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BRAINERD **JUST FOR KIX** DANCE NEWS



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

We are off to a great start of the season! We are so happy to be back in the studio with our dancers and hope they are enjoying it too! Thank you for your dedication to Just For Kix and can't wait for a great Holiday Season!

STAY INFORMED

BAND APP

BAND is our PRIMARY SOURCE of communication. Please take the time to register for our BAND app. This is so important! Band where you will find quick reminders, info on weather cancellations and ALL the important things you need to know! Use the link or SCAN the QR code!



WEBSITE

justforkix.com/danceclasses/brainerd-mn/
This Brainerd JFK website page is where you can find all your need to know info about performance details, the current newsletter, competition info and much more!

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!

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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PRESCHOOL-1ST GRADE NEWS

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER

11/6-11/17 PRESALE Show tickets go on sale
11/8 Pre-1st HOLIDAY Partner Session Begins (3 CLASSES)
11/23 & 11/24 THANKSGIVING BREAK: NO CLASS
11/25 JFK HOLIDAY SHOWS 12:00 PM, 2:30 PM & 5:00 PM
11/27 NO SCHOOL: NO STUDIO DANCE (the end of Thanksgiving Break)
11/29 Dance With Me 12-24 month Parent/Child Class

DECEMBER

12/6 Dance With Me 12-24 month Parent/Child Class
12/18-12/20 PICTURE WEEK!
12/21/23-1/2/24 STUDIO CLOSED for HOLIDAY BREAK: NO CLASS

HOLIDAY SHOW INFORMATION

PLEASE SEE SHOW INFORMATION AT THE
BOTTOM OF THIS NEWSLETTER :)

Tip:

It is better to GIVE than to receive. Do something nice for your mom and dad.

QUOTE:

You were made to be
AWESOME!



Nina... is so nice and thoughtfull to all of the other dancers in her class. She loves helping out whenever anyone needs a hand, especially coach. Nina can't wait to bring treats for her birthday, to share with her friends.



Cici.. always comes to class in a cheerful and high spirited mood. Sometimes, because she is so excited to be at dance class, she can get a little too high spirited. Then coach has to remind her to settle down and be a good listener.



2ND-12TH GRADE NEWS

TWD ATTENDINGS 2024 - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

EASTVIEW TWD - FEB 24-25TH

Twinklers Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
The Troop Hip Hop
Shining Stars Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Starmakers Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Starmakers Hip Hop

EDEN PRAIRIE TWD - APR 13-14TH

PLACEMENT CLASSES ONLY

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

ROCHESTER NATIONALS - APR. 25-28th

Twinklers Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Sparklers Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
The Troop Hip Hop
The Squad Hip Hop
Shining Stars Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Starlites Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Starmakers Kick/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

BLOOMINGTON TWD - MAR 2-3RD

Twinklers Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Sparklers Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
The Troop Hip Hop
The Squad Hip Hop
Shining Stars Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Starlites Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Starmakers Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Starmakers Hip Hop
Shooting Stars Kick/Jazz/Lyrical
Rising Stars Kick/Jazz/Lyrical

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 8th, 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!

COPY AND PASTE LINK BELOW FOR HOTEL INFO:

https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?ctyhocn=RSTMAHH&arrivalDate=2024-04-24&departureDate=2024-04-28&groupCode=BJK&room1NumAdults=1&cid=OM%2CWW%2CHILT%2CEN%2C2C&DirectLink&bm-verify=AAQAAAAI____5ZapDN8XhCJU6d0nIc6FjZukcZx9xKy3LwSTuMuhGwdSQTMd7QsuoH2tuadZBVf5P0wiHU_Nxi5lcC7oCoS38FBuxf_RQW7WNLQaR3iM_p1NfihRvcgJvtLjnL8ztnIGdVXEK3iDWJLHylHY3KEmBfxanIW18fB3hS5FfMgThQQQGQqVPA2Hcm9P0pCEYi74_Cjw21ai3M8STaeKLXarObylOpggPD_rSLQ0X7v7RUt45eYX48jV0AkZaNNAKxE3Owi8-M3dsUq45PpPvpA5bVE6b-nbB3lqJo_-6uRz1dGSzWXPkuRBK4d7d236fR84Zzjfy9Cc4VZ3NMsh9ZgPODjRmTCN81XBoWl1snsYYbK04BhQLSDS0qzi-8lfgM-pYWG33wx7xQ5A_-aVBDT3xRto6zwcS-NVr6fdOkqJzb5xFGpcSCAyghEnZ_HLB2VrONddsEVB0GvmYZH1ywf-whl1AZwho2dpzZfWfoQaeD8ff3WJZ10Xtm-aw

