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Excel Dance Centre

Newsletter



Welcome Back Dancers!!

We are so glad that you have chosen Excel for your dancer for not only a great dance education, but also a loving and nurturing environment where they will grow, thrive and excel! We strive to make every year the best it can be so please let us know if there is anything we can do to answer questions or help your dancer. No question is silly and we are here to help you! Please make sure we have your email address updated so you will receive further newsletters via email. We look forward to an amazing year!!

Important dates to put in your calendar:

October 2nd - First costume payment due
October 3rd - tuition due
October 9th - 14th - First PEEK WEEK!
October 16th - 21st - Bring a friend to dance week!
October 24th - 30th - Make believe week
(wear your Halloween costume to class)
October 31st - No dance. Safe trick-or-treating
November 6th - Second costume payment due
November 22nd - 26th - Thanksgiving recess
Dec. 4th - Third costume payment due for multiple classes
Dec. 25th - Jan. 7th - Christmas/Holiday Break & Winter camps!
March 4th - Joffrey auditions at Excel!
March 30th - April 8th - Spring Break (no classes)
May 5th - Excel Picture Day at the Southridge. Times TBA
Monday, May 28th - No Class, Memorial Day
June 11th - 16th - Mandatory rehearsals and Recitals at Paw Paw High School (Times announced in Feb)

Attire & Friendly Reminders

Please remember how important it is to make sure every dancer is wearing the appropriate attire. I know it can be a struggle with your dancer but I promise it makes all the difference. From leotards to tights to shoes, these are the things that make a dancer feel like a dancer. It is also important to keep everyone safe and "covered." If you have any questions about your attire requirements please check the website, see your teacher or Ms. Karly or Ms. Ginger at the front desk. We are so excited to offer Curtain Call for class this year that is an amazing way to order your supplies and have them shipped right to you!! The link is right on our website and very user friendly!

Please remember for our little dancers they will need full leather ballet shoes. This is for their protection. The little silky ballet slippers can be dangerous with slip and falls.

PEEK WEEK

Peek Week is a great way to get a chance to see your dancer in action. Every 5-6 weeks you will be invited into the last 5-10 minutes to see what we have been working on. The kids really look forward to sharing with you and we will make sure to remind you with our posters on the doors the week before. Our first peek week will be Oct. 9th-14^h

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF!

We are so excited to welcome our new teachers that come to us with not only amazing backgrounds but more passion for teaching dance and helping your students grow than I've ever seen. This years Excel staff is amazing! Please take time to welcome Ms. Darby, Ms. Sam, Ms. Taylor, Ms. Amanda, Ms. Angel and Ms. Jess! We are currently working on updating our new pictures and bios on the web so you can learn all about your teachers!!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH!

We are so excited to continue the tradition of student of the month! At the end of each month the teachers will nominate 4 students from each age category to represent Excel for the following month. They will receive a \$10 gift card towards Excel gear as well as their picture taken with their certificate. We will be looking for students that are kind, compassionate, a good leader, comes to class and on time, humble, a good friend, takes corrections and is positive. Good luck dancers! You are all amazing!

PARKING!! We always like to take time to remind everyone of parking lot safety. The first 2 weeks are crazy, Please take your time as there are little ones running everywhere☺ Remember no dropping off or picking up in the front and please do NOT block traffic when dropping or picking up in the back. Let's work together and make it work☺

EXCEL GEAR!

We have some fun new shirts and fall gear just in time for the cool weather as well as some fun dance shorts that can come in handy all year! Order forms are coming home with your dancer so please let us know if you have any questions. We hope you love the new styles just as much as us and we can't wait to see you support Excel loud and proud!

SIGN UP FOR E-LETTERS

This will be the last paper newsletter to go out this year. In order to conserve paper we will be continuing with E-letters. Please make sure your email is up to date so you can keep up with the monthly newsletters. We will still post them on our website as well as have hard copies still available in the office if you do not have access to email. Thank you☺

COSTUME SHEETS!

I always am shocked at how quickly the costume process begins! Your costume order sheets will be coming home the week of September 18th, so please don't hesitate to ask any questions. We work very hard to make sure we find amazing costumes that are age and style appropriate and look forward to seeing all the great styles the teachers find this year! As you can imagine, with costs rising and styles becoming "less covered" this is now a bigger challenge than ever but we are PROUD to say we always make it happen! We can't wait!

SNOW DAY PROCEDURE REMINDER!

We sure don't like to think about the little white stuff yet but we wanted to remind everyone that all closures will be posted through our Facebook page and mass text program. You will just need to opt in if you haven't used the texting yet. If you are not friends with us on Facebook please make sure you like us now so you don't forget. We hope it's a little less "white stuff" this year! Fingers crossed!