
RIVERBEND DANCE ACADEMY

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January/February 2007

We are well into 2007, and dancers and teachers are working hard to finish their masterpieces we call dance routines.

**DANCIN' IS FUN WHEN
THE HARD WORK IS
DONE!**

We have just a few reminders for everyone:

Fees Owning: Believe it or not we still have entry, costume and lesson fees outstanding. The lateness of these fees takes time away from preparation of your child's class. If you know or are uncertain whether you owe fees or not, please come into the office ASAP. If we are not in the office at the time your child dances, please call to arrange a time when the office is open.

DO NOT PUT CASH THRU THE WINDOW OF THE OFFICE...we will not be responsible for cash if it is stolen. Office Hours are Mondays 6-7 PM, Tuesday-Thursday 4-6 PM.

LESSON FEES: Cheques not received for Terms 2 & 3, now have an additional \$20.00 late fee charge. It is the studio's policy for postdated cheques to be provided for the year.

ATTENDANCE: Your child's attendance and attitude along with proper dance attire and being at all classes on time affects the progress, not only of your child, but the WHOLE group. It is especially important for dancers to be in attendance from now until the end of the year. With competitions performances coming up it is vital that they keep working in class and perfecting their routines.

Please discuss this as a family. We also encourage practice at home. If you would like to bring in a blank CD for your child's music, we can make a copy for you. Or bring a loonie to your teacher and we can make a copy for you.

Parent Viewing: We will be holding our 2nd parent watch week beginning Monday, March 11 thru to and including Saturday, March 17th. Please plan to attend as important information will be given out.

Parents: We have taken out the couch as it was

broken, and replaced it with some reception chairs. Please watch small children, and if they are CLIMBING or STANDING on the chairs or benches, tell them to sit on them and not climb or jump on the furniture. A piece of furniture can only take so much abuse, and in order to help us keep studio costs down, we need to treat the everything with some TLC.

Dance Festivals: By now everyone should know that Riverbend Dance Academy dancers will not be attending the Dare to Dream Festival Apr 27-29. We will however be attending the Sundance Stars Festival in Fort Saskatchewan, April 20-22. All dancers that were participating in the Dare To Dream Festival are entered in this one instead.

The fees for Sundance Stars Festival were slightly higher, and in order to get into this festival I had to make a quick decision. Solo Fees were \$5 extra per solo and Duo fees are \$3. To cover this increase we have to charge each dancer the extra. Please see Karen or Marilyn in the office to update your fees.

On-Stage Rehearsal: All Riverbend Dance Academy dancers who will be competing in competitions in April and May 2007 will have the opportunity to perform ahead of that time. To help prepare we will be having a stage rehearsal Wednesday, April 11th from 4-9 PM. This will take place at Myer Horowitz Theatre, U. of A. upstairs in the Student's Union Bldg. Regular class groups for that day will be cancelled, and dancers for these groups will come on a different day (see below) that week.

Wednesday 4:15-6 PM will come Tues 4:15-5:45

Wednesday 6-7 PM class will have a class on Saturday April 7th from 11:45-12:45 PM.

Wednesday 7:15-9:15 class will come Tuesday April 10th from 5-6:45 PM.

The final schedule for the rehearsal will not be available until March. Should you have any questions, please talk to Marilyn or your child's teacher. This stage rehearsal allows teachers to see their students on a stage. This is a rehearsal only NO COSTUMES. It is a fun, informal way to see several of the excellent performances that dancers have worked so hard on.

We need to collect \$2 per dancer per group to cover the cost of the On-Stage Rehearsal. Please send your payment in an envelope marked with your child's name and what class(es) they attend.

Riverbend Annual Trophies and Plaques: If you were awarded a trophy or plaque at recital last year, it

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is time to return your award. Please bring it with you to the studio.

Riverbend Dance Academy Clothing: We have dance clothing in stock, such as Hoodies (Zippered and No-Zip), Yoga Pants and Sweats (with the word "DANCE" on the butt), Long-Sleeve T's. Order forms are also available for items not in stock.

Dancer of the Month: Each month we select a Petite (6 years and under), Junior (7-9 years) and a Senior Dancer (10 years and up). Teachers evaluate each dancer in their classes and choose one dancer, to be nominated for Dancer of the Month.

The following receive Dancer of the Month:

Petite: Kennedy Tauber (Sept), Mackenzie Adair (October), Samantha Cornand (Nov), Sydney Jinjoe (Dec), William Beach (Jan)

Junior: Izabella Janiszewski (Sept), Rakeya Moussa (Oct), Chanel Reid (Nov), Serena Cantalini (Dec), Tyra Reed (Jan)

Senior: Hannah Klose (Sept), Jamie Gladwin (Oct), Jena Pohl (Nov), Hayli Hinchey (Dec), Samantha Tewitz (Jan)

Congrats everyone...keep working hard!

Stretching: Reminder for dancers to bring a note from home if they have committed to stretching 20 minutes (5 times per week)...this is open to dancers under or over 10...sorry our last Newsletter said 10 & under.

We will also be looking at new dancers in the splits by the 15th of February....put in some additional time stretching...and who knows!

Prizes and awards will be given to those committing to their stretching...so bring a note or show us your splits!

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- Mar 1-2/07 Teacher's Convention
(Regular Classes)
- Mar 15-18/07 Dance Power Edmonton Solos
- Mar 26-30/07 Spring Break (NO Classes)
- April 6/07 Good Friday (Regular Classes)
- April 9/07 Easter Monday (Regular Classes)
- April 11/07 Rehearsal on-stage for competitions
- April 20-22/07 Sundance Stars (Dow Centre for Fine Arts, Fort Saskatchewan)
- May 1-6/07 Dance Power Edmonton
- May 10-13/07 Santana Dance Festival (Sh Park)
- May 12-21/07 Alberta Dance Festival
- May 21/07 Victoria Day (No Classes)
- May 22-25/07 Picture Week
- June 10/07 Year-end Recital (Myer Horowitz)

ALL dancers age 6 & up will be participating DANCE POWER, SUNDANCE STARS. This is for certain classes only and not pre-school or kinder combo classes

In closing, any questions or concerns, please call the studio number: 988-8457 or email me at marilyn@riverbenddance.com. Please do not hesitate to contact us, or leave your name for your child's teacher and they can call you back. Try to avoid talking with teachers after your child's class as it interferes with the next class.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb 19/07 Family Day (Regular Classes)