DANCE YEAR AT A GLANCE

NOVEMBER

11/4 Finale, Jazz & Hip Hop Production rehearsal
11/5 Jazz/Hip Hop Production and Finale rehearsal (2nd-12th)
11/6 2-12th HOLIDAY Partner Session Begins (3 CLASSES)
11/6-11/17 PRESALE Show tickets on sale
11/8 Pre-1st HOLIDAY Partner Session Begins (3 CLASSES)
11/17 BWDt COMPETES IN PEQUOT
11/18 BWDt COMPETITION AT BHS
11/23 & 11/24 THANKSGIVING BREAK: NO CLASS
11/25 JFK HOLIDAY SHOWS w/ BWDt as our Special Guests
11/27 NO SCHOOL: NO STUDIO DANCE
***BWDt stands for Brainerd Warrior Dance Team, we would love for our studio dancers to go support our high school team!**

DECEMBER

12/18-12/20 PICTURE WEEK!
12/21/23-1/2/24 STUDIO CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY BREAK: NO CLASS

JANUARY

1/1 & 1/2 HOLIDAY BREAK: NO CLASS
1/3 STUDIO OPENS: CLASSES RESUME
1/8 Mon Tiny Tumbling Special Session #3: WINTER Begins (5 CLASSES)
1/8 & 1/10 Teeny Kix Special Session #3: WINTER Begins (5 CLASSES)
1/11 Thur Tiny & Firecrackers Tumbling Special Session #3: WINTER Begins (5 CLASSES)
1/19 The Crew Special Session #3: WINTER Begins (4 CLASSES)
1/15 NO SCHOOL EARLY DAY CLASS: WATCH FOR DETAILS W/ ADJUSTED SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

2/3 BWDt SECTION MEET
2/10 BWDt KICK-OFF SHOW WATCH FOR DETAILS
2/16 & 2/17 STATE COMPETITION
2/19 Presidents Day NO SCHOOL EARLY DAY CLASS: WATCH FOR DETAILS
2/24 or 2/25 Eastview TWD for specific classes

TUITION

There are two 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. Take advantage of our autopay setting!

2. Call Payments into the Home Office, 218-829-7107
Mon-Thurs. 10:00AM-4:30PM
We can take credit or debit card payments over the phone.

***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.

STUDIO RENOVATIONS

If you have been inside the studio, you can see we have made some spectacular renovations. We are so lucky to have such a beautiful studio. Within the last year, we have added a new studio space with Marley flooring, painted the entire lobby, tore down dressing rooms, added new carpet and tables.

With these renovations and especially the new carpet we ask that you help us make sure the studio stays CLEAN. Talk with your children about cleaning up after themselves, throwing away their garbage and keeping the studio looking tidy! Thank you in advance!

POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL COSTS

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

- Performance Admission
- Just For Kix TWD Competition Fees
- Show Admission
- Prop Fees
- Pictures
- Special Session Fees
- Show shirts/Competition Merchandise
- Custom Program Clothing

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM JFK

- There are, on average, 32 classes in the season.
- Our season generally runs from Mid September- April with our spring show normally being held within the first couple weeks of May.

