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Welcome Back Dancers!!!

Dance Expressions is celebrating its 12th year and we are SO EXCITED!

Here's to a great 2008-2009 season

Miss Lori, Miss Sarah, Miss Samantha, Miss Amy,
Miss Morgan, Miss Ali, Miss Taylor

2008 STUDENTS OF THE YEAR!

~Presented at the May recital~

Tabitha Caulfield~Paige Barlow~Lauren Daidone

Please see our Student of the Year bio's and pictures on our recently renovated website
www.danceexpressions.com



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Recital News

*As we prepare for the 2009 recital I wanted to bring up THREE important things to prepare for:

1. Like last year we will have our dress rehearsal on Friday, May 22nd beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Northmont H.S. Approximate time 4p.m. -10 p.m. The dress rehearsal usually takes longer than the actual show night due to working out kinks and first time “stage jitters”! You only have to be a dress rehearsal for your child’s number/s. This schedule will be posted in April. I am approximating the show to last 4-5 hours. A few classes will be combining once again for production type routines.

2. Due to the seating situation and number of fans the kids all have, we will once again not be able to allow any performer in the audience until Act III.. All students will remain in the cafeteria (dressing room) until either their performance or Act III. The performers (older girls) will not be permitted to run in and out of the dressing rooms and into the audience during this time either. The highest volume of traffic occurs in the first act and then many families with younger performers leave. The cafeteria will have 1-2 TV’s with the recital playing LIVE. As in the past each class has a designated area for them to get ready in so that the groups will stay together. Coloring books/ reading material may be a good idea for those younger performers while waiting in the cafeteria.

3. In the past, the dress rehearsal was closed and only the performer and one parent were permitted. Two years ago we opened up the dress rehearsal to grandparents that would rather avoid the high volume of traffic at the Saturday performance. All Ticket prices (dress rehearsal and recital) will be the same, \$7.00. This will be for grandparents/elderly only. Otherwise the dress rehearsal is for parent/performer only. Moms do not need a ticket for the dress rehearsal but do need a ticket for the actual Saturday show. Programs are free and only given to ticket holders during dress rehearsal (please remember to take your “in-studio rehearsal” schedule with you so you have the order of appearance on hand.) Ticket sales help defray the cost of the wonderful facility that Northmont has to offer.

More information on the Recital will be sent home in the spring newsletters and on fee statements.

Soloists

Good Luck to all of our soloists this season:

(Primary Division) - Kaylynn Buckner, Avery Gunderson, Hailey Willis

(Elementary Division) - Hope Barlow, Cassidy Bledsoe, Ke’Shawn Deam-Debraux, Emily Hoagland, Hannah Koehl, Kailyn Koenitzer, Nicole Lange, Madison Matthews, Rachel McGraw, Samantha Peters, Kelly Pleiman, Claudia Pinson, Torre Romano, Haley Sands, Claire VanHoose, Lauren Verdes

(Junior Division) - Kalie Allison, Paige Barlow, Meredith Coughlin, Alex Daniel, Chelsea Hoagland, Mallory Kesler, Josie King, Brittany Klopf, Kara Lam, Allie McMahon, Savannah Reed, Margo Shining, Kayla Thompson

(Senior Division) - Natalie Bowers, Jordan Brown, Lauren Daidone, Kim Owen, Morgan Robbins, Ali Romano, Christen Ruff, Mariah West

Come out and support the soloists at Centerville H.S. Saturday Dec. 6th or at Smith Middle School on Saturday, Dec. 13th.

Introducing the 2008-2009 Dance Expressions Competition Teams

We are proud to announce the 2008-2009 primary & elementary competition dance teams. The Tiny team consists of 1st –3rd graders & our Mini team consists of 4th –6th graders. New members were selected through an audition held in the summer. Both groups will be competing in March at various dance team competitions. Several girls will be competing in the solo division as well. Good Luck Ladies!

Tiny Expressions- Captain- Hailey Willis, Co-Captains- Avery Gunderson & Megan Roberts, Officers-Kaylynn Buckner, Jessica Sacks, Victoria Theobald. Team- Cassie Black, Alyssa Burley, Erin Dean, Anna Deffet, Lily Henning, Kailyn Larger, Savannah Mattice, Kayla Miller, Madelynn Mitchell, Elise Moore, Emily Ringo, Elizabeth Schneider, Madelyn Scott, Sally Slaton, Julia Staub, Grace Swarts, Sydney Thomas, Kaili Titley, Christina Wampler.

