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May News

TUITION, COSTUMES, AND FEES: Most costumes have arrived. 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 and fees should be paid in full by studio rehearsal.

TICKETS: Tickets for both shows go on sale Saturday, May 22nd from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. and are available on a first come, first serve basis. 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. All seating is reserved. All tickets are \$10. 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 22nd at the desk.

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

Sat. 10:00 3 yr. Olds
Sat. 10:30 4 yr. Olds
Sat. 11:15 Children's Dance
Sat. 12:00 Tiny Tap

EVENING

Mon. 4:00 4 yr. Olds
Tues. 4:45 Ballet/Jazz
Tues. 5:30 Tumbling I
Tues. 4:00 3 yr. Olds
Wed. 4:00 Tiny Tap
Wed. 4:30 Children's Dance
Wed. 6:30 Funk I
Thurs. 4:00 Children's Dance
Thurs. 4:45 Tap I
Thurs. 5:15 Ballet/Jazz
Sat. 12:30 Ballet/Jazz

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

PICTURES: Recital pictures are scheduled for Sunday, June 6th 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 REHEARSAL: Studio rehearsals are set for June 8th and June 9th 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 Friday, June 11th 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.

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 12th at the Morton High School. Matinee performance at 1:00 p.m. and evening performance at 6:00 p.m. Doors open an 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.

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. Because of the length of our show, it will be put on two DVD's (Act I and Act II). DVD's are now on sale for \$35.

There is **no videotaping** during the show. Accidents happen and video cameras 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 is now 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 Sunday, July 4th at **12:00 p.m.** Rehearsals will be Thursday, July 1st and Friday, July 2nd at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday July 3rd at 10:00 a.m. 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: _____