CANCELLATIONS

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

- BAND APP
- Brainerd JFK Facebook Page
- And/or if it seems necessary we will email out

NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 CLASS PAYMENTS DUE	2	3	4 JAZZ/HIP HOP PRODUCTION & FINALE REHEARSAL
5	6 PRESALE SHOW TICKETS OPEN HOLIDAY PARENT/CHILD CLASS BEGINS (2ND-12TH)	7	8 HOLIDAY PARENT/CHILD CLASS BEGINS (PRESCHOOL-1ST)	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 LAST DAY OF PRESALE SHOW TICKETS BWDT COMEPETES IN PEQUOT	18 BWDT COMPETITION AT BHS
19	20	21	22	23 NO CLASSES	24 NO CLASSES HOLIDAY SHOW SET UP	25 HOLIDAY SHOWS 12:00 2:30 5:00
26	27 NO CLASSES HELD NO SCHOOL	28	29 DANCE WITH ME 12-24 month CLASS	30		

DECEMBER 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 CLASS PAYMENTS DUE	2
3	4	5	6 DANCE WITH ME 12-24 month CLASS	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 PICTURE DAY SEE PICTURE SCHEDULE	19 PICTURE DAY SEE PICTURE SCHEDULE	20 PICTURE DAY SEE PICTURE SCHEDULE	21 NO REGULAR CLASSES - WINTER BREAK	22 NO REGULAR CLASSES - WINTER BREAK	23
24 31	25 NO REGULAR CLASSES - WINTER BREAK	26 NO REGULAR CLASSES - WINTER BREAK	27 NO REGULAR CLASSES - WINTER BREAK	28 NO REGULAR CLASSES - WINTER BREAK	29 NO REGULAR CLASSES - WINTER BREAK	30

Brainerd Winter Show Newsletter

NOV. 25TH

BRAINERD HIGH
SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

12:00 - 2:30 - 5:00PM

OLD FASHIONED HOLIDAY

TICKETS

Show tickets are available for presale! **We HIGHLY ENCOURAGE** you to purchase tickets before the event so it is one less thing you have to deal with on the day of the show. It will also guarantee your spot as our shows fill up very quickly. **PRESALE** ticket sales will be on sale **November 6th-17th**. Double-check that you are ordering for the correct showtime your dancer is in. Pre-purchased tickets will be available for pickup the week leading up to the show, at the studio counter, M-Th from 3:30-6:30 pm. No pre-sale tickets will be sold after the order deadline. Pre-purchased tickets not picked up prior to the show date will be available at Will Call, near the ticket sales table at the High School. **TICKETS SOLD DAY OF EVENT WILL BE \$15.00 FOR ADULTS \$12 FOR CHILDREN**. We really appreciate everyone taking advantage of purchasing pre-sale tickets. You get a great deal and tickets are ready to pick up prior to show day!

Presale Prices:

Child - \$7.00

Adult - \$10.00

SHOW DAY MEETING LOCATIONS

- Preschool: Meet behind the curtain 15 minutes before the show.
- 4th-12th Grade: Boys Swim Locker Room
- Starlites, Shooting Stars, Rising Stars & Quick Changes: 9th Grade Locker Room
- 2-3rd Grade: Girls Swim Locker Room
- All Firecrackers Classes (K-1st): Stairway Landing Near The Back Of The Staging Gym & Chute
- Dream Team & Elite: Boys Locker Room
- 2nd-12th JFK Boys: Boys Wrestling Locker Room

SHOW SET UP

We would LOVE any parent/sibling volunteers to help with set up. We will be setting up the night before the show. If you are willing to help please email ali@justforkix.com! Thank you in advance!

WINTER SHOW SHIRT

This item is NOT required for the Winter Show! Just an optional, keepsake item if you would like to purchase in your account!



FINALE & PRODUCTION REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH (BHS KIXTER GYM)

FINALE 12:15-1:30pm - ALL 2nd-12th Grade Dancers

HIP HOP PRODUCTION 1:30-2:15pm - ALL 2nd-12th grade Hip Hop Classes

JAZZ PRODUCTION 2:15-3:15pm - ALL 2nd-12th JAZZ Classes



OLD FASHIONED HOLIDAY

QUICK CHANGES

We are constantly striving to have our shows run as quick and smooth as possible. Below are some tips to help your dancer with quick changes during the show.

