

JUST FOR KIX DANCE NEWS

Dear Dancers and Parents,

Welcome back veterans and a special welcome to all new dancers and parents. At Just For Kix we pride ourselves on treating your kids as we would like ours to be treated, with respect! I also pride myself on being approachable, so please bring any concerns to my immediate attention. We want your experience to be a GREAT one!



NEED TO KNOW

Parking

The parking lots get very busy between classes. For safety reasons, encourage your child to wait by the door and not run out to the car. PRESCHOOL-1st GRADE PARENTS: For their safety, we will not release this age group to meet you at the car. Please come in and get them. If this arrangement doesn't work for you, please speak

Class Attire

Clothing should allow for movement; We ask that dancers do not wear jeans, jewelry, or chew gum in class. You can purchase Just For Kix practice and active wear at justforkix.com, if you wish! Hair should be pulled back in a pony tail or bun. Dance shoes/tennis shoes should be worn.

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

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

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www.justforkix.com/danceclasses

Messes, Theft, Vandalism

Renting a facility is a privilege. Please treat the practice and performance space as if it were your own! We are all judged by the actions of a few; therefore, Just For Kix has no tolerance for disrespecting others' belongings or property. We recommend leaving valuables at home.

Supervision

Dancers are supervised during their regular class time. Although we may have several classes the same day, during the time prior to and after the class you will need to watch your children. We want them safe.



The first ever,
annual Just For Kix
Together We Dance
Nationals.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 27th - 29th, 2018

Mayo Civic Center

Rochester, MN

WE MAKE IT EASY TO STAY INFORMED

WEBSITE

justforkix.com/danceclasses - 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. 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.

TEXT MESSAGE:

Get current information fast with Text messages. Announcements for bad weather, changes in plans, etc. I take your cell number from your student account and enter it into a Group Message App. Please make sure your cell number is correct in your account.

We Offer A No Distraction Environment

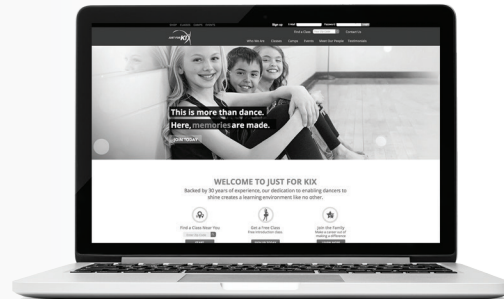
Over the years, we have found the most productive way to run classes is without distraction from parents and siblings in the room. We only have a short time each week, so every minute is important. Parents are welcome to come in the last 5 minutes of class to see the progress we are making. If, however, your child is struggling, be sure to speak with me. We want your dancer to feel safe and comfortable at class.



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. 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.

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. Older classes may also compete at Just For Kix competitions.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM JUST FOR KIX

- There are, on average, 32 classes in the season. Some programs do go to 36 classes.
- Depending on the location, classes will run for either 8 or 9 months.
- Tuition is based on the number of classes your dancer is scheduled to attend. You will get what you pay for.

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 in to the Home Office. 218-829-7107

Mon. - Fri. 8:00am - 4:30pm (CST)

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.

* By giving us your check, please be aware that you are authorizing Just For Kix to make a one-time electronic debit from your account at the financial institution indicated on your check. This electronic debit will be for the amount of your check. No additional amount will be added to the amount.

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

UNIFORMS

Uniform orders are due at registration. If you have not ordered your uniforms, please do so immediately.

If you still need to order your uniform:

Uniforms need to be paid in full before the order is placed. Some uniforms may take 8-12 weeks from the order date to arrive, so all will not be guaranteed delivery prior to the winter show. Many ordered in the Spring for that reason.

If you have received your uniform:

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. We can make an exchange as long as the uniform has not been worn or damaged. Tights can only be exchanged if they are unopened.

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

September

26th-Please order your uniform by today! Thank you!

