



the Dance Connection

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May News

TUITION, COSTUMES, AND FEES: Many costumes have arrived. Just patiently waiting for a few more companies. It is our policy that no costumes leave the studio until they are paid for in full and tuition is current. Please be sure to write your child's name on all costumes, tights, and shoes, etc. Your teacher will let you know what color tights and shoes to wear. All tuition should be paid in full by studio rehearsal.

RECITAL PACKAGE: The recital package fee is now due. This is a \$50 mandatory fee for all families. This includes the recital fee, two tickets to the show, and a DVD of the show. On the day of tickets sales, each family will have two tickets already paid (you will still need to choose your seats). **No tickets can be purchased until this fee is paid.**

TICKETS: Tickets for both shows go on sale Saturday, May 20th from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. and are available on a first come, first serve basis. All seating is reserved. All tickets are \$10. If your child is in both shows, tickets are required for each show. Every family with a child in both shows will receive 1 complimentary ticket to the second show. The ticket limit will be unlimited for the matinee and 10 tickets per family for the evening show on the first day of sales. Additional tickets, over the limit, can be purchased during normal class times after the 20^h at the desk. If you have to change your child's costume, please consider trying to get an aisle seat. If you cannot make it to ticket day, you may write your order on an envelope with the payment inside, and we will choose your seats for you when we get a break in the line. Please include your student's name, how many tickets to which show, and any seating preference.

TICKET DAY GUIDELINES: Morton High School's auditorium offers a nice view from every seat. Lining up early to get a "good" seat is not necessary, unless you are hoping for the front and center section. If you do choose to line up early on the day of ticket sales, we ask you please adhere to the following. 1. You may not drop a lawn chair off to hold your space and leave. You must accompany your chair at all times. 2. You may not hold a spot for someone else to arrive at a later time. For every chair you place out, there must be a person to occupy it. 3. You may only purchase tickets for **one family per person**. If you are planning on purchasing tickets for someone else, you must have a second person in line with you. 5. Please clean up after yourself. Use the trashcans provided.

No tickets can be purchased on this day if you carry an outstanding balance on tuition and fees.

Remember that there are several other businesses with Saturday hours; please be respectful of them and their customers. Also, please have respect for each other. Our ticket price is the lowest among area studios. Changing to another method of ticket sales will inevitably drive the price of tickets higher.

SHOW ASSIGNMENTS: Again, a reminder that we will be having two shows this year: a matinee and an evening performance. Here is a breakdown of who will be in what show.

MATINEE 12:30

Sat. 10:30 3 yr. Olds
Sat. 11:00 4 yr. Olds
Sat. 11:45 Children's Dance
Sat. 12:30 Tiny Tap
Sat. 10:30 Ballet I
Sat. 11:15 Jazz I
Sat. 11:45 Tap I
Sat. 12:15 Ballet/Jazz
Sat. 1:00 Beg. Tap
Mon. 4:45 Special Needs

EVENING 6:00

Mon. 4:00 4 yr. Olds
Mon. 5:00 Mini Funk
Mon. 5:45 Funk I
Tues. 4:00 3 yr. Olds
Tues. 4:45 Tumbling I
Tues. 5:30 Ballet/Jazz
Tues. 4:30 Ballet I
Tues. 5:15 Jazz I
Tues. 5:45 Tap I

EVENING CONT...

Wed. 4:15 Funk I
Wed. 4:00 Tiny Tap
Wed. 4:30 Children's Dance
Thurs. 4:00 Children's Dance
Thurs. 4:45 Beg Tap
Thurs. 5:15 Ballet/Jazz

IF YOUR CLASS IS NOT LISTED ABOVE, YOU WILL BE IN BOTH SHOWS.

PICTURES: Recital pictures are scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd and Sunday, June 4th at The Dance Connection. Memory Makers will take photos of the children in costume. It is not mandatory that you take or buy pictures. A picture schedule with times and information on prices will soon follow.

STUDIO REHERSAL: Studio rehearsals are set for June 13th and June 14th at The Dance Connection. Those students (in both shows) who are in Act I will have rehearsal on Tuesday and those (both shows) in Act II will come on Wednesday. Studio rehearsal is a time for us to run the show and work on entrances, exits, spacing, etc. It is also a time for the students to learn their cues, see other classes, and learn the finales. **No costumes** are to be worn at these rehearsals. Make sure you dress cool and comfortable. Times will soon follow.

DRESS REHEARSAL: Dress rehearsal for both shows is **THURSDAY**, June 15th at **MORTON HIGH SCHOOL - 6915 Grand Ave. (Corner of Grand and 169th)**. Here, the entire show is run **in costume**. It is a long day, but very important. It is the only time the kids get to practice on the stage. Please plan accordingly.

During dress rehearsal, children are allowed to sit in the audience with their parents and watch the show until they are called to perform. Also, use this time to familiarize yourself with locations of the dressing rooms, bathrooms, holding area, etc. We will run the rehearsal in the order of the show, however we practice finales first. This is for your convenience so that you can leave as soon as your child's dance is over.

RECITAL: The recital is Saturday, June 17th at the Morton High School. Matinee performance at 12:30 p.m. and evening performance at 6:00 p.m. Doors open one hour before each show. The show is two acts with a short intermission. During the show we will keep the children in our supervised holding room. They will wait there until they are called to dance. After they are finished with their dance, the children will return to the holding room to prepare for the finale. The children are kept occupied with coloring books and crayons, but they can also watch the show in progress on a closed circuit television. No students should be wandering the halls or seated in the auditorium, unless specifically given permission by your teacher (i.e. our youngest students). Parents, **DO NOT** take your children out of the cafeteria. Once again, each mother will be given a dressing room badge. You do not enter the cafeteria without a badge, therefore

there should only be one adult with each child. We are trying to keep our dressing room a dressing room, rather than a congregation area. Please take your pictures with other family members in the hallway, before or after the show.

Friends Flowers will be selling presentation bouquets and other gifts in lobby before the show. If you would like to purchase something for your child, please arrive early enough to do so.

DVDS: We have our show professionally videotaped by Gene Kellar Productions. You will receive one DVD per family with the recital package. Additional DVD's can be purchased for \$40 each.

There is **no videotaping** during the show. Accidents happen and video cameras and phones/tablets sometimes block other people's view of the stage. Please feel free to videotape at anytime during dress rehearsal while the house lights are on. Also, **no flash photography** will be allowed during the performance. It is very distracting to the dancers on stage as well as the audience around you. Again, take as many flash photos as you would like during dress rehearsal.

As we get closer to the show, you will receive your "recital packet" with detailed information regarding picture times, rehearsal times, checklists, and schedules, etc.

If you have any questions regarding the recital, we would be happy to answer them for you.

4TH OF JULY PARADE: Our sign up sheet will soon be in the lobby if you are interested in performing in the Annual Whiting 4th of July Parade. We march/dance the entire parade route. The parade is Tuesday, July 4th at 10:00 a.m. Rehearsals will be June 30th at 6:00 pm, July 1st at 10:00 am and July 3rd at 6:00 pm. Attending two out of three rehearsals is mandatory. The uniform for the parade is a white Dance Connection T-shirt, red shorts, and white shoes. If you are interested, please sign up in the lobby.

Thank you,
The Dance Connection

Costume Balance: _____

Tuition Due: _____

Recital Fee Due: _____