- Be organized. Using a laundry basket allows you to find items easier.
- Label EVERYTHING!!! Especially shoes.
- Look at show order and lay out costumes in order of performance with all pieces.
- Have all needed supplies (gel, hairspray, bobby pins, clips, bidners, hair net, safety pins, makeup, extra tights, etc.)
- Have a plan for how your child will change without help. Practice it at home. Kids 3rd grade and up should be able to change alone. A female helper CAN be backstage but should watch from the chute on the side. One person could help 3 or 4 kids at a time and take turns at the various shows.
- Dancers should not use far away restrooms or this could hold up the show. Use the Quick Change Locker Room for such changes.
- Arrive with makeup and hair done.
- Items frequently forgotten - extra tights and leotards for underneath costumes (if needed)
- SPEED is important, dancers should try their best not to hold up the show.
- In between shows, reset and organize your space.

HAIR ON SHOW DAY

Preschool - 1st Grade: Hair half up and curly with hair piece.

2nd-12th Grade: Middle Part, Low Bun at the very bottom of your head. No bangs.

Slick hair with gel & hairspray. There should be no loose hair or fly-aways. Use bobby pins to hold bangs and buns tight.

WHAT TO WEAR

All classes will be wearing their costume that you purchased through your account, unless stated otherwise by an instructor. Please double and triple check you have ALL costume pieces before the holiday weekend!

JAZZ PRODUCTION COSTUMES:

Twinklers Jazz: RENTAL (Please pay for in your Jazz account)

Sparklers Jazz: RENTAL (Please pay for in your Jazz account)

Starlites Jazz: RENTAL (Please pay for in your Jazz account)

Shining Stars Jazz: RENTAL (Please pay for in your Jazz account)

Shooting Stars Jazz: RENTAL (Please pay for in your Jazz account)

Rising Stars Jazz: RENTAL (Please pay for in your Jazz account)

Starmakers Jazz: Red Jazz Costume

Dream Team Jazz: White Jazz Costume

Elite Jazz: Rockette Dress

WHAT TO EXPECT ON SHOW DAY

PARKING

With the large number of families arriving at the same time, parking can be tough. However, there is MORE than enough parking available. Please plan extra arrival time for parking and walking in.

ADMISSION

Remember to have your pre sale tickets available to give to the door monitors. Pre Sale ticket holders, DO NOT wait in the admission line, go directly to the doors. You can enter the gym via the south doors, lower level or front doors. WILL CALL TICKETS will only be at the upper gym doors by concessions.

SEATING

We will have a full house, but there will be enough seats for everyone. Our routines are choreographed to be viewed from above, so every seat in the gym is a good one. We ask that the floor seats are reserved for parents of our Teeny/Tiny Kix and families that have a member unable to climb the bleachers

DURING THE SHOW- SHOW ETTIQUETTE

Once the show has begun, please refrain from moving until intermission. If you must leave your seat, please do so in between performances not during a routine. Applause is welcome! When you see something you like while a team is performing, let them know. Dance performances are an interactive experience!

BETWEEN SHOWS

We will be clearing the gym after each show. If you are attending multiple shows, please make sure to exit the gym and re-enter with the next show's ticket. Thank you for your cooperation.



