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UPCOMING DATES TO MAKE NOTE OF (Details to follow)

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 6TH AND MONDAY OCTOBER 8TH – CLASSES
CANCELLED FOR THANKSGIVING**

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 31ST - HALLOWEEN - NO CLASSES RUNNING

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3TH – THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH - Parent's
observation classes for Miss Knapp's JUNIOR classes**

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10TH- FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16TH -
Parent's observation classes for Mrs. VanDunk's JUNIOR classes**

**NOVEMBER 26TH -DECEMBER 15TH - TOONIES FOR TOYS FUNDRAISER
(Details to follow)**

**TUESDAY DECEMBER 4TH - PURE GRACE will join Spurrell Singing Studio,
and The Spirit Moves in a Christmas performance at the Meeting House. Ticket
information will follow!**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH - NO CLASSES held at the studio

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 15TH –ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY TO BE HELD IN
THE AFTERNOON – Maple Grove United Church 2:30-4:30pm (details on which
classes will not run on this day will be handed out later)**

THEME OF THE MONTH- GRATITUDE

With October being the month of Thanksgiving , our theme will be GRATITUDE!
Dancers will have the opportunity to let us know of something that they are
grateful for and at the end of the month, we will draw one name from all who
participate. This winner will have a donation made in their honour to the charity of
their choice!

PARENT'S OBSERVATION WEEK

During observation week, parents of our younger classes will be invited into the studio to watch their dancer's regular class. A separate week will be held for classes taught by Miss Knapp and Mrs. VanDunk (listed above). Please make note of when it will be your chance to come into class. Classes will begin at the usual time, but will run just a little shorter than normal, to allow for the large volume of people coming in and out of the studio.

These classes will not be prepared performances, but will run as normal to show the parents what goes on from week to week in a regular class (although one can never be sure just what the little ones will do with a room full of parents watching!).

Please remember that space is limited. While we do welcome grandparents and siblings, seating will be limited and space is tight. If at all possible please leave younger siblings (who may not be able to sit for a long period of time) at home. We do ask that the 'audience' remain seated so that the dancers (particularly the younger dancers!) can stay focused. In addition, please remember the importance of placing shoes/boots neatly in the front entranceway. There will be a lot of traffic through the school on these days!

Observation will only be permitted on the days allotted – no exceptions will be made. Observation will be held in the following levels/subjects only:

**NURSERY BALLET
PRE-PRIMARY BALLET
PRIMARY 1ST YEAR BALLET
PRIMARY 2ND YEAR BALLET
GRADE 1 1ST YEAR BALLET
GRADE 1 2ND YEAR BALLET
GRADE 2 BALLET
PRIMARY MODERN
GRADE 1 MODERN
GRADE 2 MODERN
GRADE 3 MODERN
GRADE 4 MODERN
GRADE 4 HIP HOP
PRIMARY TAP
GRADE 1 TAP
GRADE 2 TAP**

(junior musical theatre will be performing at the Christmas party and parents will have the opportunity to watch them in action on this day)

HAIR/UNIFORMS

We would like to remind everyone that dancers should attend class with their hair neatly tied back off of their face. Ballet students in grade 1 and above should have their hair in a bun – using a hair net and pins. Students are being shown how to do this – if you need further assistance please speak to Miss Knapp or Mrs. Van Dunk. A pony tail or braid would be appropriate for modern jazz and tap.

Dancers should also attend classes in the correct uniform for all classes. A uniform list was sent out with our opening letter during registration and can also be found on our website under the FAQ page. Coming to class in the appropriate dance attire is an important part of their training. Older dancers should wear clear strap bras or black/navy sports bras with their dancewear. Foot undies are only permitted when needed to cover injuries on the foot.

Please note that dancers who have ballet class before or after another class may wear their ballet uniform for both classes. (Using convertible ballet tights for modern)

EXAMINATIONS

A separate newsletter is currently being sent home for our students who attend classes that are eligible to participate in examinations this year. This year, examinations will be offered to ballet students in Grade 1 2nd Year/ Grade 2/ Grade 3/Grade 4 and Intermediate 2nd year. Unfortunately, the ISTD is undergoing some changes and is unable to offer dates in Canada for modern and tap exams that work with our calendar. We do hope to offer these again next year but will use this year to challenge our dancers in other ways in our modern and tap classes!

If you have a ballet dancer in one of the levels listed above, please read the examination information letter carefully and return the attached form no later than October 24th to let us know if you are interested in participating in the exam process this year. LATE FORMS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED!

RUN FOR THE CURE

A huge thank you to everyone who signed up to be a part of, or donated to, our Run for the Cure team - Walk with Grace- this year. More details on the day, including photos and amount raised will be posted on facebook and at the studio!

**END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE – THE WEEK OF SUNDAY MAY 26TH –
SATURDAY JUNE 1st 2019**

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the dates for our year end performance have now been confirmed. PLEASE MARK YOU CALENDAR NOW! Further details will be made available throughout the year.

PRACTICE

We ask that all parents remind dancers of the importance of at home practice. As with a music lesson or sport, practice is essential to skill development and confidence!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK OUR FACEBOOK and INSTAGRAM PAGES FOR UPDATES AND INTERESTING “DANCE INFO” 😊