

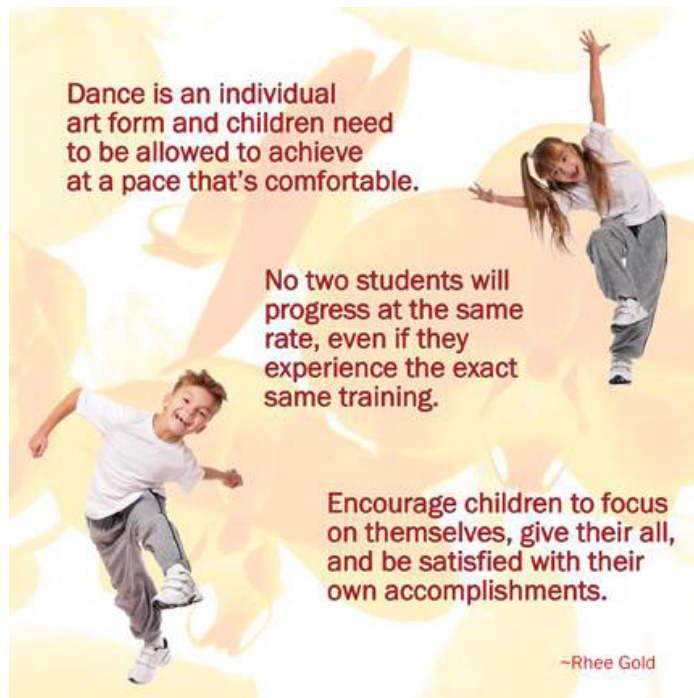


## STUDIO NEWS...AND ALL THAT JAZZ

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2019

In This Issue: Costumes, Cast List T's, Snow Day Procedures,  
Tuition Due Date Reminders, And More!

**JUST A REMINDER...** So that dancers can spend the evening trick or treating with friends and family, there are no classes scheduled for Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. This information is also listed on your class schedule.  
**Have a safe and fun Halloween!**



Classes are in full swing and we are off to a great start. We have a wonderful group of hard working, good listeners. Dance class is fun but it also takes a lot of effort and our dancers are shining in the effort department. Keep it up!

I want to say a big thank you to our dance parents for a very organized start to the season! It helps me tremendously when I have parents who are up to date on studio happenings and procedures. It allows me time to prepare and remain focused on delivering really great classes to our dancers week after week. I love that you are focused on helping your child get the most out of their dance classes by arriving on time and by being prepared. You are setting your child up for success. The skills you fine tune now and the good habits you are reinforcing will be with them all their lives, on the dance floor and off. Everyday, I am aware of the difference dance training has made in my life. I am excited that together we get to pass those skills onto your wonderful children.

As our season progresses so does the level of our learning and that can be intimidating to some. As a parent I understand it is hard to see your child frustrated because they can't "get" a dance step. Our first reaction is to think something is wrong. Be assured, nothing is wrong. It is part of learning. Each dancer learns at their own pace and we understand that. Once we practice together and feet begin to cooperate, your child will feel terrific about finally achieving that tricky step. There is an overflow of confidence and sense of achievement because they stuck with it and worked hard and finally accomplished the step or combination. (Both are wonderful benefits of dance!) It just takes time. A parent's biggest role is to be supportive, encouraging and to remind their child that is part of life and learning.

## **TUITION DUE**

Tuition payment three is due no later than November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Payment four is due no later than December 10<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for paying on time.

For your convenience, all payment totals and due dates are listed in your copy of the studio handbook. There are three easy ways to make payments:

1. Mail it to our mailing address: Dancin' Plus 403 E 1<sup>st</sup> Street Fairmont MN 56031
2. Pay online at [www.dancin-plus.com](http://www.dancin-plus.com) with debit/credit card or Paypal.
3. Drop it in the locked payment deposit box (no later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month) on the side of our counter in the studio during any class hours:

Monday 4:00-7:30pm    Tuesday 4:45-9:00pm  
Wednesday 5:15-6:45pm    Thursday 4:45-9:00pm

Thank you for not interrupting the class in session.

