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MARCH UPDATE

3RD TERM FEES

3rd term fees are due on MARCH 7TH. All amounts owing are currently posted in each family portal. Payments should be made no later than March 7th, by e-transfer to graceacademy@sympatico.ca or by cheque/cash brought to class.

SPRING BREAK

Our current plan is to move this year's spring break to match with the Halton School Board. This would have no classes running from Saturday, April 10th to Sunday, April 18th inclusive and we would continue all classes in the month of March. That said, should restrictions change and we find ourselves in another lockdown situation, we may opt to take the break earlier, as we want our dancers to have as much 'in studio' time as possible. We will continue to update you if anything changes, but for now, please mark the April dates as your break.

MONTHLY THEMES

This week, as part of our 'month of love', dancers are invited to wear old dance costumes, favourite halloween costumes, or the costume of their choice to class, for 'LOVE TO DRESS UP' week! We can't wait to see some memories from past years!

Stay tuned for an announcement about our March theme at the end of the week!

SHOW TIME!!

We are so excited to get working on our year end performance! This is always the most fun part of the year, and while it will be different than in the past (just like everything these days!), we have fantastic plans to ensure that our dancers are able to learn new choreography and perform for an audience! We are currently planning for a virtual showcase. Choreography will be learned in classes, beginning in March, and details will follow on when each class will be filmed and when the video will be released for families to enjoy. Depending on government restrictions, other 'show week' activities will be planned. (And don't worry, we even have a plan for how to ensure our dancers can perform for you if we are back to a lockdown!)

COSTUMES

Due to a variety of factors in this year of continued uncertainty, we have decided not to do a large order of costumes for this year's performance. We also want to be mindful of the fact that families may not be in a position to spend extra money on costumes this year, and have decided to get creative in other ways to make sure dancers still have something fun and special to wear for our performance video. We will be making use of

costumes ordered last spring (some worn at Christmas time), creating our own by adding accessories to regular dancewear, borrowing costumes from past classes or from the collection that we have at the studio, or in some cases, purchasing more inexpensive items such as bodysuits/t-shirts/hoodies. We will update you as we continue to plan, and will be keeping any extra costs charged to families as low as possible.

SHOW THEME!

We will be announcing this year's show theme on Saturday, February 27th later in the afternoon during musical theatre class (our tradition!), followed by a social media post; HOWEVER; to add to the fun, we are also posting pictures on social media that will give you a hint towards the theme, each day this week! Be sure to have a look!

COHORT REMINDER

Tonight (Monday, February 22nd), COHORT A dancers will be in person. From Tuesday, February 23rd to Monday, March 1st inclusive, COHORT B dancers will be in person. It will continue to alternate from there, and as always, any updates/changes will be communicated.

As always, thank you for your continued support, kindness and enthusiasm! We feel so fortunate to be able to share the joy of dance with your children and to be able to provide them with a special community of caring friends to interact with. We are so proud of each one of them and how much hard work, strength and positive energy they bring to each class.

Looking forward to a fantastic 3rd term!