

MAR/APR/MAY 2025

BRAINERD **JUST FOR KIX** DANCE NEWS



WE CAN'T BELIEVE WE ARE ALREADY WRITING THE LAST NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR! IT'S BEEN SO MUCH FUN UP TO THIS POINT AND WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO ENDING THE YEAR WITH A BANG!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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3/26 & 3/31 Teeny Kix Special Session #4: SPRING Starts
3/27 Thur Tiny Tumbling Special Session #4: SPRING Begins
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APRIL

4/6 The Crew Special Session #4: SPRING Starts
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4/13 6-12th SPRING Partner Session Starts
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5/28 2nd-12th Grade Hip Hop Bootcamp (attend if you plan to Audition)

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STAY INFORMED

BAND APP

BAND is our **PRIMARY SOURCE** of communication. Please take the time to set up access to our group. **This is so important!** Here you will find reminders, info on weather cancellations, newsletters and ALL the important Brainerd JFK things you need to know!



Copy & paste the link below or SCAN the QR code!

<https://band.us/n/aeaaAdm7vd40q>

WEBSITE

justforkix.com/danceclasses/brainerd-mn/
This Brainerd JFK website page is where you can also find the newest newsletter, competition info, etc!

BRAINERD JFK FACEBOOK

<https://www.facebook.com/brainerdjfk>

BRAINERD JFK INSTAGRAM

@brainerdjfk

E-MAIL

We will send out e-mails throughout the season with reminders and general information as needed. Please make sure we have your most current e-mail address on file in your dancer's account. If you have a spam blocker, e-mails from Just For Kix may be bounced back. If you aren't receiving our emails, check your promotions, junk mail or spam folders as they sometimes go there!



PRESCHOOL-1ST GRADE NEWS

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3/31 Mon Tiny & Firecracker Tumbling Special Session #4: SPRING Begins

APRIL

4/6 The Crew Pre-1st Grade Hip Hop Special Session #4: SPRING Starts

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FATHER/DANCER SPECIAL SESSION

Pre-1st GRADE
SUNDAYS 4:00-4:30pm
Starts April 13th - 3 Sessions



THE CREW HIP HOP

3YO-1st GRADE
SUNDAYS 3:30-4:00pm
Starts April 6th - 4 Sessions



SPRING TUMBLING/ACRO

TINY (3-5 YO) Monday 5:00-5:30pm & 6:00-6:30pm

FIRECRACKER (K-1ST) Monday 5:30-6:00pm

Tip:

When someone asks you to do something... act like a bunny and HOP TO IT.

QUOTE:

Thanks to dance, I've started saying "I will be able to do that, just give me some time to practice."



Rosie...

can be reluctant and shy, most of the time. Her first day of class was a little scary. Trying new things isn't always easy, but her coach and all of the other dancers in her class were so welcoming. Now she loves going to dance class each week!



OPENER & FINALE REHEARSALS

FRIDAY MARCH 28th (STUDIO)

PRODUCTION (Starlites, Rising Stars, Dream Team & Elite)
3:45-5:45pm

MONDAY APRIL 21st (STUDIO)

FINALE (ALL 2nd-12th Grade Dancers) 3:45-5:45pm

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH (BHS)

OPENER 12:00PM-1:15PM (Starlites, Rising, Dream Team and Elite)

FINALE (ALL 2nd-12th Graders) 1:15-2:00 PM

SPRING SHOW - SAT MAY 10th

Our spring show theme is "At The Movies" Save the date for a fun closing to our season! Shows will be at 12:00pm & 3:00pm. Presale tickets will be available for purchase online before the show. Link will be posted in BAND.

BOOT CAMP & AUDITIONS

Boot Camp will be held May 27th & 28th with Auditions on June 2nd (2nd-5th) & 9th (6th-12th). This is for 2nd-12th grade dancers who wish to tryout for a placement team for the 25-26 dance season.

See Audition Packet for details:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gfumFvsPwi4nLO8bAk-C55B09ruRR9ki/edit?usp=sharing&oid=115060714191154405493&rtpof=true&sd=true> - COPY AND PASTE THIS LINK TO VIEW INFORMATION!

NATIONALS SEND OFF PARTY

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH 2:00-4:00pm at BHS in the Kixter Gym for ALL 2nd-12th Grade dancers. Pizza Party to follow!





TOGETHER WE DANCE

Competitions



WHAT IS TWD?

TWD Stands for Together We Dance, these are Just For Kix Competitions that we enter our teams in. Dancers in 2nd-12th grade will attend these events. We typically participate in 3 events per year and most involve driving.

There is an extra expense of a competition fee. If your dancer is unable to attend any competition, notice should be given to the teacher well in advance for routine numbering purposes and so we can remove the fee from your account.