Mini Expressions-Captain- Samantha Peters, Co-Captain- Claire VanHoose, 1st Lieutenant Taylor Imwalle, 2nd Lieutenant Emily Hoagland, Officers-Hope Barlow, Hannah Koehl, Haley Sands, Lauren Verdes. Team-Lauren Beagle, Cassidy Bledsoe, Tabitha Caulfield, Ke'Shawn Deam-Debraux, Elaine Dean, Jordyn Fishback, Kayli Gunckel, Zolee Howard, Corina Kreil, Nicole Lange, Justine Liptak, Katie Martin, Madison Matthew, Claudia Pinson, Kelly Pleiman, Rachel Roberts, Torre Romano, Bekah Shiningier, Taylor Touhey.

Miss Amy

Miss Amy Jones is one of our new teachers this year and she is currently a member of the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company. DCDC puts on various performances throughout the year at the amazing Schuster Center. Their winter concert is on February 7th.

Visit www.dcdc.org for further information.

Five & Ten Year Awards

Congratulations to those of you celebrating your 5th or 10th year with us. We will post this list after the first of the year. We go by what you filled out on your registration form. Please double check by looking at your pictures from years past or think through your costumes etc to research this. Again we depend only on what you say on the registration form and we don't want to leave anyone out.

Spring Newsletter

Please look for the very important Spring Newsletter mid-April with very important information included (recital order of appearance, information sheet, in-studio rehearsal times, picture schedule)

Come See the New Website

Check out www.danceexpressions.com to see the newly renovated site. Lots of fun pictures and videos to view. Thank you, Paula Reed. Another big thanks to Julie Seitz for previously maintaining the site for so many years!!

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Bad Weather

As we get closer to the winter season let's talk about snow! When bad weather occurs please watch your local TV stations to find out if your child's class has been cancelled. Just because school may cancel doesn't mean the studio will close. This will depend on the salt trucks and afternoon conditions.

Room Mom

We are looking for two "volunteer moms" per class. This is primarily for keeping all other parents in that class up to date on any major information. Things that the position may include are: 1. Letting parents know details regarding recital costumes; Such as where to tie bows, what to wear as an undergarment, how to sew straps, hairstyle and tights color. 2. Reminding each parent of the in-studio rehearsal schedule as it is different than regular class times. 3. Emergency phone calls incase class is cancelled for any reason. 4. Depending on age level, assistance will be needed at the dress rehearsal/recital overseeing the kids in the holding area (cafeteria). A huge thank you for those that helped at the recital in May of 2008!!!

Each volunteer will be provided a phone list after the break. Please seek out the teacher once the costumes come in for accessory details. Making a little note (per dancer) for the teacher to pass out in March/April (prior to pictures) seems to work best. Please let myself or a receptionist know if you are interested in being a room mom. We will get you a phone list after the Holiday break. Thanks to all you wonderful moms ahead of time!!!

Costume Ordering

Ordering costumes is just right around the corner for the **May 23rd 2009 Recital**. Why so early? Most studios will place orders with costume companies prior to the beginning of a new year for various reasons. To keep costs down is one. Catalogs offer a lower rate if orders are placed early to avoid the huge rush they always receive in mid-January. Ordering early also allows time for delivery in March or April. This way any sizing problems, back orders or defects can be dealt with prior to pictures and recital. **Once ordered the costumes are non-refundable. Please note that the deadline for costume payment is Thursday, December 4th at 8:00 p.m. No exceptions can be made & your child's costume will not be ordered.**

Students of the Month

Emily Ritchie - Emily Ritchie is 6 ½ years old and is a 1st grader at Ohio Virtual Academy. She has been dancing for 2 years and loves Jazz class. Her favorite subject in school is Science. Emily's hobbies include playing Polly Pockets and doing gymnastics. She loves mac n cheese and spinach pizza.

Rachel Roberts - Rachel Roberts is 11 years old and she is 5th grader at Smith Middle School. She's been with Dance Expressions for 7 years and is a member of the Mini Expressions. Her favorite dance class is jazz. Rachel's favorite subject in school is Science. Her hobbies include dance and basketball and she loves cantaloupe.

Kylie Koogler - Kylie Koogler is a 9 year old fourth grader at Murlin Heights Elementary. She is in her 3rd year of dancing. Her favorite class is acrobats and her favorite subject in school is reading. Kylie's hobbies include doing crafts and her favorite food is chicken tenders!!

Picture Date

This year the picture date will be FRIDAY, MAY 8th at the studio. A schedule will be sent home in mid-April. We ask that each child be photographed individually as well as with the class.

Picture envelopes and prices will be sent home in early May.

No Class

Holiday Break

December 15th through January 4th

Classes will resume Monday, January 5th 2008

Monthly payments are the same, regardless of number of weeks. Monthly fees are based on total number of weeks in the entire dance year & divided by months. All holidays are taken into consideration with this system. If we have a snow day, we will hold a make-up day.

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