

## **APRIL NEWS 2026**

Showtime preparations are in full swing! Here is an update of what we have going on this month.

### **The Spirit Moves Spring Evening of Dance**

Our Spirit Moves Dance Company is hosting an evening of dance on Sunday, April 12th. Join us at Maple Grove United Church, Oakville at 7:15pm. Tickets are \$15 - cash payable at the door, or paid in advance by e-transfer to [graceacademy@sympatico.ca](mailto:graceacademy@sympatico.ca). The performance will last approximately 1 hour.

**All proceeds are being donated to the Charlotte's Smiles 4 Kids Project, helping paediatric cancer patients. Charlotte is the sister of one of our Grace Academy dancers. She was diagnosed with brain cancer in 2024, at age 11. This project provides gift bags filled with toys and activities to bring joy to children fighting cancer. More information can be found at [smiles4kidsproject.com](http://smiles4kidsproject.com).**

We are looking to grow the size of the Spirit Moves in the fall. Coming to watch this performance is a great way to see what it is all about and how your dancer can use their talents to spread joy to others!

### **Easter Weekend**

We are closed on Friday, April 3rd (Good Friday).

Classes run as normal on Saturday, April 4th and Monday, April 6th. Please plan to attend, as these are very important show rehearsals.

### **Stomp -785 Hip Hop Crew**

Our hip hop crew (785) will be participating in the Stomp Urban Dance Competition and Showcase on Saturday, May 2nd. This takes place at Meridian Hall in Toronto at 1pm. Tickets are only \$5! We would love to have some of our dance families out to cheer our dancers on! If you would like to attend, email us no later than Monday, April 6th) and we will add you to our ticket list!

## **April Theme of the Month**

We call this month Celebration Month! We will celebrate completing our show choreography over the next few weeks, and talk about what goals we have achieved, how we have grown and what we have learned throughout the year! Dancers will add messages of encouragement and congratulations to each other to decorate our walls as we get ready for 'show time'! (AND OF COURSE we will be practicing everything daily!!)

## **Costume Balances**

Please remember to check your portal for any costume balances owing. These are due on April 4th and should be paid by e-transfer to [graceacademy@sympatico.ca](mailto:graceacademy@sympatico.ca). If your account shows a \$0.00 balance, it means that your previously paid deposit covers the full cost of your costume(s). All costumes fit into our original quote of between \$100 and \$185 plus HST. Junior Showcase dancers do not have any balance owing.

## **Year End Performances**

Keep watching your email for ticket information and further details about show week. All information that has already been sent out can be found inside your portal. Click 'Files' and 'Showtime'. Costumes have started to be sent home. We will continue to do this as they arrive. Please keep them in a safe place!

## **May Long Weekend Reminder!**

We are open for the entire long weekend in May - all classes **will run as usual** from Friday, May 15th- Monday, May 18th Inclusive. These will be very important show rehearsals - please plan to attend.

## **Summer Fun!**

Don't forget to sign up for one of our Summer Sessions! More details can be found on the camps page of our website.

Have a great month!