to be donated and are asking that each family please donate with a value between \$25 – 50. This is our only major fundraiser the funds go back to help the dancers throughout the season.

Dancers - dancers do not require tickets and they will not be receiving cake – this is because on this day they are serving the cake to the audience – please do not feed your dancer off of your plate...it creates a lot of problems.

Tea Pots – we still require more tea pots – if you happen to have one that you no longer need please drop it off at the front desk over the next week or so.

Volunteers – thank you to all who have signed up on the sheet we could still use a few more people in the dancer room helping to organize everyone.

Hair - All dancers (Future stars and ballet) will brush hair into a ponytail at the back of the head in the middle. No parts, flyways or bangs. Wrap and pin the hair into a classical ballet bun – NO bun makers, doughnuts etc for this performance please. Make sure that your dancer also has a matching hair net in their hair. Dancers from the age of 6 on should be using at least 10 hairpins to hold their bun in place, closer to 20 should the dancer have long or thick hair – I've witnessed many dancers only using 4 in class please let's correct this. The bun should not have anything else around it – clean and tidy is the key.

Makeup: A little light blush and lip gloss/lip stick is more than enough – we are not using stage lighting so festival makeup is not required.

Label Everything – from bodysuits to costumes to tights and shoes – this way if something is left behind we know how to get it back to you.

Rehearsal: 9:30am – 11:00am

- The morning rehearsal is for our competitive dancers only. They are asked to attend the rehearsal in dance wear or athletic wear (please do not wear ballet requirements as we'd like them to stay clean for the performance. Parents are asked to please drop the dancers off and then come and pick them up at 11am – no parents will be able to stay and watch the rehearsal.
- It is suggested that dancers come to the rehearsal with their hair already done for the day this way during their break they can go and get some lunch. No dancers will be able to stay at the hall from 1100am – 1200pm you must come and pick them up please.

Dress Code – when the dancer is doing their technique they will wear their class bodysuit, tights and ballet shoes. When they are doing their routine (the routine name will be listed) they will be wearing their festival costumes. Please bring your dancer to the hall dress is their first outfit ready to go. The second outfit should be clearly labeled with the dancer's name. The show lineup is as follows:
Dancers Room – when you arrive at the hall please head to the small back room to the left with the carpet. Once you drop your dancer off here you will not be able to visit them until after the entire Strawberry Tea is finished. There is a nobody in nobody out rule for safety reasons please respect this. The lineup for the show is attached to the bottom of this newsletter.

Spring Break

The studio will be closed from Saturday March 24th until Sunday April 1st with classes resuming on April 2nd.

Regular Classes & Festivals

During the festival season we may from time to time combine or cancel some of our regular classes due to our participation at festivals. There will be schedule of time changes for regular classes posted online at www.devondance.com under the competitive tab shortly. We will send an email when this has been posted.

Stage Rehearsal

A big thank you to all of the parents for all of their support on our stage rehearsal night. The experience for dancers is so very important – they all now know what to expect when they hit the stage this festival season.

We finally have received our contract for the rental of the theatre and these costs have been added to your accounts – the breakdown after our Parents Association paid for ½ is \$6.50/dancer per group plus gst. I would like to say a HUGE thank you to our Parents Association for doing this for our dancers your continued support and help is greatly appreciated by all!!

It's going to be a busy month but there is a lot to look forward to – thank you everyone for all working hard as a team for us to be able to do what we love.

See you all soon

Miss Kim

Smile - It's Picture Day!!

Friday March 16th

<i>4:00pm - 6:00pm</i>	<i>Solos & Duets</i>
<i>(please sign up on the bulletin board)</i>	
<i>6:00pm - 6:30pm</i>	<i>Intermediate Jazz</i>
<i>6:30pm - 7:00pm</i>	<i>Senior Jazz</i>
<i>7:00pm - 7:15pm</i>	<i>Intermediate Tap</i>
<i>7:15pm - 7:30pm</i>	<i>Senior Tap</i>
<i>7:30pm - 8:00pm</i>	<i>Intermediate Ballet</i>

Saturday March 17th

<i>10:00am - 10:20am</i>	<i>Munchkins</i>
<i>10:30am - 10:50am</i>	<i>Kinderkool</i>
<i>11:00am - 11:20am</i>	<i>Jelly Beans</i>
<i>11:30am - 12:00pm</i>	<i>Senior Ballet</i>
<i>12:00pm - 12:15pm</i>	<i>Lyrical I</i>
<i>12:15pm - 12:45pm</i>	<i>Contemporary</i>
<i>12:45pm - 1:00pm</i>	<i>Beginner Jazz</i>
<i>1:00pm - 1:30pm</i>	<i>Lyrical II</i>
<i>1:30pm - 2:00pm</i>	<i>Beginner Ballet</i>
<i>2:00pm - 2:30pm</i>	<i>Junior Jazz</i>
<i>2:30pm - 3:00pm</i>	<i>Junior Tap</i>
<i>3:00pm - 3:30pm</i>	<i>Junior Ballet</i>

Makeup Requirements – Devon School of Dance Competitive Team

All dancers from the competitive division must purchase the items listed below. For maybe please feel free to shop either brand which ever you feel most comfortable with but please do not sway from these colours.

- Makeup demonstration on Wednesday March 12th at the studio
- Wednesday March 14th from 5:30pm – 6:30pm
- all competitive dancers and parents MUST be in attendance – please bring all of your festival makeup with you.

MAC Brand:

Eyeshadow:
Dazzle Light
Satin Taupe
Smut

Blush:
Powder Blush
Dessert Rose

Lip Liner:
Lip Pencil
Plum

Lip Stick:
Frost
Odyssey

Drug Store Brands:

Eyeshadow:
Revlon Colourstay
#555 – Moonlit

Blush * new from last year
Maybelline New York – Fit Me!
#55 - Berry

Lip Liner:
Maybelline - #45 Plum

LipStick:
Maybelline Colour Sensational
#425 – Plum Paradise

Eyelashes:

At the Front Desk
(suggest purchasing DUO eyelash glue)

Eye Rhinestones:

At the Front Desk

Earrings:

At the Front Desk

Dancers will also require:
Foundation
Black eyeliner
Black mascara
(whichever type/brand you wish)

Strawberry Tea Line Up

Scene I

1. Canstera (Senior Ballet)
2. Jelly Beans Technique
3. Junior Ballet Technique
4. Born To Be Alive (Kinderkool)
5. Intermediate Technique
6. Spread Your Wings (Beginner Ballet)
7. Rock 'N' Roll (Munchkins)
8. Listen (Lyrical I)

Intermission – Serving of Cake and Tea

Scene II

1. Give Me Your Hand (Lyrical II)
2. Paranoia (Intermediate Ballet)
3. Munchkins Technique
4. Soaring Together (Junior Ballet)
5. Senior Ballet Technique
6. Somewhere Over The Rainbow (Jelly Beans)
7. Beginner Ballet Technique
8. Kinderkool Technique
9. Silence (Contemporary)

Sunday March 18th – Devon Community Hall

Show Begins at 1:00pm

Doors Open at 12:00pm

Rehearsal (Competitive Dancers Only) 9:30am – 11:00am

**Dancers are to arrive for the performance at 12:30pm*

(Senior Ballet to arrive for 12:00pm)

dressed and ready in their first outfit.

Please have their second outfit on a hanger and all items labelled.