

Fall 2009



WELCOME BACK DANCERS

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

Here's to a great 2009-2010 season

Miss Lori, Miss Sarah, Miss Samantha, Miss Amy,

Miss Morgan, Miss Ali, Miss Taylor

DANCE EXPRESSIONS

Fall Newsletter



2009 Students of the Year

~Presented at the May recital~

Kaylynn Buckner ~ Lauren Verdes ~ Christen Ruff

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

Soloists

Good Luck to all of our soloists this season.

(Primary) Avery Gunderson, Kaili Titley (Elementary) Hope Barlow, Cassidy Bledsoe, Kaylynn Buckner, Ke'Shawn Deam-Debraux, Emily Hoagland, Taylor Imwalle, Corina Kreill, Nicole Lange, Madison Mathew, Samantha Peters, Claudia Pinson, Kelly Pleiman, Torre Romano, Jessica Sacks, Haley Sands, Victoria Theobald, Lauren Verdes (Junior) Meredith Coughlin, Angie Hampton, Chelsea Hoagland, Josie King, Kailyn Koenitzer, Rachael McGraw, Carrie Neitfeld, Lea North, Alexa Prass, Savannah Reed, Margo Shining, Ashley Sturgill, Claire VanHoose (Senior) Kalie Allison, Paige Barlow, Natalie Bowers, Jordan Brown, Lauren Daidone, Mallory Kesler, Brittany Klopf, Kim Owen, Allie McMahon, Morgan Robbins, Ali Romano, Christen Ruff, Kayla Thompson.

Choreographers for the various solo competitors include: Miss Lori, Miss Sarah, Miss Sami, Miss Amy, Miss Ali Romano, Miss Morgan Robbins, Miss Taylor Peters, Miss Christen Ruff, Beth Seitz, Stephanie Blakely, Megan Zugelder & mentor Lauren Daidone.

Come out and supporter the dancers at Centerville H.S. Saturday Dec. 5th or at Smith Middle School on Saturday, Dec. 12th



A few of our younger soloists at the Oak Hills competition

Students of the Month

September - Emma Ney is a 9 yr. old at Demmitt Elementary. She is in the 4th grade and her favorite subject is reading. She has had 4 yrs. of dance & this is her 1st at Dance Expressions. Her favorite dance class is jazz. Her hobby is dancing and her favorite food is pizza. "The first day of class Emma was so energetic and ready to soak up everything she could. She's a really sweet girl!" states Miss Lori

October - Naviah Siler is a 4 yr. old in Miss Sarah's pre-ballet class. She goes to KinderCare for Pre-Kindergarten and loves nap time Her favorite dance class is ballet. Her hobbies include anything that has to do with being outdoors. Her favorite food is cucumbers. Miss Sarah says "Naviah is so sweet and is really into listening & doing her best!"

November - Isabella Brooks is 5 years old & is in Kindergarten at St. Christopher. She is in 3rd year of dance & her favorite class is jazz. In school she loves reading. Her hobbies include riding her bike & coloring or drawing. Isabella's favorite food is PB&J Miss Sami says "Isabella came to mind right away when I thought about a Student of the Month, she loves to dance, is always a good girl & has a great attention span for such a young girl!"

Room Mom's

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. 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 2009!!! Each volunteer will be provided a roster 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. Thanks to all you wonderful moms ahead of time!!!

Costume Ordering

Ordering costumes is just right around the corner **for the May 22nd 2010 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 3rd at 8:00 p.m. No exceptions can be made & your child's costume will not be ordered.**

Miss Amy

Miss Amy Jones is in her 2nd year teaching with us and she is a member of the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company. DCDC puts on various performances throughout the year with an upcoming concert on December 5th & 6th at The Masonic Temple.

You will truly enjoy yourself!!! They put on a fabulous show!

Visit www.dcdc.org for further information.

Recital News (Saturday, May 22nd 2010)

Please note this is NOT Memorial Day Weekend, it will NOT be on Memorial Day Weekend next year either but we cannot guarantee the date for 2012.

As we prepare for the 2010 recital I wanted to bring up THREE important things to prepare for:

First: Like last year we will have our dress rehearsal on Friday, May 21st 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.

Second: 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/DS games may be a good idea for those younger performers while waiting in the cafeteria.

Third: In the past, the morning dress rehearsal was closed and only the performer and one parent were permitted. Two years we opened up the dress rehearsal to grandparents that would rather avoid the high volume of traffic in the evening performance. All Ticket prices (dress rehearsal and evening 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.

Congratulations to the Dance Expressions competition teams

We are proud to announce the 2009-2010 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. Many girls are currently competing in the solo division as well. Good Luck Ladies!

Tiny Expressions- Captain- Avery Gunderson Co-Captain- Kaili Titley Officers-Savannah Mattice & Grace Swarts Team- Sydney Aller, Molly Armentrout, Alyssa Burley, Rachel Burton, Anna Deffet, Makenzie Detrick, Jenna Dietz, Morgan Downey, Mia Dues, Haleigh Gross, Lily Henning, Erin McGraw, Kayla Miller, Kayli Paugh, Emily Ringo, Anna Sciarretti, Madelyn Scott, Maritza Scott, Taryn Smith, Sydney Thomas, Laney Titley, Kayla Wall

Mini Expressions-Captain- Samantha Peters Co-Captains Kelly Pleiman & Torre Romano 1st Lieutenant Taylor Imwalle, 2nd Lieutenant Emily Hoagland Officers-Cassidy Bledsoe, Tabitha Caulfield, Haley Sands Team-Lauren Beagle, Cassandra Black, Kaylynn Buckner, Ke'Shawn Deam-Debraux, Abbey Flemming, Kayli Gunckel, Zolee Howard, Corina Kreill, Nicole Lange, Kailyn Larger, Haley Lermond, Justine Liptak, Katie Martin, Madison Matthew, Claudia Pinson, Megan Roberts, Rachel Roberts, Jordan Ross, Jessica Sacks, Bekah Shininger, Sally Slaton, Julia Staub, Victoria Theobald

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 or the TV stations websites. TV stations will prioritize who gets on TV & when they get too many they have to just rely on their website. We will also try and get it on our studio website. Sometimes crazy snow prevents me from getting to the studio to change the answering machine so please use the websites or TV. Just because school may cancel doesn't mean the studio will close. This will depend on the salt trucks and afternoon conditions.

Picture Date

This year the picture date will be FRIDAY, MAY 7th 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.

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No Classes

December 14th through January 3rd –Holiday Break
Classes will resume Monday, January 4th 2010

5 & 10 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 so if you put a question mark you may get left out.

Check out Our Website

Our website has additions almost every day. Check out the fun! Special thanks to Paula Reed for such a fantastic job on the site!!!

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