

DANCE NOTES

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WELCOME BACK!



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TUITION

As a reminder, tuition is due the first week of each month, unless you have made other arrangements with us.

Don't forget that we offer a 5% discount for bi-annual tuition payments. If you would like to take advantage of this discount & pay the remainder of this year's tuition no later than February 12th, please see Miss Kim.

COSTUME PAYMENTS

Costume payments resume this month for those making multiple payments. Your daughter's costumes will **NOT** be ordered if at least half of the total amount for costumes has not been paid by this month and/or if you are behind on tuition payments.



PRACTICE MUSIC

We are starting to learn our dances for the recital in June. It is important for students to practice their routines at home, at least a few times a week.

If you have an MP3 player, memory card or memory/jump drive, I can give you a file each week of the vocal instructions for the steps we learn that week. There will be a new combination every week or two so **please make sure you get an updated copy of the vocal instructions each week.**

For those who do not have a digital means to receive the vocal instructions, I can provide one CD of the practice music per family, **at your request.** Duplicates of this CD may be purchased for \$1 each. The CD's do not have the vocal instructions on them - only the music.

I do keep track of those students on a "star chart" and find that those students who have their vocal instructions updated regularly **and** practice at home show improvement in class.

PARENT OBSERVATION

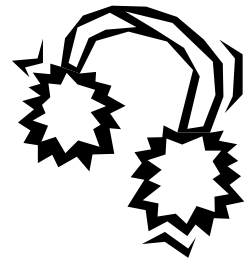
As stated in the handbook, November was the last month for parent observation. There will be one additional parent observation during the first week of April.

If you are concerned about your child's progress, please call to arrange a mutually convenient time for us to discuss your concerns.



CLASS ATTENDANCE

As we begin our recital routines, one of the problems we have is attendance. It seems as though weeks will go by before we have a 'whole' class sometimes! Your child's class needs to begin dancing as a group, with everyone there every week. This is especially important if we are utilizing partners or other special effects in her dance. Continual absences are very stressful on both the teacher and the students. Please make every effort to have your child at the class every week.



INCLEMENT WEATHER

When Farmington R-7 Schools are closed because of snow or other inclement weather, we will usually not have dance classes. **Please call me if in doubt.**

Please refer to your handbook for additional information.

Keep in mind that tuition is based upon the full year of 34 lessons and is broken into monthly installments for your convenience. There are some days built into the schedule to accommodate inclement weather cancellations.



RECITAL SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!


REMINDERS

- Please make sure your costume payments have been made.
- Please call in advance if your child will be unable to attend a class.
- Payments may be left in the mailbox before or after studio hours.

DANCE WEBSITES

www.dancemagazine.com -
Dance Magazine
 Online version of the popular Dance Magazine. Lots of useful dance information.

www.dance.net -
 Dance news & events.

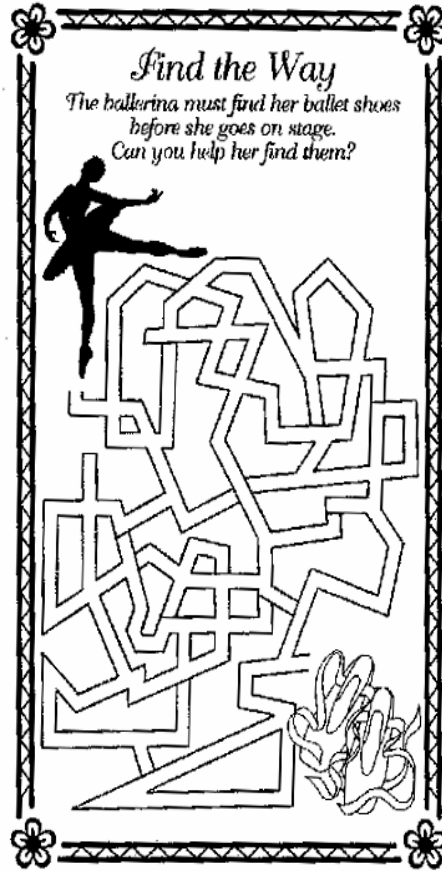


JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!

- Alli Lewis - January 6th
- Grace Duncan - January 31st

DANCE PUZZLE

Find the Way
 The ballerina must find her ballet shoes before she goes on stage.
 Can you help her find them?



TERMINOLOGY



Feet in Ballet
Fourth Position



Arms in Ballet
Fourth Position



Retiré

A position in which the thigh is raised so that the pointed toe is in line with and touching the knee of the supporting leg either front or back.

These terms are used frequently in your child's ballet class. Please note that they will learn many "French" words.
Dance—it's more than just movement!

JANUARY

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Jan. Tuition Due Today	6 Jan. Tuition Due Today	7 Jan. Tuition Due Today	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Class WILL BE in session today	20	21	22 Costume Payment Due TODAY!	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31