October

27th-Halloween Show
31st-NO CLASS

November

2nd-Tuesday Classes-make-up day (for Halloween)
27th & 28th-Dress Rehearsal at

Class

December

9th-Winter Shows 3:30 & 5:30pm
11th & 12th-PJ Day at Class
18th & 19th-Bring a Friend Night
25th & 26th-NO CLASS

January

1st & 2nd-NO CLASS
BB Game Performances (TBA)
29th & 30th-Class Pictures

February

BB Game Performances (TBA)

March

3rd or 4th -Brainerd Competition,
Grades 4-12 (one of the two days)
8th-Stage Show (tentative)
10th-Alexandria Competition,
Grades 4-12, Wee Combo, Mini
& Jr/Sr Hip Hop

April

7th-Eden Prairie
Competition-Senior Kix
*Tentative Senior Jazz & Jr/Sr
Hip Hop
27th-Rochester
Competition-Senior Kix
Showcase
*Tentative Jr/Sr Hip Hop

May

5th-Spring Shows

What Class Am I in?

Just For Kix offers an array of dance classes, and it can be difficult to remember the name of your child's class. Here, I've listed the grade by the class name for your convenience.

Mondays @ Trinity Gym

3:25-4:25: Mini Kix (4th-6th)
4:25-5:10: Wee Petites-Mon. (K-1st)
5:10-5:55: Ballet (4th-12th)
6:00-7:00: Junior Kix (7th-8th)
7:00-8:00: Jr/Sr Jazz (7th-12th)
8:00-9:30: Senior Kix (9th-12th)

Tuesdays @ First Baptist-GYM

3:25-4:55: Wee Combo (2nd-3rd)
5:00-6:30: Mini Kix Combo (4th-6th)
6:35-7:05: Tiny Kix 1 (3 & 4 y.o.)
7:15-8:15: Senior Jazz (9th-12th) *2+ yrs. experience

Tuesdays @ First Baptist-EAST HALL

4:15-5:15: Wee Kix (2nd-3rd)
5:20-5:50: Wee Ballet (K-3rd)
5:55-6:40: Wee Petites (K-1)
6:45-7:15: Tiny Kix 2 (4 & 5 y.o.)

Cancellations

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

- jusforkix.com/danceclasses

• If we would have to cancel class for any reason, I will send a text message, email and post it on Facebook and our website. I will also announce this on the radio, KEYL, KCLD, and KIKV.

• Mass e-mail (to those who supplied their e-mail address to us) If school is cancelled or let out early for weather emergencies, we will not have class. Any classes that are cancelled will be rescheduled for a later date, unless pre-planned make-up classes have already been scheduled.

Upcoming Events

Halloween Show, October 27th @ 7:00pm, LPGE Elementary Big Gym

Preschool-3rd grade classes will have their annual Halloween Show! This is such a fun performance and a great way to get the year kicked off! Each class will wear a Halloween costume, or themed costume that goes with their routine. Watch for a separate note and email coming in mid-September.

Notes

We offer many "Special Sessions", (shorter sessions) throughout the season. You can check out specific details online. Here is a list of what's to come...

- *Dad/Daughter Holiday Class
- *Christmas Rockettes
- *Christmas Toy Soldiers
- *Jr/Sr Hip Hop
- *Mini Hip Hop
- *Wee Hip Hop
- *Teeny Kix (2 year olds)
- *Musical Theater, "Another Day of Sun" from La La Land (not online yet)
- *"Moana" Camp (not online yet)

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Celebrating 35 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 ten 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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EVENT NOTES

One of my favorite quotes and is a good thing to think about for all our new dancers, or experienced dancers trying something new..."An Expert at Anything, Was Once a Beginner." --Helen Hayes

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7 Meet & Greet	8	9
10	11 Monday Classes Begin	12 Tuesday Classes Begin	13	14	15	16
17	18 Regular Class	19 Regular Class	20	21	22	23
24	25 Regular Class	26 Regular Class-Please order your uniform by today!	27	28	29	30

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1	2 Regular Class	3 Regular Class	4	5	6	7
8	9 Regular Class	10 Regular Class	11	12	13	14
15	16 Regular Class	17 Regular Class	18	19	20	21
22	23 Regular Class	24 Regular Class	25	26	27 HALLOWEEN SHOW	28
29	30 Regular Class	31 NO CLASS-HAPPY HALLOWEEN				

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