

JUST FOR KIX

DANCE NEWS

Dear Dancers and Parents,

Welcome back to Ada Just For Kix! This is my 8th Season directing and teaching a Just For Kix dance studio and program. We experienced a pause in programming in Ada over recent years and we are eager to get back to the exciting world of dance, right here in our community! - Rachel Brandt, Director



NEED TO KNOW

CLASS ATTIRE

Clothing should allow for movement - hair is to be in a ponytail or bun if long enough, and out of the face if it is falling in the eyes. Make preparing for dance fun! Basketball players wear shorts, jerseys and sport specific attire - dancers wear dance attire! Dancers should wear moveable clothing, that also shows lines - for example, a leotard and tights or tank and leggings, t-shirt and leggings are the exact items to wear to class. There are other practice items and attire listed for boys and girls at justforkix.com in the catalog section or many stores have a dance section where you can find athletic or dance attire for practice. Dancers need to be in dance shoes by October, so families should be ordering dance shoes prior to the start of season or have a back-up option.

DEKKO USAGE/LIBRARY

If you would like to use the Dekko Community Center, please see the Dekko or call 218-784-7665 to inquire on daily fees or membership. Dance fees do not cover the use of

the Dekko; they are separate businesses and use of the Dekko requires fee payment and checking in with the front desk. If you would like to use the Ada Library during dance classes, children going to the library must be accompanied by an adult and the library closes at 8 p.m. on Thursdays. All rules of the Dekko do apply to us using the space and we are asked to follow the rules and be mindful of noise also near or in the library. The Dekko and the Ada Library are very excited we will be at the facility and welcome you to inquire about what they have to offer. For all, us and those using the Dekko - no running in hallway, food/drinks that may cause a mess and no occupying the swimming changing rooms - there is a restroom in the main hallway for us to use. We may have a waiver we are requested to sign at the Dekko for general use and liability. Your Just For Kix waiver was signed at check out when you registered for class. More information to come.

STAY INFORMED

WEBSITE

justforkix.com/danceclasses/ada-mn - This website is a tool used to list unexpected changes such as cancellations due to weather, make up class dates, performance details and/or corrections to the newsletter.

BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Each dancer should bring home a printed bimonthly newsletter or will receive a email PDF version. You can also find these posted on our website. These newsletters will have important dates and information for upcoming events.

E-MAIL

We will send out regular e-mails throughout the season with reminders and general information. Please make sure we have your most current e-mail address on file. If you have a spam blocker, e-mails from Just For Kix may be bounced back.

BAND APP/TEXT MSG/KRJB Radio 106.5 FM

Get current information fast with the BAND App. Announcements for bad weather, changes in plans, etc. It's easy to use. I do not text at length text messages and due to the need to assist you to the best of my ability, communication messages are best sent to our Just For Kix Ada facebook page messenger or via email. Feel free to text an illness or absence in brief to me at 218-425-0382, but we will not be able to text at length as messages can get lost quickly. Thank you for joining the BAND App for announcements and also tune in to KRJB 106.5 FM for local radio announcements as the Dekko will also announce closures on the radio station.

CALLING OPTION

If you are in need of speaking on the phone, I sure welcome our conversation especially since between class time is limited to catch one another. I work for an outside organization during the week, day-time hours, so if I am unable to answer please leave a voicemail and phone number for a return call and I will be in touch with you promptly. I also ask that calling window be prior to 8:30 p.m. on a weekday evening as I also have a small family or we can arrange for a time that works mutually and will honor the same for yours.

WE OFFER A NO DISTRACTION ENVIRONMENT

Over the years, we have found the most productive way to run classes is without the distraction of parents and siblings in the room. We only have a short time each week, so every minute is important. Occasionally I will allow spectators in the last five minutes of class so you can see the progress we are making and will announce those specific invitations prior. I will be sure to invite you in and thank you for your patience - we appreciate your understanding and exercising this distraction free effort.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Director: Rachel Brandt

Phone: 218-415-0382

E-Mail: ada_mn@justforkix.com

Website/Registration:

www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/ada-mn

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram

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

<https://www.instagram.com/adajustforkixdance>

Address of Class Location:

Dekko Community Center - Racquetball Court
107 4th St East Ada, MN 56510



TUITION/CLASS FEES

Payments:

1. Online Payment System

at justforkix.com/danceclasses/ada-mn in your dance account. This is the fastest, easiest way to make payments and manage your dancer's account.

2. Call Payments into the Home Office prior to the 1st of each month (must be placed to process the business day prior to the 1st of the month)

218-829-7107

Mon. - Thurs 10:00am - 4:30pm (CST)

Fri 10 am - 12 pm

3. Mail Payment to the Home Office (must be received and processed prior to the 1st of each month)

Just For Kix
PO Box 724
Brainerd, MN 56401

Monthly payments are due by the 1st of each month - dancers must have a paid in full account each month by the 1st of each month, at a zero balance and must have balances paid in full to perform in recital shows and performances.