SHOW TIMELINES & ORDERS

TIMELINE 12:00PM SHOW

11:15 am - 2-12th grade dancers arrive & Doors Open
11:30 am - K-1st Grade Dancers arrive
11:45 am - Preschool dancers arrive & Floor is cleared
11:55 am - Take your seats
1:30 pm - Approximate end time

TIMELINE 2:30PM SHOW

1:45 pm - 2-12th grade dancers arrive & Doors Open
2:00 pm - K-1st Grade Dancers arrive
2:15 pm - Preschool dancers arrive & Floor is cleared
2:25 pm - Take your seats
4:00 pm - Approximate end time

TIMELINE 5:00PM SHOW

4:15 pm - 2-12th grade dancers arrive & Doors Open
4:30 pm - K-1st Grade Dancers arrive
4:45 pm - Preschool dancers arrive & Floor is cleared
4:55 pm - Take your seats
6:30 pm - Approximate end time

SHOW 1 (12:00 PM) ORDER

JAZZ PRODUCTION 2ND-12TH GRADE

SWEETIE PIES 2-3 YEAR OLDS

THE CREW PRE-1ST GRADE HIP HOP

BWDT ROCKETTE CHRISTMAS

TUES TWINKLERS KICK 2-3RD GRADE

STARLITES LYRICAL 4-5TH GRADE

MON TWINKLERS KICK 2-3RD GRADE

BWDT JV JAZZ

BWDT VARSITY JAZZ

2-12TH GRADE PARENT CHILD

INTERMISSION

STARBRITES ADAPTIVE

HIP HOP PRODUCTION 2-12TH GRADE

TNT FIRECRACKERS KICK K-1ST GRADE

BROADWAY BABIES 3-5 YEAR OLDS

CUPCAKE CUTIES 3-5 YEAR OLDS

TWINKLERS LYRICAL 2-3RD GRADE

TNT FIRECRACKERS JAZZ K-1ST GRADE

STARLITES KICK 4-5TH GRADE

BWDT JV KICK

BWDT VARSITY KICK

FINALE 2-12TH GRADE

SHOW 2 (2:30 PM) ORDER

JAZZ PRODUCTION 2ND-12TH GRADE

SUGAR BEARS 2-3 YEAR OLDS

DYNAMITE FIRECRACKERS JAZZ K-1ST GRADE

BWDT ROCKETTE CHRISTMAS

STARMAKERS LYRICAL 6TH-12TH GRADE

DYNAMITE FIRECRACKERS KICK K-1ST GRADE

RISING & SHOOTING STARS KICK 6-8TH GRADE

SPARKLERS LYRICAL 2-3RD GRADE

STARLITES LYRICAL 4-5TH GRADE

BWDT JV JAZZ

BWDT VARSITY JAZZ

INTERMISSION

HIP HOP PRODUCTION 2-12TH GRADE

PRE-1ST PARENT CHILD

STARMAKERS KICK 6-12TH GRADE

RISING STARS LYRICAL 6-8TH GRADE

STARLITES KICK 4-5TH GRADE

SHOOTING STARS LYRICAL 6-8TH GRADE

SPARKLERS KICK 2-3RD GRADE

BWDT JV KICK

BWDT VARSITY KICK

FINALE 2-12TH GRADE

SHOW 3 (5:00 PM) ORDER

JAZZ PRODUCTION 2ND-12TH GRADE

LITTLE STARS 3-5 YEARS OLD

ITTY BITTYS 2-3 YEAR OLDS

BWDT ROCKETTE CHRISTMAS

FLARE FIRECRACKERS JAZZ K-1ST GRADE

SHINING STARS Lyrical 4-5TH GRADE

SPARKLERS LYRICAL 2-3RD GRADE

FLARE FIRECRACKERS KICK K-1ST GRADE

STARLITES LYRICAL 4-5TH GRADE

BWDT JV JAZZ

BWDT VARSITY JAZZ

2-12TH GRADE PARENT CHILD

INTERMISSION

HIP HOP PRODUCTION 2-12TH GRADE

DANCING DARLINGS 3-5 YEAR OLDS

HUNNY BUNNIES 3-5 YEAR OLDS

RISING STARS LYRICAL 6-8TH GRADE

SHINING STARS Kick 4-5TH GRADE

SHOOTING STARS LYRICAL 6-8TH GRADE

SPARKLERS KICK 2-3RD GRADE

BWDT JV KICK

BWDT VARSITY KICK

FINALE 2-12TH GRADE

