

FOOTNOTES

Lake Area Dance Center Studio Newsletter



IN-STUDIO HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES

DECEMBER 15TH THROUGH 19TH

Informal performances will be held for the following classes: **Tots, Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st/2nd Grade, 3rd/5th Grade, Hip Hop Age 6-8 and Hip Hop Age 9-11.** It is an opportunity for families to view their child(ren) perform dance warm-up and holiday routines. These informal performances are held in the dance studio.

For Tots classes, the viewing will be held during their regularly scheduled half-hour class time. For Preschool, Kindergarten, 1st/2nd Grade, and 3rd/5th Grade, the viewing will be held during the last half-hour of their regularly scheduled class time. For Hip-Hop Classes, the viewing will be held during the last ten minutes of their regularly scheduled time. Please come for the full class.

Children are welcome to look festive as long as they are able to dance comfortably. Students are welcome, but not required, to bring holiday gifts



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for their dancing peers (non-food items encouraged). Parents are welcome to bring a camera, too!

All dancers are invited to a studio holiday party along with competitive dancers. **The studio holiday party is Tuesday, December 18th from 7:15-9:00 p.m. (No Teen Lyrical or 8th/12th Grade classes that evening.)**



STUDIO WIDE HOLIDAY PARTY - DECEMBER 18TH

We are planning a STUDIO WIDE HOLIDAY PARTY at Lake Area Dance Center! Come for an evening of fun of craft-making, dinner-eating, and game-playing! We invite all of our clients to join us for the fun! A continued tradition at the studio!

DATE: Tuesday, December 18

TIME: 7:15-9:00 p.m. (ALL Dancers and Families)

Come looking festive and ready to relax with the dancers, parents, and staff; each competitive dancer will be assigned a food item to bring. The studio and instructors will offer a MAIN DISH, PLATES, NAPKINS, UTENSILS, CUPS, etc. The party will replace competitive dance classes and older recreational classes (Teen Lyrical and 8th/12th Grade) that evening. Younger recreational classes (Tots, Preschool, and 1st/2nd Grade) remain as scheduled. See you there!

REMINDER: SPRING PERFORMANCES

As a reminder, the dates, times, and venues for dress rehearsals and recitals are known.

Dress Rehearsals - Thursday, May 23rd
Performances - Friday, May 24th & Saturday, May 25th



There are multiple dress rehearsals and recitals so please refer to the information **IN THIS AND EVERY NEWSLETTER** that indicates which classes attend each rehearsal and performance. Those in multiple recitals attend the dress rehearsal in ***BOLD ITALICS***.

Like each year, we attempt to group families with multiple students into the same rehearsal and recital performance in addition to working around important events. Rehearsals and recitals will be held at:

Central Middle School Auditorium, 4857 Bloom Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

RECITAL 1: GROUP A**DRESS REHEARSAL: Thursday, May 23 7:00-9:00 p.m. (IN COSTUME)****RECITAL: Friday, May 24 6:00 p.m. (2 1/2 hours)**

- Tots: Monday 5:15 p.m. (Risa) AND Tuesday 9:30 a.m. (Risa)
- Preschool: Tuesday 10:00 a.m. (Risa/Maria)
- Kindergarten: Monday 5:45 p.m. (Risa)
- 1st/2nd Grade: Monday 5:00 p.m. (Grace)
- 3rd/5th Grade: Monday 6:45 p.m. (Risa)
- 5th/7th Grade: Monday 6:45 p.m. (Grace)
- **8th/12th Grade: Tuesday 7:45 p.m. (Nicole/Erika)**
- Hip Hop: Age 6-8 Mon. 6:00 p.m., Age 9-11 Mon. 8:00 p.m., **Age 12+ Mon. 8:00 p.m.**
- Teen Lyrical: **Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (Nicole/Erika)**

This performance also features OPENING NUMBER, PRODUCTION, LINE, and BALLET COMPANY featuring our competitive dancers. Additionally, the following competitive dance large groups will be a part of this recital: MINI ELITE, JUNIOR ELITE, SENIOR ELITE, JUNIOR HIP HOP, SENIOR HIP HOP. However, they will not attend this dress rehearsal.

