

DANCE NOTES

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Happy
St. Patrick's Day



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COMMITMENT

As spring approaches, children's schedules are often filled with baseball practices, birthday parties, or just play dates in the warm spring weather. You and your child have made the commitment of finishing the dance year to her teacher and the other students in her class, so weekly lessons & practicing should come before the other activities. Also, dance students may just now be realizing that while dance is still fun, it is a lot more work than they thought it would be. However, they do not realize how close they are to finishing with our summer recital about 14 lessons away!

As adults, we should be teaching children the idea of commitment and finishing what you start. Very often, I see parents allowing their children to quit dance in the last few months before recital. This makes it very hard on me, as a teacher, to re-choreograph dances at the last minute.

HAPPY
ST. PATTY'S
DAY



It is also letting down the other students in the class & making them work twice as hard at relearning parts. And as parents, you've also put a great deal of money into lessons & non-refundable costumes.

Completing the year will also give your child a sense of accomplishment at recital; knowing they CAN do it!

We will be talking about this subject in class & I hope you agree & can reiterate this fact at home!

PARENT OBSERVATION

The viewing windows will be open for parents to observe during the first week of April. Because our waiting area is so small, please do not bring other siblings on viewing day.

Please remember that with the blinds open, it is not a true representation of a normal lesson for your child. Many dancers get nervous with extra people watching or your child may be trying to "entertain" mom or dad & not doing their best work in class.

As a reminder, observation days are only for parents. Please do not use this as a chance to entertain grandma, grandpa, aunts, cousins, friends, etc. They will all have an opportunity to see your child perform at the recital in June, when your child is ready for an audience.

CLASS ATTENDANCE

This list shows the number of times each class has had perfect attendance!

- MON 3:45 - 10 •
- MON 4:45 - 8 •
- MON 6:30 - 3 •
- WED 3:45 - 12 •
- WED 5:30 - 7 •
- THURS 3:45 - 16 •
- THURS 4:45 - 11 •
- THURS 6:30 - 3 •

RECITAL

AFTERNOON OF
SUNDAY,
JUNE 8TH

FARMINGTON CENTENE CENTER

PLEASE MARK YOUR
CALENDARS NOW!

REMINDERS

All accounts (costumes, tuition, recital fee, etc.) must be paid **in full** before costumes will be handed out in May.

DANCE WEBSITES

www.justforkix.com -

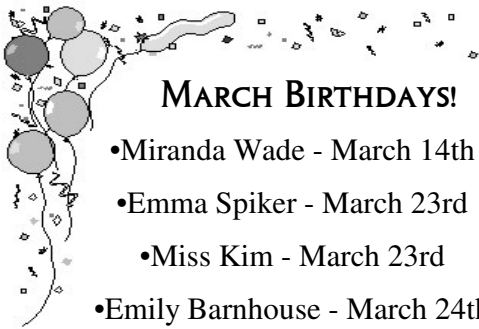
Dance apparel & gifts

Order a gift for your favorite dancer!

www.tapdance.org -

The Tap Dance Homepage

Information to keep up on the world of tap dancing.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

- Miranda Wade - March 14th
- Emma Spiker - March 23rd
- Miss Kim - March 23rd
- Emily Barnhouse - March 24th

DANCE PUZZLE

Mystery Message
Circle all the even numbers and write them down in the order they appear to complete the name of a famous ballet.

15	U	7	P	5	W	6	H	13	V	11	H	9	E	18		
19	J	16	S	10	L	11	C	5	N	10	E	13	B	13	W	D
14	E	D	G	R	P	U	X	M	K							
15	L	Q	I	O	K	5	G	N	P	15	Z					
16	G	13	F	3	B	18	I	17	X	19	C	E	P			
11	R	7	S	14	A	J	Z	17	U	5	T	17	Y	T		
15	B	Y	M	12	I	T	O	Y	N	V						

TERMINOLOGY

Many tap steps have nicknames:

Irish – Shuffle Hop Step. Most likely named for the influence the Irish Jig had on the beginning of tap dance.

Buffalo – Hop shuffle jump, jump shuffle jump, jump shuffle jump, step step. “Shuffle off to Buffalo”.

Shim Sham – Shuffle step shuffle step shuffle ball change shuffle step. A step from the Vaudeville dance “The Shim Sham Shimmy”.

Maxie Ford – Shuffle jump toe or shuffle hop toe step. Named for 1910’s movie choreographer and Vaudeville “The Four Fords” tap dance team member Maxwell Ford.

Time Step – Hop shuffle step flap step touch. Initially used as a means by which a tap dancer could communicate with the band and set the tempo.

MARCH

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 March Tuition Due	4 March Tuition Due	5 March Tuition Due	6 March Tuition Due	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Final Costume/Recital Fee Payment Due
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 We <u>WILL</u> have class today	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Parent Observation First Week of April!				