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FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2020

COSTUME DEPOSITS

Thank you to everyone for returning your costume deposits. For those of you who have not yet returned these, they were due on FEBRUARY 1st. PLEASE SEND THESE IN RIGHT AWAY! We will be measuring the dancers over the next few weeks - info will be sent to you by email as necessary- in some cases you may need to come in at a time different from your regular class to be measured. Please watch for details.

3rd TERM FEES

We would like to remind everyone that the 3rd term begins on Monday, March 9th and concludes with our year end performance. Please make note that all post dated cheques for 3rd term will be deposited on March 9th.

SUMMER CAMP

Information about our summer camp programs is now being sent home. Camps for ages 4 and up are available in JULY – offering students the opportunity to experience all forms of dance, acting, singing and crafts! **DO NOT DELAY IN SENDING IN YOUR REGISTRATION –PLACES FILL UP VERY QUICKLY**

THEME OF THE MONTH

Dancers had a fabulous month of fun in January, with our theme of JOY. We participated in backwards week, pajama week and creative bun week, and created a huge 'chain of joy' all around the studio. During our January dance classes, we also took part in Wingman for Dance activities that helped us to share our personal strengths and weaknesses. We discussed how everyone wants to feel accepted and appreciated for who they genuinely are as human beings. Our goal is to always have an environment where everyone feels included, accepted, understood and appreciated!

February will focus on LOVE as our theme and dancers are asked to bring a loonie to class between February 8th and 14th. All money collected will be donated to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Dancers can also wear pink, red and white to class that week (LOONIE FOR LOVE WEEK) and we will create 'love themed' dances.

URBAN HIP HOP AND BOLLYWOOD FUSION WORKSHOPS

We are so excited to offer an incredible workshop opportunity to our dancers and their families! ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD **ALAN FAIGAL** WILL PRESENT 2 1 HOUR LONG SESSIONS IN A BOLLYWOOD/URBAN HIP HOP FUSION STYLE! Some of you will have met Alan before, as he has been involved with HeartBeatz and our Culture Days performances with Pure Grace. He has an enormous amount of energy and enthusiasm and is so much fun!

The 2 workshops will run as follows:

1-2pm - A workshop incorporating bollywood/urban hip hop fusion technique for the more serious dancer

This workshop is currently open to dancers in Grade 6 Modern Jazz and above

2-3pm - 'Blame it on the Boogie' - an inter-generational DANCE PARTY!

Open to dancers ages 7 and up - including parents and grandparents!!!

Everyone is invited to join in an hour of dance fun, incorporating an urban style and connection as a community!

REGISTRATION IS LIMITED - SPEAK TO MISS KNAPP TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

HOLIDAYS

If your dancer will be missing class on any date other than those listed below as cancelled, please inform us as soon as possible.

ALL CLASSES WILL BECOME REHEARSALS FOR THE YEAR END PERFORMANCE BEGINNING ON MARCH 23rd. **REGULAR ATTENDANCE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!!!** If your dancer will be absent from class for any reason during the 3rd term please let us know immediately (ex. family holiday). As always, we ask that you phone the school if your dancer is to be absent due to illness.

FAMILY DAY – THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 15th - 17th INCLUSIVE

MARCH BREAK -THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FROM MARCH 14th -22nd INCLUSIVE

EASTER WEEKEND

FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH – CLASSES WILL BE CANCELLED

SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH – CLASSES **WILL RUN AS USUAL**

MONDAY, APRIL 13th – CLASSES **WILL RUN AS USUAL**

MAY LONG WEEKEND

CLASSES WILL BE HELD AS USUAL DURING THE LONG WEEKEND IN MAY (MAY 16TH -18TH). **THIS INCLUDES THE HOLIDAY MONDAY - THE FINAL MONDAY BEFORE THE SHOW!**

This weekend falls very close to our year end performance. **Please plan to attend all regular classes** – and let us know immediately if you will be away.

YEAR END PERFORMANCE

REMINDER – OUR PERFORMANCE WEEK IS MAY 24TH – MAY 30TH INCLUSIVE. PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOU HAVE MARKED YOUR CALENDAR. DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER THE BREAK

We are currently in the process of organizing which junior classes (nursery, pre-primary, primary 1st and 2nd year and grade 1 1st year ballet, primary, grade 1 and 2 modern, primary/grade 1 tap) will perform each night – trying to make this fit for the many siblings and students who participate in more than one class weekly. More detailed information will follow after the March Break. At that time you will be given the specific show date(s) that your dancer will perform. **ALL OTHER CLASSES WILL PERFORM IN ALL 5 SHOWS**

In some cases, classes will be combined to create one show dance (usually our older dancers). A newsletter detailing which classes will be combined and when classes will rehearse together will be sent home shortly. As always, we work very hard to keep to our regular timetable and only ask students to attend a small number of extra rehearsals when combining groups.

As we head into “show season” a great deal of information will be sent home. Please read all newsletters carefully (we suggest keeping a binder of all information :) !) Newsletters are also posted on our bulletin board and website.

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE!

A NIGHT WITH PURE GRACE! - MARCH 8TH

On March 8th, our performing company PURE GRACE will present a showcase of many of the pieces they have worked on this year. This will take place at film.ca Cinemas at 7:15pm. Tickets will be limited, but we do encourage you to come out to support our dancers! You will be highly entertained by their talents! If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please email Miss Knapp - they will be available beginning February 18th.

THE SPIRIT MOVES CHRISTIAN DANCE COMPANY- EVENING OF DANCE

On Sunday, April 5th at 7:30pm, our very own Spirit Moves Christian Dance Company will present a Spring Evening of Dance at Maple Grove United Church. We will also be joined by students from Spurrell Singing Studio and by members of PURE GRACE. It promises to be a wonderful evening!

Tickets are sold at the door for a minimum donation \$10 – ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO CHARITY - DETAILS TO FOLLOW. Please plan to join us! Enjoy some beautiful dancing and support others in need.

ANNUAL LEMONADE PARTY – SATURDAY JUNE 8TH

Please mark your calendar now! On Saturday, June 6TH we would like to invite all families to join us for a ‘drop in’ gathering at the studio. Lemonade and cookies will be served! You will have the opportunity to watch a preview of the recording of our year end performance, pre-register for the fall and visit with friends. It is always a fun day! The party will take place between 11am and 1pm.