RECITAL 2: GROUP B**DRESS REHEARSAL: Thursday, May 23 5:30-7:00 p.m. (IN COSTUME)****RECITAL: Saturday, May 25 10:00 a.m. (2 1/2 hours)**

- Tots: Tuesday 5:30 p.m. (Risa) AND Wednesday 5:45 p.m. (Risa)
- Preschool: Tuesday 6:00 p.m. (Risa) AND Wednesday 6:15 p.m. (Maria)
- Kindergarten: Wednesday 5:15 p.m. (Maria) AND Saturday 10:00 a.m. (Risa)
- 1st/2nd Grade: Tuesday 4:30 p.m. (Risa) AND Wednesday 6:15 p.m. (Risa)
- 3rd/5th Grade: Wednesday 7:15 p.m. (Risa)
- 5th/7th Grade: Wednesday 7:15 p.m. (Maria)
- 8th/12th Grade: Tuesday 7:45 p.m. (Nicole/Erika)
- Hip Hop: Age 12+ Mon. 8:00 p.m.
- Teen Lyrical: Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (Nicole/Erika)

This performance also features OPENING NUMBER, PRODUCTION, LINE, and BALLET COMPANY featuring our competitive dancers. Additionally, the following competitive dance large groups will be a part of this recital: PETITE ELITE, PRETEEN ELITE, TEEN ELITE, JUNIOR POM, SENIOR POM, TEEN HIP HOP. However, they will not attend this dress rehearsal.

RECITAL 3: COMPETITIVE DANCE GALA**DRESS REHEARSAL: Monday, May 20 6:15-8:45 p.m. (Opening Number IN-STUDIO)****RECITAL: Saturday, May 25 2:00 p.m. (4 hours with intermission)**

- Mini Elite, Petite Elite, Junior Elite, Preteen Elite, Teen Elite, Senior Elite Companies
- Junior Pom, Senior Pom, Junior Hip Hop, Teen Hip Hop, Senior Hip Hop Companies
- All Elite Company Small Groups, Graduating Senior Solos, Select Soloists (Tentative)

SPRING PERFORMANCES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Participating in a stage performance can be overwhelming for dancers and their families. Lake Area Dance Center is happy to anticipate some of commonly asked questions you may have about the remainder of the season leading to this fun, memorable event.

Q: THE DATES FOR RECITAL ARE NOT IDEAL FOR MY FAMILY. HOW ARE THEY CHOSEN?

Each year, the studio goes to great lengths to research facilities, offerings, costs AND dates of availability. These include a variety of local middle school, high schools, and colleges in the Twin Cities. Ultimately, Central Middle School has provided the closest facility, ample seating, multiple dressing areas, sound and lighting capabilities, and overall affordability. Additionally, it affords all dancers to complete our studio season prior to the busy end of school year.

Q: DO WE PURCHASE TICKETS FOR SPRING PERFORMANCES?

Yes. In general, each member of the audience need purchase a ticket. Audience members under two years of age seated in laps need not purchase a ticket. Tickets are ordered several weeks prior to recital using an envelope order form distributed in class. Orders submitted prior to deadline are eligible for the lottery system for seating assignments. Seats are assigned accounting for where your dancer(s) performs on stage. Pick up is at the desk prior to performance. Account balances must be paid IN FULL prior to pick up. Ticket prices are approximately \$10-15 each.

Q: WHEN DO WE ARRIVE FOR THE SPRING PERFORMANCE?

Please arrive no later than 30 MINUTES prior to show start. Dancers are checked-in backstage with class volunteers who chaperone dancers for the show's entire duration. This excludes TOTS dancers who are asked to be picked up and seated with families following their performance. Tots may return backstage shortly before FINALE when cued by announcement. All dancers are checked out post-show in their respective dressing rooms. Volunteer sign-up begins in late winter.

Q: I'M WORRIED MY DANCER WILL NOT PERFORM HER ROUTINE. HOW CAN I HELP HIM/HER?

In most cases, recital is a fun, memorable event for your children. Lake Area Dance Center does offer to select classes PRACTICE DVD'S and USB FLASH DRIVES for at-home practice. In other cases, select opportunities to RECORD ROUTINES in class will be offered to families. See future newsletters for more ordering and recording information.

Q: I'M NOT SURE I HAVE ALL THE DETAILS STRAIGHT. WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

COSTUME DISTRIBUTION & PICTURES - Many events precede recital performances. See important dates in the newsletter regarding *COSTUME DISTRIBUTION* and *PICTURES*. Costume distribution includes a checklist of items, how to wear them, when to wear them, as well as picture date instructions. This year, Ben Zvan Photography will be photographing dancers. BE ON THE LOOK OUT!

