

January Festival Update:

Firstly, please remind your children that festival is a privilege, it is not a given. There must be a level of dedication to do their best in class as well as practice at home. We want the students to feel confident about their festival groups and the only way to do this is with some practice time and focus in class. Remember that this is a team. Do your best for yourselves and for your teammates.

All festival dance choreography is to be complete by the end of January. February and March are cleaning month. Attendance is very important. The teachers do get picky and give many corrections during this time. Please be sure that your child understands that fixing and making corrections is our job, practicing and doing the corrections is theirs.

Taber Festival Group cd's are now complete and for sale. This cd has all groups included on it. \$10.00. We are still working on the Lethbridge group cd but we will have them out very soon.

Anyone who participates in festival **MUST** be up to date in **regular class fees**. There are still some outstanding accounts and payments are well overdue. Please take care of this immediately. Remember that our book keeper is in the Lethbridge office from 9:30-4:00 every Friday. Taber clients may call in visa payments if you are unable to get into the office.

All **entry fees** for groups and solos are no **overdue!!** They were due on Friday January 13. Forms and fees will be sent on Friday January 20 to guarantee our entries in these festivals. Entries are taken on a first come first serve basis to these festivals. We do not want our entries rejected. Your child's name is added to the entry once fees are in...please...get them in by Friday!!

Dance Power Lethbridge (YATES) April 10-15, Medicine Hat Festival of Friends (COLLEGE) April 20-22, Moose Jaw Festival of Dance (Level C and Up) (PEACOCK AUDITORIUM) May 2-6. Please be sure you have booked your accommodation in these cities. Because we only get the festival schedules 1-2 weeks prior to the festival, hotel cancellations are usually easier to do than to find a hotel room at a late date.

Marching On and I Am have tentatively been scheduled for rehearsal on Saturday Feb 4. Marching On from 2-3 and I Am from 3-4. These groups need to be pulled back together with everyone in attendance so we can run them in class periodically so please let us know via email if you are unable to attend. We will keep these rehearsals to a minimum so it is important to attend.

Sunday March 11 is our festival group blocking rehearsal at the **Yates**. This rehearsal is **mandatory**. We apologize that it is on a Sunday; however this is the only rehearsal day available to us from the city. This rehearsal is not in costume. It will be in dance attire please and be about spacing the dances.

Monday April 2 and Tuesday April 3 have been set aside as our **costume rehearsal** days at the Lethbridge studio. There will be no "regular classes for festival students, however, all classes will be called for an in costume rehearsal of their dances. This gives our seamstresses a week to fix any problems before Dance Power. We will do the same thing in **Taber on Wednesday April 4**.
SCHEDULES TBA

Please be sure all solo/duo private lesson accounts are up to date. A deposit of \$100 was required before Christmas and one was due after Christmas.

Company accounts: We have had parents asking if they can make payments on these classes and not wait for just one large bill at the end of the year. We will send an attachment to all company students on where these fees stand at the end of this rotation. If you wish to make a payment on the account we will definitely accept it. The studio does pay the teachers out for these lessons monthly. Just remember that it won't be deducted from the overall group bill until June. At the end of June, all company lessons will be complete and any winnings that each group may receive have been deducted.

Hair/Tights/Shoe/Accessory/Yates Rehearsal Time and make-up sheet will be sent home by the end of the month. We will post what we have thus far.

Regular class time changes starting Monday February 6

Monday: Grade 4 Ballet will go back to regular time, ballet at 7:00

Tuesday:

Day Time	Tues	Tues	Tues
4:00	Ballet Grade 2C R	Jazz B L	Tap 1 Exam C
4:45	Ballet Grade 1B R	Ballet Pr Prim L	Tech Stretch C/D C
5:30	Ballet Grade 3D R	Jazz C L	Tap 2 A yr 1) C
6:15	Ballet Primary R	Jazz D/E L	Musical Theatre G/Sr C
7:00	Ballet Grade 4E R	Jazz F V	Tech Stretch G Sr C
7:45	Ballet Grade 6G R	Tap 9 Senior V	Tech Stretch E F/Sr C
8:30	Ballet Grade 5F R	Jazz G Senior Jazz V	
9:15	Ballet Sr 8 & 7 Choreo R		

Thursday: Sr Tap Choreo usually at 7:45, must come at 5:30 on Feb. 9 and 16 to put Group together with G class

It is time once again to start the 10 week session classes here at VanDance.

Adult Classes:

- Adult Advanced Jazz will be Monday @ 8:30-9:15
 - Adult Beginner Tap will be Wednesday @ 7:00-7:45(Time Change!)
- Adult Adv Tap Monday from 9:15-10:00

Adult Classes will run from the weeks of Jan 23- Apr 2 inclusive (no classes the week of Feb. 20).

Zumba: There are Zumba classes running at our Taber Location and Kristi, the instructor would like to get a class going at our Lethbridge location. As VanDance does not run these classes, we only rent the space, please contact Kristi directly if you would like to join the existing class in Taber or be a part a class here in Lethbridge. More info is displayed on our website. Call Kristi at 403-315-2076

Mom and Tots: We will try to get another Mom and Tot class started up on Tuesday Feb. 7 @ 11:00 (8 weeks only!)

All session classes are \$99.75 (gst included) for the session (8 or 10 weeks depending on class)