

## 2016-2017 Just For Kix Dance Season

Welcome and Thank you for choosing Just For Kix! We are so happy that you are going to be a part of the Rochester Just for Kix program and dance family! We have a very exciting year planned and are really looking forward to kicking things off very soon!

## **ABOUT OUR SEASON**

## **Important Dates**

Meet and Greet/Information Session: Thursday, August 18th 6-7PM

\*Information will be shared at 6PM followed by Q&A. Shoe fitting, uniform sizing, and registration will be available post Q & A if needed.

Studio Open House: Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 12PM-2PM

Classes Begin: Monday, September 12th

No Classes Held: October 31<sup>st</sup> (Monday class will be held on Friday, 11/4), November 23-26<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Break, December 22-January 2<sup>nd</sup> Winter Break, April 3-8<sup>th</sup> Spring Break (Competition teams will practice later in the week, Date/ Time TBD)

**Studio Address and Parking** – Our new dance home is located at 2130 S Broadway Suite 500 55904. There will be a lot of cars coming in and out of the parking lots, so make sure everything is with a parent and paying attention to the other cars and students. There are two access points for the studio/ parking. Front entrance/ parking – right on HWY 63 traveling North or Back entrance/parking – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE.

## Communication

- Weekly Email A weekly email will be sent with any updates/ reminders.
- <u>Remind 101</u> We use an app called Remind 101 to send out information about weather cancellations, changes in plans, etc. It is so easy to use and I need all parents to sign up for this. All you need to do is the following:

Send a text message to <u>507-369-2266</u>

With this message: @jfkr

• <u>Newsletters</u> – Every two months you will receive a newsletter. Once classes start, you will receive the September/October Newsletter. This has lots of information about the year as well as some important dates to mark on your calendar.

- <u>Tutu Tots Newsletter</u> Every month our PK-1<sup>st</sup> grade classes will receive the Tutu Tots Academy Newsletter. This will include a monthly calendar and updates as well as serves as a coloring page for our students.
- <u>Website</u> Remember to always check our website for lots of information that will be posted throughout the year. <u>www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/rochester\_mn.</u>
- <u>Class Environment</u> Occasionally spectators are invited in for the last 5 minutes of class to see the progress we have made and to go over any information or announcements that are important for class.
- <u>Facebook</u> Please like us on Facebook (Just For Kix Rochester). We post lots of information throughout the season! Tell your friends and families to like us too!

**Tuition** - All tuition payments should be made online at <u>classes.justforkix.com</u> Log into your dancer account and select make payment. Monthly payments are due by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month. There is an Auto Pay option for your convenience. Four or more months paid in advance you will receive \$1 off/ month. Monthly payment not received by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month will be assessed a \$10 late fee.

**Uniforms** - If you haven't done so already please log on to your student account at <u>classes.justforkix.com</u> and order your uniform and shoes. For uniform/costume sizing here is the link to the sizing guide for Just For Kix Uniforms:

https://www.justforkix.com/students/sizing-guide.html

For shoes, shoes fit pretty true to tennis shoe size. You can go up from her last year's size or we do have try-on shoes and a shoe sizing chart at the studio so feel free to try on, figure out her size, and then order them online.

All uniform payments should be made as soon as possible and will need to be made by September 30th so they can be ordered with enough time for them to arrive in time for our first performance.

If a fit issue presents itself, you have 30 days to return for an exchange. We want to make sure dancers are comfortable and feel great in uniform!

Class Attire – Appropriate dance clothes are required for class. We want to provide every child the correct feedback. Loose clothing makes this difficult and we may miss something that is important! Dancers should wear the following attire for class:

\*PRESCHOOL (Tiny Kix and Pre Petites): At this age many of the dancers wear a leotard and tights and maybe a little skirt or short along with ballet shoes. Movable clothing is ok too as we want your dancer to feel comfortable.

\*WEE PETITES AND FIRECRACKERS (K-1<sup>st</sup> grade): Dance attire such as a leotard, short, dance skirt, legging, form fitted top are all acceptable options for class. Jazz shoe or ballet shoe should be worn.

\*KICK, LYRICAL, and TAP CLASS: Leotard or form fitted Top and Dance Shorts or Leggings. Acceptable shoes – Tap, Turners, Jazz, or Ballet

\*BALLET: Leotard (Black is preferred), tights or dance short. Acceptable shoes – Ballet or Jazz. Hair must be in bun.

\*JAZZ: Leotard (Black is preferred) or Form Fitted Top and dance shorts or leggings. Acceptable shoes – Jazz or Turners. PLACEMENT JAZZ DANCERS (Starlites, Rising Stars, and Star Makers) must be in ALL Black. Hair should be in a bun.

\*HIP HOP: Loose fitting clothing is acceptable. Tshirt, Tank Top or Hoodie, Dance short, Legging, or pant. Acceptable shoes – Sneakers (must be clean).

\*Tip: Have a dance bag with multiple options/ extra items. This will ensure that your dancer has what he/she needs for class every day.

\*If you have ordered shoes with your uniform and they have not arrived yet your dancer can go barefoot until they arrive.

\*All dancers need to have their hair pulled up off of their face in either a pony tail or bun.

**Performances/ Shows** – Dancers will perform multiple times throughout the dance season. All classes will perform at the Winter and Spring Shows. Our younger classes will also perform in a Stage Show. Community appearances are also a possibility and are dependent on the opportunities presented each season – Festival of Trees, Eagles Cancer Telethon, Century Dance Team Invite, Nursing Homes, etc. The season uniform listed with your class will be worn for all performances.

**Competitions** – Preschool, Wee Petites, Firecrackers, and Wee Kix classes DO NOT compete. All other Full season teams will compete at two Just For Kix Together We Dance Competitions in the spring, Decorah IA March 25<sup>th</sup> and Rochester, MN April 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. Placement Jazz teams and a few older classes will compete at up to four events including the above listed. Just For Kix Competitions teach our dancers to strive for something greater than themselves. In a positive, yet competitive environment dancers are learning how to prepare, compete, and win/ lose as a team. This is typically the highlight of the year for our dancers besides the Spring Show ©

If you know of anyone who is interested in Rochester Just for Kix have them contact me at <a href="mochester-mn@justforkix.com">mochester-mn@justforkix.com</a> or just go register online at <a href="mochester-mn@justforkix.com">classes.justforkix.com</a> we would love to welcome more dancers to Just for Kix!

Let me know if you need any additional information or have any questions! I am looking forward to seeing you all in class soon!

With Kix,

Bethany Morrisey "Coach Beth"