Please note: We do not have an outdoor drop box for after hours. When we did, our mail always disappeared. ☹ To make a payment after hours please use our online payment system at [www.dancin-plus.com](http://www.dancin-plus.com)

## **DANCE PRODUCTION COSTUMES**

The busy costume ordering season is upon us. Costumes are made to order and orders are filled in the order they are received. We like to order before the companies hit their peek season. By then, shipping dates can be later than our recital dates. That is a HUGE problem! We must order early! A portion of each of your tuition payments is applied to your child's costume costs. **THERE IS NOT A SEPARATE COSTUME PAYMENT DUE.** We know you like the sound of that! We will be measuring students for costume sizing. We use several different companies. Each company sizes differently so we measure your dancer's torso (girth) measurements. I always measure generously to allow for growth in the months before the dance productions. Please see your studio handbook for more details about costumes.

**IMPORTANT....THANK YOU FOR REMEMBERING....IF YOU ACCOUNT IS PAST DUE WE CAN NOT ORDER YOUR CHILD'S COSTUME. WE ONLY PLACE ONE ORDER. PLEASE BRING YOUR ACCOUNT UP TO DATE NOW IF IT IS NOT.**

## **CAST LIST T~SHIRTS**

**Order forms went home with students a couple of weeks ago. There are extra forms on the counter at the studio. DEADLINE TO ORDER IS NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>.**

## **GETTING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR DANCE CLASSES...**

Our classes are formatted in a very specific manner. It allows maximum results. Classes begin with something soothing and familiar to the student. Children are often going from one activity to another. It can be difficult for their brain to switch gears quickly. It allows our brain a few minutes to decompress from a busy day, allows muscles we don't normally use throughout the day that are important to dance technique to warm up, stretch and get ready to work. It gives us a sense of confidence as we can easily follow what is being instructed in class. Step two is to introduce more challenging movement. As class is wrapping up we reinforce with our dancers that they did a great job. When dancers arrive late, they are missing a valuable phase of class. When they leave before the class is scheduled to end, same thing. The entire class is formatted to give your child the greatest amount of success possible.

## **LET IT SNOW...LET IT SNOW...LET IT .....NO!**

Because the radio station is not always consistent on whether they will announce weather related closings for businesses, to keep it simple for you, in the event of snowy weather dance classes will be canceled if Fairmont Public Schools are canceled for the day or dismissed early due to the weather.

If the weather turns nasty AFTER the studio has opened in late afternoon the studio will remain open for those that can make it. When we figure our rates, we deduct for two classes assuming we will have a snow day or two. If we don't have snow days, you are receiving FREE classes! For classes with more than two snow days, we will reschedule in the spring.

## **DRESS CODE**

Is your child attending class dressed correctly? We do have attire requirements. Please refer to the information sent with your studio handbook for easy to follow pictures of proper attire. You can also view it on our website. We make it easy for you and your student to be prepared for class. Prepared dancers always do best!

## **WE ARE A TEAM! WE NEED YOUR TEAMWORK!**

When we search the definition of the word team, we find: A group of people that come together to complete a task or project. Team members operate with a high degree of interdependence and hold themselves accountable to their commitment to working towards a goal and shared rewards.

Thank you for honoring the commitment you made to our team when you registered for class. We understand that dancers may miss class from time to time due to health issues or family vacation plans. Because classes only meet once per week, we cover a lot of material in each class and do not always have time to repeat material for those who were absent. Thank you for limiting absences.

*Whatever we accomplish belongs to our entire group, a tribute to our combined effort.*

*~Walt Disney*

**HAVE YOU LIKED OUR FACEBOOK PAGE YET?**  
**WE DON'T WANT YOU TO MISS A BEAT!**

## **THANK YOU FOR KEEPING IN MIND...**

Our social media is used as a bulletin board and is not monitored daily. I wish I had the time! Most Facebook posts are prescheduled monthly. Because of this, I am afraid I may overlook someone's comment or question. If you want to contact me, please use my email Tammy@dancin-plus.com or the contact page on our website. Your calls are always welcome too 507-235-6114. I love hearing from you! Thank you!

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

Cast List T-shirt Order Due No Later Than November 7th

Tuition Payment Three Due No Later Than November 10th

Tuition Payment Four Due No Later Than December 10<sup>th</sup>

Happy Halloween

There are no classes scheduled for Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Happy Thanksgiving

Dancin' Plus will be closed the week of November 25<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving break.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Dancin' Plus will be closed December 23rd - January 5th.

Classes resume the week of January 6, 2020.



*THANK YOU!*