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April 2016 News

All classes are progressing nicely in preparation for our spring recitals. As the spring sports season begins, please keep in mind that <u>our classroom attendance is very important</u>. Absences affect the entire class. We are teaching new steps and combinations every week as well as working on lines and formations.

REHEARSALS

Our Saturday, May 7, recitals for previously designated classes will be held at Highlands High School in Ft. Thomas, KY. The rehearsal will be that same morning beginning at 8:15 for the 1:30 show performers, 9:30 for the 4:00 show performers and 10:45 for the 6:30 show performers. All other classes will be participating in both shows on May 14 at Highlands High School with the rehearsal on Friday evening (May 13). Specific rehearsal times and recital procedures will be discussed at the final watch week during the last 20 minutes of class. All show times and rehearsal times will also be posted on our website.

RECITAL T-SHIRTS

T-shirt order forms were sent home with our March newsletter as part of the tights sizing paper. It will be a royal blue t-shirt this year with our recital theme on the front and everyone's name on the back. A full color version of the design can be found on our website. At this time you should have already turned in your tights and t-shirt sizing paper.

IMPORTANT DATES

Final Watch Weeks

Mon. April 18 through April 23

Studio B (Southgate, upstairs) Highland Heights 2 (back classroom)

Mon. April 25 through April 30

Studio A (Southgate, downstairs) Highland Heights 1 (front classroom)

During the last 20 minutes of Watch Week we will discuss all recital procedures and costumes.

 You may reference our web site calendar to check on your child's last day of dance before recitals.

RECITAL VOLUNTEERS

The Manyet Dance recitals are large productions and require the help of many volunteers behind the scenes. Women who volunteer will wait in the dressing room with their child's class until their child's dance and then watch from back stage. Volunteers will not be permitted to watch from the back of the auditorium. The constant entering and exiting is very distracting to our videographer and audience members. We also need volunteer backstage runners and ushers. To volunteer your services for any of the five performances, please sign up online using the following directions:

- 1. Go to www.signupgenius.com.
- 2. Click on the "Find a Sign Up" link on the top right corner of the home page.
- 3. Search by entering Manyet's email address, manyetdance @gmail.com.
- 4. Put in the access code "RECITAL" (in all capital letters).
- 5. Choose your day and class to volunteer with.

Volunteers will receive a free registration for <u>one</u> student for the 2016-2017 dance year. Volunteers should pick up their signed voucher from the volunteer sign-in table outside of the dressing room area before the show. This is a sign-in for official volunteers *previously* signed up to assist. This voucher <u>must</u> accompany your registration sheet for the 2016-2017 year to receive one free registration and must be received in our office by July 1.

RECITAL TICKETS

Attached is the ticket order form. Please read over it carefully and make sure to select the correct show time when ordering your tickets. We will again have a lottery drawing. All tickets are reserved seating at a cost of \$14.00 per seat. You may not receive your tickets until your account is up to date.

The May 7 recital times and classes were listed in previous newsletters and are also on our web site. Please reference the web site if you are unsure of your child's recital time.

MAY 14 - SHOW TIMES

On **Saturday, May 14**, our shows will begin at 1:00 and 7:30 PM. Doors will open approximately thirty minutes before each show.

PICTURES & COSTUMES

Our picture dates this year are Saturday, April 23 and Sunday, April 24 <u>at our new Wilder location</u>. Don't forget to schedule your appointment. All Dance Troupe pictures are Friday, April 22. The signups are available on line at <u>www.signupgenius.com</u>. You may find the signup sheet by searching our email address. The access code is "PURPLE". Complete directions for signing up were sent home in the March newsletter. More detailed information about ordering your child's pictures will be sent home soon. Students with several costumes may want to select a couple of favorites to keep the process moving as quickly as possible. If you have questions about costumes before picture days, please stop in with your costume during the last 5 minutes of class from April 16 through April 21.

The office will be closed on picture weekend and we will <u>NOT</u> be selling tights at HH. All dancers will receive their recital tights that were included in their bundle package prior to picture day.

PARADES

All dance students age eight and older are invited to dance in the Bellevue Dayton Memorial Day Parade on May 25 and the Ft. Thomas 4th of July Parade on Saturday, July 2. Dancers must sign up in the office and order a parade shirt. The same shirt will be worn in both parades and must be ordered ahead of time. You must place your parade t-shirt order with the office by Monday, April 25. We have an exciting new performance t-shirt this year and the cost of it is \$14. We will have sample sizes in the office in mid-April. In addition to the parade shirt you should wear plain white shorts, plain white tennis shoes, light makeup and hair in a high ponytail. No practice necessary for the Memorial Day Parade but there will be a **MANDATORY** practice for the July 4th parade on Thursday, June 30, from 6:00-7:30 PM at the Highland Heights studio.

SPRING & SUMMER CLASSES

We will be having a 5 week spring session starting on Monday, May 16. The schedule is attached to this newsletter. Our 6 week summer session will begin July 5 and that schedule will be sent home with the May newsletter. These schedules will include classes such as ballet, tap, tumbling, jazz, pointe and hip hop classes as well as some specialty classes like Dance Buddies, Creative Dance, Princess Camp, Dance Team Prep and more. Both of these schedules will also be posted on the web site.

BRAVO!

Congratulations to Ms. Taylor Anne Walz who will be performing for her fourth year with the Coney Island dancers and singers this summer!

We thank you for all of your continued support and hope that you are pleased with the progress your child is making.