- 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.

POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL COSTS

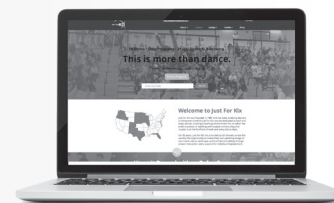
Here is a glance at additional costs that may be incurred throughout the season:

- Performance admission
- Just For Kix TWD Competition fees and admission
- Show admission
- Prop fees
- Pictures
- Special Session fees
- Show shirts
- Custom program clothing or other items

Online Access to Your Dancer's Account Is Easier than Ever!

Now you have online access to all of your dancer's pertinent information for classes, payments and uniforms.

justforkix.com/danceclasses



THE JUST FOR KIX DANCE SEASON

Our dance session is broken down into two parts:

September - December

The primary focus of the first few months of class is preparing the dancers for their season, beginning primary dance and technique and learning choreography. Dancers will work on new technique, skills, strengthening, stretching and choreography. We use this time to lay a strong foundation for the season. Performances at this time of year are minimal and typically do not use the class uniform. If your dancer is in Jazz, they will learn additional technique and further elements of dance in the style of Jazz and primary ballet/foundation incorporated further into class.

December - April

The uniforms are in and the dancers are ready to start performing. This is the time of the season where dancers get a chance to perform their routines while continuing to build on their technique and skills. The majority of our performances for the season will fall during these months. It is fun to see how students grow as dancers and performers during this part of the season. Some classes will be eligible for Just For Kix Together We Dance Competitions.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM JUST FOR KIX

- There are, on average, 32 classes in the season. Our season holds 33 classes, as one of our classes will be used for picture night and I would like 32 classes focused on instruction and learning/team practice. If photos wrap early enough we will dance within that class period of pictures-date to be announced. I have built in some Wednesdays as our practice dates due to a Thursday falling on a holiday or for example, Halloween, which is typically not a day we have high attendance, so see the full schedule for dates class is in session. I have also built in makeup dates for potential need if we have a reason to cancel or a weather cancellation. Classes billing Sept-April is a billing period for 8 months, for 32 classes of instruction.

UNIFORM/COSTUMES

Uniform orders are due online in your dance account no later than September 6th. All items listed as required are required items for each dancer and must be ordered in step with participation. Boy's items list as optional, but that is to differentiate between female and male items and those items would be required for boys joining the team. The body suit item, leotard or biketard, hair accessory, pant or leggings and shoes listed are also required items. If you have another same-color shoe/as long as it is the same style of shoe or similarly, other brand tight, you may use that for shoe or tight. Please use our sizing guide and we welcome you to receive a shoe sizing at the Back to Dance Bash on August 15th if you need assistance. Bun builders are the only optional item listed in the costume/uniform listing if you wish for a tool to improve the creation of a bun. Jazz class would have an additional tight and shoe - tan in color. This is a typical customizing change for lines and color for that dance style. All dancers PK-8th grade will use a winter show shirt and a spring show shirt. Preschool dancers in Tiny Kix age 3-5 (PK) need the required Tutu Tots Mat and they will keep the mat upon completion of the class. We understand this is lengthy information, but we hope it explains the details of the required items to order. Note, some uniforms may take 8-12 weeks from the order date to arrive, so order early to ensure timely delivery prior to your program's first performance.

Other Uniform Notes/Exchange/Refund Detail

Try it on right away. If the sizing is not correct, please follow the exchange instructions on the back of the invoice that came with your uniform. The instructions will have you complete the return in your dance account and an RMA number will generate. This number must be placed in the RMA box. I will be able to ship items back for you in my Director's Box, so complete the return, write down the RMA and I can save you shipping, however, I cannot generate your RMA number for you. If you have questions, I am here to assist! Just a note, we can make an exchange as long as the uniform has not been worn or damaged and placed back in the packaging. Tights can only be exchanged if they are unopened. Tights cannot be tried on and exchanged or returned. If you need an exchange for a uniform, after sending back the item, go online and order the next size so that it will arrive to you prior. I understand this means you will be awaiting the refund on the other item, but it is the process that is the fastest. Waiting in full for the item to be processed and a new item sent to you in exchange may result in the uniform/costume piece or pieces not arriving in time. Refund information will be listed on your receipt for the dance item purchased and in the listed window of time for accepting a refund. Refunds are processed to the account/card that the initial purchase was made for unworn/unused attire outside of tights and undergarments.

CURRICULUM

Our goal throughout our dance program is two-fold:

1. To teach dancers proper technique, and to develop the strength and flexibility to perform these skills.
2. To introduce choreography and to work on movement and performing. Younger classes will be more choreography-based and will learn 3-4 dances per season. Older dancers will have more emphasis on flexibility, strength, skill work and performance. They will generally learn 1-2 routines per season.

