

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

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

#### DanceCo Christmas Performances

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

A Funky Tap Christmas - Sunday, December 16th - 5:00PM Allard Hall - MacEwan University, Edmonton

Oil Kings Game - Friday, January 4th - 7:00PM

Rogers Place, Edmonton

\*\* Help support our DanceCo Dancers travelling to Disney this summer by purchasing tickets for \$25 in our studio lobby during Christmas week!!

#### Christmas Week

We invite everyone to stop by for hot chocolate and candy canes during the last week of classes (Dec 10 to 15) 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 have been 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 arriving at our studios next week that would make GREAT Christmas gifts – DanceCo sweats, hoodies and pop sockets to name a few. Come in and check them out starting next week - while supplies last!! :)

## "Kindness Matters" Winners

Huge congratulations to the following dancers who had their names drawn from our Kindness Matters box in October and November!! These dancers were recognized by DanceCo staff members for displaying random acts of kindness around the studio!!

- Danalyn Nielsen (Stony Plain Location)
- Isabella Bruno-Bossio (Edmonton Location)
- Charlize Young (St. Albert Location)
- Trysta Getzinger (Stony Plain Location)
- Taylor Bitea (Edmonton Location)
- Molly Eddy (St. Albert Location)

# Charity of Choice

We are so excited to announce that we will once again be using The Diaper Lady for our Charity of Choice for the 2018 Christmas season! Each year DanceCo chooses an organization or event to donate to in lieu of teacher gifts. Last year we had such an outstanding amount of donations for The Diaper Lady and we have decided to support the organization into this year as well! :) 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 a few years ago 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!!

## Thank-You!

Thanks to our guest choreographers Sarah Dolan, Wendi Danbrook, Sabrina Phillip, 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 grateful that you all come back to our studio year after year to work with our dancers!!

## **Customer Appreciation**

Our Customer Appreciation draw for October was won by The Eisen Family and November by The Oliveira Family. The Eisen Family saw Disney On Ice this past weekend and The Oliveira Family will be choosing an arts based show to see in the next few days!! Congratulations to both of these families and a huge thank-you for all of the support you give DanceCo! :)

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