

January Newsletter 2018

Happy New Year to All!

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas season and are all looking forward to this new year.

I thank you all very much for all of the wonderful and yummy goodies the staff received. Thank you for thinking of us!

We want to make a very exciting announcement. Miss Heather has come out of early retirement and will be returning to VanDance 2 evenings a week. Miss Heather will be taking on a new role at VanDance and will be joining the VanDance Ballet team, teaching Tiny Tot, Kindertot, Pre-Primary, and Primary Ballet classes as well as ballet tech. She steps into this role to help out Miss Mikaela who has run into some issues this semester with making her school schedule jive with her dance teaching schedule. Miss Mikaela will continue to be a part of the VanDance teaching team and continue to instruct her private lessons, however Miss Heather will be taking over her regular weekly classes. We thank both ladies for working towards a great solution keeping the best interests of our students at heart! Welcome back Miss Heather!!!!

We now enter the busy season for dance, preparing for festivals and exams and we hope that this letter will help with some important information.

Attendance is VERY important through January especially. All of the instructors will be working on choreography for the season this month. If your child misses, please make arrangements to review with the instructor if time permits, or review with another student so that the class is able to move along each and every week. Time is precious!

If you have a vacay booked, please write it on our calendar so that teachers can prepare! Remember to reschedule any private lessons so that you aren't billed for the time.

Important Dates to Remember:

- **Classes resume** on January 8 (Week 1 for private lesson rotation starts Jan 8)
- **Ballet Exam Rehearsal Day** for ALL Ballet Exam Students Sun Jan 14 and Sun Feb 11
- **Inspire Workshop** with Lisa Metz from Vancouver Friday Jan 26...JAZZ!!!!
- **Tap Exam Entry Deadline** is February 15
- Family Week/Teachers Convention Week Feb 18-25 inclusive. There will be NO Classes
- **Parent Viewing** will take place this year February 26-March 3
- **Ballet Exam Entry Deadline** is March 21
- **Studio Dance Trip to Toronto...Dance at Millenium!** March 23, 24, 25
- **Group Mass Rehearsal Days** at the studio March 28, 29
- No classes from March 30-Apr 8 inclusive...**Easter/Spring Break**
- **Festival of Friends Dance Festival** Medicine Hat Apr 6-8(All festival students)
- **Showtime Festival Medicine Hat** Apr 19-21(All festival students)
- **Moose Jaw Festival** May 2-6

- **Dance Invasion Lethbridge** May 10-12
- **Picture Days** have been tentatively scheduled for the week of May 14
- **Year-end Show Week** May 23-24 and this includes rehearsals and shows at the ENMAX!
Exciting year end show details will be released soon!
- **Tap Exams** The week of May 28
- **Ballet Exam Date** is not yet determined but we will shoot for May 31 and June 1

Festival/Exam Students:

- CD's for Practice for Both Tap and Ballet will be available at the office. A regular practice schedule should be taking place. \$10 from the office.
- Group Music cd's are slowly becoming available from the teachers. \$5 from the office.
- Please be sure that your private lesson accounts are kept up to date. Your next deposit for upcoming lessons of \$100.00 is due immediately.
- Tap exam dances were recorded and put on face book to help the students practice.

Practice:

I was asked by several of the instructors to put in a blurb about home practice. It is the time of year that we as teachers can only do our job of cleaning and correcting if the students come to class knowing their work and corrections from week to week. It is most important that we work together as a team to get our best results. It is frustrating for the instructors and very discouraging to the students if they do not remember from week to week. Please practice! Group cd's will be available in the office.

Please pass on our NEW Registration News:

We are accepting additional registration for our:

Tiny Tot (3 year olds) which takes place on Wed 5:30-6:00 or Saturday 10:30-11:00

Kindertot (4/5 year olds) Wed 6:00-6:30

Pre Primary Levels(5 year old) in Tap, Jazz Hop or Ballet Saturday 11:00/11:30/12:00

Recreational Hip Hop 10 and Up Mon at 5:45-6:30

Adult Tap (Beginner or Intermediate Levels) Wed 8:30-9:15

Adult Ballet (Beginner or Intermediate Levels) Wed 9:15-10:00

Adult Heels class...a little more on the risqué side! Thursday 7:45-8:30

Please pass this information on to anyone who may be interested in starting classes now! Show up to your new class the week of January 8!