

Happy New Year everyone! We are looking forward to getting back to dance and we have a fun month planned!

As you know, Ontario is currently in a government mandated shutdown. This means that we must move all of our classes to our virtual platform for the time being. As always, Zoom links can be found in your family portal. You can login from the homepage of our website, using the email and password that you registered with. Once in the portal, look under 'online classes' and click the camera icon. All classes will run at the usual time. We will continue to update you with any changes, as we monitor all restrictions that are put into place for Halton.

Dancers should attend their virtual classes in their usual uniform with their hair up in a bun/pony tail. Please be sure to review the 'How to Have a Great Virtual Dance Class' document in the files section of your portal.

Here is a look at the next few weeks ahead! WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE YOUR DANCERS!

JANUARY THEME OF THE MONTH - JOY!

Our tradition for the past few years has been to beat the 'January blahs' with a month of fun themes/activities and a focus on the JOY that a new year brings! This year will be no different!

January 4th - January 10th - MOVE YOUR BODY WEEK! Moving our bodies is an instant mood lifter! Dancers are encouraged to film themselves practicing at home and send us a video. Each dancer who sends a video will be entered in a contest to win a \$50 Grace Academy gift card. Dancers who have another family member dance with them in the video will be entered twice! We will teach a short/simple combo in class that family members will have fun learning!
Videos can be texted to Miss Knapp 905-301-9409

January 11th -17th - SNOWFLAKE WEEK! We will participate in some winter fun activities and focus on what makes each of us unique and special!

January 18th -24th - CREATIVE BUN WEEK! Come to class with your most creative hairstyle . At the end of the week winners will be chosen in the following categories - most original, funniest, most beautiful and one random draw winner from all who participated (we will post some past ideas on our social media to help your creative juices to flow!)

January 25th - January 31st - PAJAMA WEEK! Dancers are welcome to attend classes in their cozy pjs! AND on **January 30th** - dancers in Primary 2nd Year Ballet and above will be invited to sign up for a **Virtual Pajama Party** in the early evening! Details to follow on the fun activities planned for that night!

THANK YOU!

Great big thanks to everyone who contributed to our annual pajama drive for The Halton Children's Aid Foundation, and/or in creating the most beautiful Christmas cards and artwork to share with the seniors at Knox Heritage Place and the Pearl and Pine Retirement Residence ! We collected 48 pairs of pjs, \$85 in gift cards, and 139 Christmas greetings! We love that our dancers and their families care so much about others in our community! xo

STORMY WEATHER

Please remember that a message will play on the school's answering machine if classes need to be cancelled due to inclement weather. Please phone the school after 2pm on stormy days to see if classes will run, or after 8am for morning classes. AN UPDATE WILL ALSO BE POSTED ON OUR FACEBOOK/INSTAGRAM PAGE AS SOON AS ANY CANCELLATION DECISIONS ARE MADE.

Thank you for your continued support ! May this be a year of HOPE, new opportunities and continued connection and inspiration! We are grateful for all of you! xo