RECITAL PROGRAMS, T-SHIRTS, PERFORMANCE DVD's & FLOWERS - Outside of purchasing tickets, there are several ways to commemorate this end of year performance. You may place a congratulatory message in our full color program, you may purchase a recital t-shirt featuring our recital theme and its performers and/or you may pre-order PERFORMANCE DVD's from BR Productions. COMING SOON!



Have Your Next Birthday With Lake Area Dance Center



Want to throw a dance party for your next birthday?

Lake Area Dance Center will host it for you. All birthday parties include a dance class, games, and goodies for the birthday girl (or boy!) and their guests.

Birthday party time slots are select Saturday and Sunday afternoons. You bring the food, cake and beverages - we bring the rest! We also clean-up!

Call the studio at (651) 762-5366 or email us at lakeareadance@yahoo.com for availability and reservations.

- Please reserve your party at least *TWO WEEKS* in advance.
- A non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your birthday party.
- The balance is due *DAY OF EVENT*.

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CHOOSE YOUR PARTY LENGTH!

Option 1: 90 MINUTES!

PERFECT FOR AGES 3-6

Cost: \$175 (\$75 Deposit)

Option 2: 2 HOURS!

PERFECT FOR AGES 6 and Up!

Cost: \$200 (\$100 Deposit)

- *Includes birthday child and up to 9 guests. Each additional guest is \$10.00.*
- *Dance instructor hosts a 45 minute dance class and leads games for guests.*
- *We provide a decorated party room, hair-dos for each child, goodie bags, and food/ cake plates, cups, utensils, etc.*

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CHOOSE YOUR PARTY THEME!

- **Princess Party:** Pick your princess and let's get royal!
- **Pop Diva and Rock Star Party:** Time to rock and roll to our favorite jams!
- **A Day at the Spa:** Pamper the birthday dancer and friends!
- **Beach Vacation:** Time for some fun in the sun!
- **#BirthdayParty:** Be trending on Twitter and Insta-famous!
- **Dancing Through The Decades:** Time to go retro!

IMPORTANT DATES

Be sure to mark your calendars with important dates this fall, winter, and spring.

- December 3-15: COSTUME SIZING WEEKS
- December 15-19: HOLIDAY DANCE WEEK
- December 18: STUDIO HOLIDAY PARTY
- December 23-January 1: HOLIDAY BREAK
- January 14-19 : CRAZY HAIR WEEK
- February 11-16: VALENTINE WEEK
- March 4-9 - BEACH WEEK
- March 11-15: SPRING BREAK
- April 2-7: COSTUME DISTRIBUTION (tentative)
- April 22-24 : PICTURE WEEK
- May 13-18: SPIRIT WEEK
- May 22: LAST DAY OF CLASS
- May 23-25: DRESS REHEARSAL and RECITALS

CONTINUING THIS MONTH! STAR OF THE WEEK!

In select classes, instructors will choose a Star Of The Week. That dancer will receive a notification the week prior to being chosen, including a fun fact sheet to complete and to return for studio display. During class, he/she will be able to lead the class in a dance (preschool, kindergarten) or to aid the instructor to warm-up and stretch. Star Of The Week dancers may lead the class whether across the floor, or during tumbling too. And for a job well done, the dancer gets to pick the reward sticker and/or stamp received that class. Parents may be invited into class briefly to take a picture, too!

LAKE AREA DANCE CENTER IS HAVING A COLORING CONTEST!

As an annual tradition Lake Area Dance Center is having a coloring contest this holiday! Be a part of decorating our studio during the season. And be entered to win a \$50 gift card that may be used towards tuition or boutique purchases. The coloring page will be distributed in class. All current students are eligible! Please remit no later than December 22, 2018. A winner will be announced in the January 2019 Newsletter.

HELP SUPPORT LAKE AREA DANCE CENTER WHEN PURCHASING DANCEWEAR ONLINE!

Visit Discount Dance Supply online at <http://www.discountdance.com/dtp.html> and help support the studio while taking 10% OFF YOUR ORDER (one purchase only)! Enter the Teacher Referral Code TP38806 during online checkout (all purchases apply)!

REMINDER! TUITION & COSTUME FEES DUE

Both fees are due the first lesson of this month. Effective January 1, 2017, a late fee of \$25.00 will be applied if not received by second lesson of the month. In particular, costume fees are refundable up to December 1, 2018. Upon that date, those fees are non-refundable.

TEXT MESSAGE UPDATES

Sign up for our Remind Text Message Service to get reminders regarding studio news and important dates.

Text @ladcnews to 81010 to sign up!