BRAINERD TWD - MARCH 22-23RD

Firecracker Placement
Twinklers Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Sparklers Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
The Troop Hip Hop
The Force Hip Hop
The Squad Hip Hop
Shining Stars Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Starlites Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Showstoppers Jazz/Lyrical
Showstopper & Starmakers Kick
Starmakers Jazz/Lyrical
Starmakers Hip Hop
Shooting Stars Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Rising Stars Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Dream Team Hip Hop

EDEN PRAIRIE TWD - APRIL 12-13TH

PLACEMENT CLASSES ONLY

Firecracker Placement
Sparklers Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Starlites Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
The Squad Hip Hop
Shooting Stars Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Rising Stars Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Dream Team Jazz/Lyrical
Elite Jazz/Lyrical
Dream Team Hip Hop
Elite Hip Hop
Elite Senior Kix
Middle Pom Special Session

ROCHESTER NATIONALS - APRIL 30-MAY 4th

Twinklers Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Sparklers Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
The Troop Hip Hop
The Force Hip Hop
The Squad Hip Hop
Shining Stars Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Starlites Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Showstoppers Jazz/Lyrical
Showstopper & Starmakers Kick
Starmakers Jazz/Lyrical
Starmakers Hip Hop
Shooting Stars Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Rising Stars Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Dream Team Jazz/Lyrical
Elite Jazz/Lyrical
Dream Team Hip Hop
Elite Hip Hop
Elite Senior Kix
Middle Pom Special Session
Senior Pom Special Session

NATIONALS HOTEL BLOCK

We encourage you to make your reservations now as the group rate will not be available after the cutoff date of April 9th, 2024. Most of our classes will most likely compete on Saturday and some will be on Friday, this is not set in stone and does not include soloists or classes participating in showcases. We highly encourage all of our younger dancers to come and cheer on our older dancers at the showcase events Thursday and Friday. More details as we get closer!

WAYS TO BOOK:

Call the front desk at (507) 258-5757 and mentioning Brainerd Just For Kix.

COPY AND PASTE LINK BELOW FOR HOTEL INFO:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?cityhcn=RSTMAHH&groupCode=BRA&arrivaldate=2025-04-30&departuredate=2025-05-04&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

OR SCAN THIS CODE





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COMPETITION HAIR

2nd-12th grade will wear their hair in a slicked low bun with a middle part. See picture. We want hair **extremely** slicked back using gel and hairspray. No fly aways please. Bun should be at the nape of your neck and secured with bobby pins and hair spray, hair nets are helpful but not necessary.



COMPETITION MAKE UP

Dancers should wear performance make up. This includes foundation, blush, brown eye shadow and red lip stick. We also highly encourage false lashes! You can get these at most stores! :) The reason for wearing make up is so dancer facial expressions are enhanced to be seen from the judges area!



EVENT SPECIFIC INFORMATION

About two weeks before each event we will send out an event specific information packet. This will be posted in BAND, so please make sure to keep an eye on your groups. This packet will include arrival times, group meeting area, performance and award times etc.

NO JEWELRY

Dancers will need to take off all jewelry! This includes earrings, necklaces, bracelets and any face jewelry as well.

WHAT TO WEAR

Dancers should bring all costumes pieces. Make sure your tights are free from any tears, you have both shoes, and all hair pieces.

Please make sure your undergarments cannot be seen with your costume, and that the color of them is nude or neutral so they cannot be seen through the costume!

HIP HOP CLASSES:

Reminder, if you are in a hip hop class, please wear a black leotard or tuck in a black tank top underneath your costumes to prevent any bare skin to show while performing!

ENTRY FEES

2025 Entry fees will be billed into your account prior to the competition. **ALL FEES MUST BE PAID FOR 1 WEEK PRIOR TO THE EVENT FOR DANCERS TO PARTICIPATE.**

There will be **NO SPECTATOR ADMISSION** at any of the TWD Competitions

Per Dancer Entry Fees:

\$43.00 for 1st Routine
\$21.00 for 2nd Routine
\$12.00 for 3rd Routine
\$11.00 for each additional routine

Entry Fees for Rochester Nationals:

\$49.00 for 1st Routine
\$22.00 for 2nd Routine
\$13.00 for 3rd Routine
\$12.00 for each additional routine



TUITION

There are three easy ways to make your payments:

1. Online Payment System at
justforkix.com/danceclasses
This is the fastest, easiest way to make payments and manage your dancer's account.

2. Call Payments into the Home Office. 218-829-7107
Mon. - Thur 10:00AM-4:30PM / Fri 10:00AM-12:00PM

We can take credit or debit card payments over the phone.

