



25 Years...

April Newsletter

Welcome back everyone - hope you all had a great spring break and enjoyed the rest time. April is a very busy month for the dance school as we are into full festival swing. There will be changes to our regular schedule as well as many deadlines for upcoming events that will occur throughout the month. Please make sure you are staying up to date with everything by checking our website on a regular basis - we will use this as our main source of communication over the last 2 months of dance.

Class Pictures

Our class pictures are posted and ready to view off of photographers website. We have emailed all of this information to our families - if you did not receive this please email me at kim@devondancecom and I'd be more than happy to send you the information.



Festivals

Just a reminder of a few details for the festival season:

1. Please double check all times online at www.devondance.com under the "competitive" tab. Once we have final times for our routines you will notice that the schedule will read "Good Copy".
2. All dancers must be in the practice hall 1 hour before their schedule time ready to perform (Intermediate and Senior dancers 1.5 hours please)
3. Solos/Duets - please make sure you have your own CD of your music with you at all times. We will not play music off of a phone, ipad etc. The studio will have your master but we will also require your copy during festival season.
4. Dancers MUST be in attendance the class directly before a festival performance or we will not allow them to participate in the performance.
5. Canvas Ballet Shoes - please make sure that these are washed before every stage performance. If you need help please ask.

6. Festival Rules/Guidelines – every competitive dancer has been given a copy of this please have a read through it so that you know what to expect at the festivals – this is the sheet that we went over during our makeup demonstration night.
7. FUTURE STARS – you will have a quick parent watch the last 10 minutes of your class April 24th & April 27th. This will allow us to go over exactly what will happen at the festival so that you are aware of all of the details.
8. BEGINNER BALLET – you will have a quick 10 minute parent watch the last 10 minutes of your class April 5th so that we can just recap on exactly what to expect at our first festival.



Class Time Changes & Cancellations

During the festival season our regular classes will have slight changes to them – at the bottom of this newsletter is a sheet that outlines all of the changes. If your group/class does not appear on the list then the classes are running on their regular schedules.

Year End Recital

Saturday May 26th is our annual Year End Recital. We are excited to be

celebrating our 25th Recital and have already begun the planning of the event. This year for the first time our show will be held at the Triffo Theatre, in Allard Hall at MacEwan University City Center Campus, 11110 – 104 Avenue. The show will be a ticketed event with all tickets being sold at the front desk of the studio. These will go on sale in May – please watch the May Newsletter for more information on the Recital.

In order to prepare for the finale routine (all dancers from the studio are involved in the routine) we change up our class schedule during the last week of regular classes:

There will be *no classes on Monday May 21st & Friday May 25th.*

Dancers will be asked to attend rehearsals on:

Tuesday May 22nd, Wednesday May & Thursday May 24th.

These are all held at the studio. ***Future Stars will only be required to be at the studio on Thursday May 24th*** during this week – on this day they will learn their part of the finale routine and rehearse their dances as well. More information and exact times will be given in the May newsletter – for now please mark your calendar with the above dates.

Recital T-Shirts

Every year we do up a t-shirt for the recital. Dancers who purchase these t-shirts are allowed to wear them during our finale routine at the recital. This year in celebration of our anniversary we will be doing up shirts that have more of a team jersey feel to them. The front will have the Devon School of Dance Logo and the back will have a number for each dancer – this number will represent that number of years that your dancer has been with Devon School of Dance.

Dancers who do not wish to purchase a t-shirt will simply wear their last costume for the finale number. We are just working with a new supplier and should have a cost on these by the end of the week. Once we have this information we will email everyone. Sales for these shirts will be done on the following days:

Tuesday April 10th, Thursday April 12th, Friday April 13th

Tuesday April 17th, Thursday April 19th, Friday April 20th

These are pre-orders only we do not order any extras – please mark these days down in your calendar so that you don't miss out.

Pre-Registration 2018 - 2019 Season

As we finish off the last couple of months of dance we are already in the process of planning our next season. It is essential that we have families who are returning to the studio pre-register. From these forms we build our classes and along with instructors schedules we plan our class times. Starting next week a pre-registration for for the new season will be handed out in all classes. All current Devon School of Dance members have priority on placement. We will give everyone priority until the end of April – as of May 1st we will open registrations to new families. For dancers who are continuing in the competitive program just a reminder that Ballet is a must from all (*Junior levels and higher must also take stretch and turns & jumps – Summer Camp August 20th – 23rd is also a requirement for all of these dancers*).

I'm so excited to enter into the festival portion of our season – the dancers have been working very hard with their instructors and I think we're ready to go out and strut our stuff. Good Luck to everyone – above all remember to have fun and smile!!

Yours in dance,

Miss Kim

Class Change Schedule

*Due to our involvement in festivals throughout the month of April and May we have to cancel and combine some classes in order to make everything work. Please note the changes to the following days. *If your day is not listed then classes are running on their normal schedule.*

All Competitive dancers MUST be in attendance for these changes.

Standing Ovation

Thursday April 5th

5:00pm – 6:00pm..... Beginner Ballet
6:00pm – 7:00pm..... Junior Ballet
Junior Tap..... Cancelled

Friday April 6th

4:30pm – 5:00pm..... Jelly Beans
All Other Classes Cancelled

Shy Ann Dance Festival

Monday April 23rd

All classes Are Cancelled

Tuesday April 24th

4:15pm – 5:00pm..... Munchkins
5:00pm – 5:45pm Kinderkool
5:45pm – 7:00pm All Beginner Classes (Bubblez & Spread Your Wings)
7:00pm – 8:30pm..... All Junior Classes

Wednesday April 25th

5:00pm – 7:00pm..... All Intermediate & Senior Groups

Dare to Dream Festival

Thursday April 26th

All Classes Are Cancelled

