





### 8-Week & 1/2 Year Classes

Join us in the New Year for our Winter 8-Weeks and 1/2 Year January to June programs! Classes on our schedule include jazz/ballet & jazz/hip-hops combos, all-dance, mommy & me, hip-hop and acro with themes including Moana and Trolls for our little ones!! You can view the full schedule on our website at www.danceco.net!

### DanceCo Christmas Performances

Come out and watch our dancers perform at various Christmas events over the holidays season!!

Festival of Trees - Sunday, December 3rd - 1:50PM Shaw Conference Centre, Edmonton Oil Kings Game - Sunday, January 3rd - 7:00PM Rogers Place, Edmonton

### Christmas Week

We invite everyone to stop by for hot chocolate and candy canes during the last week of classes (Dec 11 to 16) and encourage you to bring a Food Bank Donation! We will also once again have in-studio Christmas performances for our little ones. More details will be provided in a separate email. It's always a super fun week at DanceCo, we can't wait!!

### Christmas Gift Ideas

We have some new merchandise that has arrived at our studios that would make GREAT Christmas gifts - DanceCo water bottles, sweats, tees and sweatshirts to name a few. Come in and check them out!!

### **Customer Appreciation**

Our Customer Appreciation draws were won by the Antonio (St. Albert), Morrison-Thorn (Edmonton) and Rabbit (Stony Plain) families for the month of October. They have chosen The Nutcracker, Disney on Ice and Cinderella for their art event!! Congratulations to all three families and a huge thank-you for all of the support you give DanceCo! :)

# Thank-You!

Thanks to our guest choreographers Wendi Danbrook, Sabrina Phillip, Edrick Ochoco, Josh Capulong and Lauren Ritchie who have been in to set choreography for our Pro Team dancers over the past few months. We're so lucky to have you all!

### Karries Kostumes - Dancer Discount!

Karries Kostumes and Dance Supplies will be having a Christmas Discount for all of our dancers this month at the store. Just show this newsletter to the staff at Karries to receive your Dancer Discount!!



**St. Albert Location** 780-760-1899 80-460-1899

# **Charity of Choice**

As the holidays are approaching quickly we would like to introduce to you our charity of choice for Christmas 2017! Each year DanceCo chooses an organization or event to donate to in lieu of teacher gifts and this year have decided on The Diaper Lady. There is absolutely no pressure or requirement to participate in this, unless you would like to. We originally introduced our Christmas charity plan years ago when our teachers were receiving a large abundance of Christmas gifts from their students. They love that - and are so thankful - and yet we recognized that perhaps we could turn it into a way to give back to those in need!

The Diaper Lady was started up by Sandra Manturzyk early last year after learning that when a family goes to The Mustard Seed they are only given 8 diapers to last them a month!! Sandra was shocked to discover this and that is how The Diaper Lady was born. Last year they organized a diaper drive and since then have expanded into accepting many donations including children's clothes, men's clothing, women's clothing, household items and of course, diapers! After such a successful drive last year, Sandra decided that they could do even more! At The Mustard Seed they have organized a Family Gift Centre where parents can purchase two gifts for each of their children, for the amount of \$2 each. There is also a wrapping centre provided and their children are entertained with Christmas movies, crafts and hot chocolate as their parents shop. The reason for the \$2 toy store is two fold. Firstly, it brings dignity to the parents to be able to shop and purchase a gift that they provided to their child and secondly, many people may not qualify for other toy drives such as Santa's Anonymous. All of the money from the toy store goes directly back to The Mustard Seed. They are looking for a wide range of toys from babies to teens valued at a minimum of \$10. They have a goal this year of reaching 1000 new, unwrapped toys and we at DanceCo would LOVE to help them achieve this!!

### Congrats!

We would like to take a moment to congratulate a few of our dancers who have had successful auditions and, or received scholarships over the past few months for various teams, conventions and shows!

Noelle Christiansen - Nutcracker Ballet Kason Coughlan - Groove Street Calie Fortais - Groove Street & VIP Aisha Guitterez - World of Dance Miranda Hack - Groove Street Dreya Johns - Nutcracker Ballet

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Danalyn Nielsen - Nutcracker Ballet Cassandra Pepin - Groove Street Siena Scozzafava - World of Dance Makenna Walker - Groove Street Jared Yaretz - Groove Street

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# St. Albert Studio Parking Reminder

**Stony Plain Location** 

780-591-0090

Please do not use the fire lane in front of our St. Albert location for dropping off or picking up dancers. There should be no stopping or parking in this lane for the safety of our dancers.