Tutu Tots ACADEMY

We created a revolutionary curriculum that will give your preschoolers the ultimate fun time while learning the basics in dance.

Using colorful and fun learning tools, the class will let your dancers discover

the joy and passion for dance. Our curriculum is designed specifically for preschoolers based on their learning abilities. You will see growth in the areas of communication/expression, cooperation, self-control and self-esteem.



DANCE YEAR AT A GLANCE

August
Thursday, August 15th, 2024 - Back to
Dance Bash at Dekko Community
Center 5-7 pm

Class Dates:
32 Classes, 1 additional class for
pictures and make up reserved dates if
needed for weather or other make up
reason

August - 1 class
Thursday, August 29th First Day of
Class!

September - 4 classes
Thursday, September 5th
Thursday, September 12th
Thursday, September 19th
Thursday, September 26th

October - 5 classes
Thursday, October 3rd
Thursday, October 10th
Thursday, October 17th
Thursday, October 24th
Wednesday, October 30th
No Class on Halloween!

November - 4 classes
Thursday, November 7th
Thursday, November 14th
Thursday, November 21st
Wednesday, November 27th

December - 3 classes
Thursday, December 5th
Thursday, December 12th
Thursday, December 19th
NO CLASS THROUGH JANUARY 1st

January - 5 classes

Thursday, January 2nd
Thursday, January 9th
Thursday, January 16th
Thursday, January 23rd
Thursday, January 30th

February - 3 classes
Thursday, February 13th
Thursday, February 20th
Thursday, February 27th

March - 4 classes
Thursday, March 6th
Thursday, March 13th
Thursday, March 20th
Thursday, March 27th

**If we have had a weather closure or
other need to use the following dates,
these are our makeup or additional
option dates in March**

Wednesday, March 19th
Wednesday, March 26th

April - 4 classes
Thursday, April 3rd
Thursday, April 10th
Thursday, April 17th
Thursday, April 24th - current last night
of class for 2024/2025 dance season

**If we have a weather closure or other
need to use the following date, this is
our makeup or additional option date in
April**
Wednesday, April 2nd

Shows, Performances, and Competition
Opportunities - Schedule incoming, to
be announced

WHAT CLASS AM I IN?

Tiny Kix - 3-5 year olds up to PK 4:30-5 PM
Wee Petite Kix - Kindergarten 5-5:45 PM
Wee Petite/Wee Jazz - K-3 Jazz* 5:45-6:30 PM
*additional class, must be in Kix to also take Jazz
Wee Kix- 1st - 3rd Grade 6:30-7:30 PM
Mini/Middle Kix - 4-8 Grade 7:30 PM-8:30 PM

We will hold special sessions this spring at the
Ada Event Center!
Sundays - March 16-April 13th, 2025. Current
Full Season Dancers are eligible to register for
Wee Hip Hop (spring show performance class),
Small Group Turns, Leaps, Floorwork (non
performance technique class), Mini/Middle Glow
Routine, and we will either hold an 80's Ladies
Class or a Jazz/Lyrical Special Session for
Mini/Middle. Visit
justforkix.com/danceclasses/ada-mn to register!

CANCELLATION

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

- justforkix.com/danceclasses/ada-mn
- Announcement text from 218-415-0382 and
BAND announcement
- Mass e-mail (to the email on your dance
account)

If school is cancelled or let out early we will make
a call based on the open or closure of the Dekko
Center. If the Dekko remains open and we can
safely hold class we will likely do so. If there is
reason to cancel class due to weather advisory or
other weather emergency, we will cancel class.
Any classes that are cancelled for weather or
other reason will be rescheduled for a later date.
We do not currently hold virtual classes as we
had previously done during the pandemic
overall. Classes are held in person at this time.

STAY CONNECTED, STAY POSITIVE

Dance is exciting and it is also an artistry, an
activity and a sport! It can be a lot to learn
something new and my goal is to support each
dancer positively, individually and as they come
together as a team. Encourage your dancer to
try new things, extend themselves grace and to
enjoy the achievements along the way. We are
all, no matter how much experience we have,
learning and everyone is important. Thank you
for dancing with us and I am honored to coach
your child. Sincerely, Rachel



*For 40 years, Just For Kix has been giving youth a performance platform that puts the prime
teaching motivation on not only proven dance technique, but teamwork and confidence. Heads
have turned and audiences have cheered through 14 states and over 200 locations. Our student
enrollment continues to grow, our curriculum continues to develop and our vision of "doing your
best is more important than being the best" leaves a lasting impression on our students far after
they've left the Just For Kix team.*

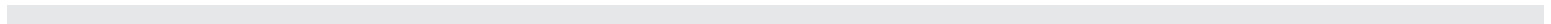
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2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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