3. Mail Payment to the Home Office.

Just For Kix

PO Box 724

Brainerd, MN 56401

***Monthly payments are due by the 1st of each month.

- There will be a \$10.00 fee assessed to late payments.
- Any NSF or stopped payment checks made payable to Just For Kix will be charged a \$20.00 service fee per check.
- Student accounts are always required to be current prior to any performance. Any student with a balance due will not be eligible to perform with their team.

CANCELLATIONS - WINTER WEATHER

In the event that Just For Kix must cancel classes, we will make the announcement in several locations:

- BAND APP
- Brainerd JFK Facebook & Instagram Pages
- Brainerd Just For Kix Website

NEED TO KNOW

CLASS ATTIRE

Please follow the dress code that is on our Brainerd JFK page under NEWS & EVENTS. We like dancers to be in clothing that allows a wide range of movement. No jewelry, gum etc. Hair must be pulled back into a bun. Early Is On Time - On Time Is Late. Just For Kix Teams start on time! Put forth your best effort to come prepared and ready to dance! Every dancer is needed from COUNT ONE to make a true practice, or performance, effective and organized.

ATTENDANCE

Please make practices and performances a priority - your team depends on you! If you are absent, meet with a friend to learn the material before the next class.

MESSES, THEFT, VANDALISM

We hope that you and your family find our studio to be a warm environment to hang out in. Thank you for treating it as you would a treasured possession. Please treat the space as if it was your own with care and consideration. We are often judged by the actions of a few, therefore, JFK has a no tolerance policy for disrespecting others or their belongings. We recommend leaving valuables at home.

PARKING

Please use the north parking lot to park and wait for your dancers. The front spots are for Instructors and handicap. Please do not park along the front of the building. Drop off only!

SUPERVISION

Dancers are supervised during their scheduled class time. Staff often have several classes the same day, during the time prior to and after class, you will need to watch your children.

We want them safe.

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JUNE

6/2 2nd-5th Grade Auditions ALL Styles

6/9 6-12th Grade Auditions ALL Styles

JUST FOR KIX RELIAQUEST BOWL PERFORMANCE TOUR



Consider joining us at the Reliaquest Bowl Performance Tour Dec-Jan 2025-2026! The perfect balance of performance and fun with the opportunity to meet dancers from all over the country and work together to put on a great show. Jump in on this once in a lifetime opportunity to make some great memories! For more information, email Dani at dani@justforkix.com.

- ★ Disney World or Universal Studios
- ★ Busch Gardens
- ★ Clearwater Beach
- ★ Dinner Yacht Cruise
- ★ New Year's Eve Party
- ★ Pre-Game & Halftime Performances

MARCH 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 BLOOMINGTON TWD	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
SPRING BREAK NO CLASSES						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 BRAINERD TWD
23 BRAINERD TWD	24	25	26 ITTY BITTY & CUPCAKE CUTIE SPRING SESSION BEGINS	27 TINY & FIRECRACKERS TUMBLING SPRING SESSION BEGINS	28 PRODUCTION REHEARSAL (STARLITES, RISING STARS, DREAM TEAM & ELITE)	29
30	31 SUGAR BEARS & TUMBLING SPRING SESSIONS STARTS					

APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 CLASS PAYMENTS DUE	2	3	4	5
6 THE CREW SPRING HIP HOP CLASS BEGINS	7	8	9 PRE-1ST GRADE FATHER/DANCER BEGINS	10	11	12 EDEN PRAIRIE TWD
13 PRE-1ST & 6TH-12TH PARENT/CHILD BEGINS	14 2ND-6TH GRADE PARENT/CHILD SESSION BEGINS	15	16	17	18 GOOD FRIDAY NO CLASS	19
20 SPRING SHOW TICKETS ON SALE ONLINE ONLY	21 REHEARSAL 2ND-12TH GRADE STUDIO	22	23	24	25	26
27 REHEARSAL 2ND-12TH GRADE BHS NATIONALS SEND OFF PARTY 11:30-1:30	28	29	30 TWD NATIONALS ROCHESTER NO REGULAR CLASSES	NO REGULAR CLASSES	NO REGULAR CLASSES	

MAY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 TWD NATIONALS ROCHESTER NO REGULAR CLASSES	2 NO REGULAR CLASSES	3
4 SPRING SHOW TICKETS ON SALE ONLINE ONLY LAST CHANCE TO ORDER	5 LAST WEEK OF REGULAR CLASSES	6	7	8	9 SOLO SHOW 6:30pm (Tentative)	10 SPRING SHOWS 12:00PM 3:00PM
11	12 TBD MAY CLASS	13	14 TBD MAY CLASS	15	16	17
18	19 TBD MAY CLASS	20	21 TBD MAY CLASS	22	23	24
25	26	27 BOOT CAMP	28 BOOT CAMP	29	30	31