

DanceCo Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Christmas Break

NO CLASSES December 20 to January 3

WATCH WEEK

Thanks so much to all of you who came out for Watch Week. We hope you enjoyed watching your dancers in class.

8 MONTHS FREE TUITION

Congratulations to the Jalbert family for winning eight months free tuition for the 2009/2010 season. They were eligible for this draw by registering and submitting all payments by June 30, 2009.

8 WEEK PROGRAMS

Registration has begun for our Winter 8 Week Programs. We will be offering Preschool Combos, Various Hip Hop Classes, Beginner All-Dance for 6 to 9 year olds (jazz, hip-hop, ballet, tap), and an Adult All-Dance (offering jazz, hip-hop, African and Bollywood). Carlo Atienza from 3rd Street Beat will also be running hip hop classes during this time frame. All classes will commence the week of January 25th, 2010. Please see receptionist to register or for additional information.

WATCH WINDOWS-ASSIGNED STUDIOS

We are once again trying to rotate our studios so that all parents will have opportunities to watch their dancers. This also allows for dancers waiting in the lobby to watch other types of classes, and also adjust to various studios when they are in their own class. We appreciate your patience while we work towards an effective system.

CELL PHONES

Please encourage your dancers to leave their cell phones at home, or ensure they are **TURND OFF** during class time. Thank you for your assistance.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS

We would like to re-confirm with all our parents the expectations we have in regards to the relationship between our parents & instructors. We would ask that all parents treat our instructors and office staff with dignity and courtesy at all times. We encourage good communication between our DanceCo families and our studio administration/teachers - in regards to positive feedback, as well as any concerns. However we would ask that this always be carried out in an appropriate, respectful manner.

FESTIVAL FEES

Festival Deposits (\$60 per festival class) provided at time of registration will be processed approx. Nov 15th. At this time we have confirmed that **ALL FESTIVAL CLASSES** at DanceCo will attend the following:

Dance Extreme in Sherwood Park April 14 to 18, and Dance Jam in Fort Saskatchewan April 30 to May 2

If your child will **NOT** be participating in the festivals, written notice is required by November 25 or you are responsible for fees.

We have still not confirmed a 3rd festival for our competitive dancers (as well as our attendance at Artist's Emerge). Once this information has been confirmed, you will be notified of the specifics, including any additional fees owing.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

We have a variety of items arriving soon that will be for sale at DanceCo. They would make **GREAT** Christmas gifts. Come in and check them out!



LOST AND FOUND

All items in the lost & found box will be donated to charity over the Christmas Break. If you are missing any items, please check the box before December 19th.



STOCKING STUFFER TREE

The Kinettes collect Stocking Stuffers each year to prepare gift bags for St. Albert kids in need. The gift bags are put in the Kinette hampers and given to families at Christmas.

We invite you to give a Stocking Stuffer to your dance teacher this year - in lieu of Christmas Gifts - and your teacher and dancer can place the Stocking Stuffer on the Christmas Tree in the lobby. Please do not feel obligated to participate in this program - we simply wanted to provide an alternative to the many gifts that our staff is showered with each year, while at the same time, giving back to our community.

Some suggested items are:

Books - Reading, Crossword Puzzle, Sudoku, Magazines, Candy, Cd's, Pens, Pencils, Crayons, Stickers, Small Stuffedies, Small Games, Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Brushes, Combs, Chapstick - the Dollar Store is a great place to shop for Stocking Stuffers. Also a reminder that all items must be small enough to actually fit into a stocking and items are required for all ages, including teens (which are often needed the most).

In addition, the Kinettes are also collecting food bank items so we will have a box available by our Christmas Trees.

Items will be taken until December 11th as we need to deliver everything to the Kinettes/Food Bank by December 12.

DANCECO DANCERS PERFORMING GROUP

Our DanceCo Dancers are a performing group, run under the direction of Cheryl Fontaine, with dancers aged approx. 8 to 17. They perform locally and also travel to Penticton every year for Peachfest. This year they are working towards performing in Disneyland in the summer of 2010. Their show is approximately 25 minutes long and is titled "TV Shows From The Past".

If you have any functions you would like them to perform at, please let Cheryl or our receptionist know as they are always looking for new venues. In addition, if you would like to see them perform, a list of their shows will be posted on the bulletin board.

FESTIVAL OF TREES

Our DanceCo Dancer Performing Company will be on stage at the Festival of Trees on Sunday November 29 at approx. 4:30. We would love to see you there!

FUNDRAISING!!

The DanceCo Dancers are running several fundraisers this year in order to help offset the cost of taking the dancers to Disneyland.

Cookie Dough Sale - thanks so much to all of you who supported the cookie dough sale. Approx. \$2400 was raised for the Performing Company. Thanks also to those who attended our Christmas Shopping Day on November 15. We have not yet calculated the amount raised, but it appears to have been a huge success!!

Our next upcoming fundraiser:

Dec 5 & 12 - Bake Sale at DanceCo - a bake sale will take place in the lobby from 9:30 to 2:00. All proceeds from the sale will go towards the DanceCo Dancers Performing Company.