Just For Kix – Alexandria Class Descriptions 2023-2024 Season



Register for classes, order uniforms and custom wear and access your dance account at: <u>www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/alexandria-mn</u>

CLASSES OFFERED: The Just For Kix dance class curriculum is designed specifically for each age group, Preschool through High School. There are no auditions for our weekly dance classes. Dancers are divided by age group to allow for maximum confidence and self-esteem building. We offer kick, jazz, hip hop, pom and special sessions such as 8-week preschool sessions, partner classes and one-day camps. See the class options with a description of styles below. Jazz classes have a prerequisite of also being enrolled in core kick. All other classes can be taken stand-alone.

PRESCHOOL CLASSES:

Teeny Kix

This is a short term core dance session for dancer's ages 2.5-5 years old not yet in kindergarten. The class will incorporate an introduction to ballet, kick, jazz, movement and stretching. This class will learn one routine per session and perform at the winter/spring show. Typically sessions are 8 weeks and offered in the fall and spring.

Tiny Kix, Pre Petites

Core dance classes for preschool dancer's ages 3-5 years old, not yet in kindergarten. This is an 8-month season class which will incorporate an introduction to ballet, kick, jazz, movement and stretching. This class will learn multiple routines and perform a minimum of 4 times during the season including winter and spring shows, and at community performances and events.

K-1ST GRADE CLASSES:

Wee Petite

Core Kick classes are the basis of our program. Kick dancing is known for its precision and uniformity. Intricate formation changes accompanied by long kick lines and unique kick sequences makes this genre a crowd pleaser! Dancers will also learn basic ballet and jazz technique, skill progression, flexibility, strength building, and expression will be the focus areas of this class. This is an 8-month season class and dancers will learn multiple routines and perform a minimum of 4 times during the season including winter and spring shows, and at community performances and events.

2ND-12TH GRADE CORE KICK CLASSES:

Wee Kix, Mini Kix, Middle Kix, Senior Kix

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2ND-12TH GRADE JAZZ CLASSES:

Wee/Kix Jazz, Mini Jazz, Middle Jazz, Senior Kix/Jazz

Jazz dancing combines footwork and movement with different technical elements such as leaps and turns. These classes will work off the basic ballet and jazz skills taught in the Core Kick class and work toward more difficult jazz skills and technique. Dancers must also be enrolled in kick in order to register for jazz or enroll in the kick/jazz combo class. This is an 8-month season class and dancers will learn additional jazz routines and perform a minimum of 5 times during the season including winter and spring shows, regional TWD Competitions, and at community performances and events.

2ND-12TH GRADE HIP HOP:

Mini Hip Hop, Junior Hip Hop

Hip hop is a fun, upbeat style of dance. It is characterized by hard hitting movement and body isolations. It is an extremely high energy style of dance that encompasses a variety of different styles. This is an 8-month season class and dancers will perform a minimum of 5 times during the season including winter and spring shows, regional TWD Competitions, and at community performances and events.

1ST-12TH GRADE POM

Mini Pom, Junior Pom

Pom classes focus on group unison, showmanship, precision of motions, and visual use of poms. This class will learn one routine per session and perform at the winter/spring show and at least one regional TWD Competition in the spring. Sessions are 6-8 weeks and offered in the fall and spring.

Why are Core Kick classes a requirement for Jazz Classes?

Our Core Kick classes by definition are the fundamentals. It is in the core classes that the students learn the basics that will be required to move further in our other class offerings. Our jazz classes are the next step. We expect the dancers taking these classes to already have an understanding of the basics. We do not want these classes to be a repeat of the fundamentals but rather a continuation for dancers who wish to take their dancing to the next level. By making the core classes a requirement, it assures the dancers in these classes are dedicated as they have made a commitment to additional studio time. This allows the instructors the ability to move along at a more rapid pace, knowing that what they are teaching is being reinforced in classes offered at least one other hour per week. The increase in dance time, allows the dancer to further their flexibility and strength that is necessary to master more difficult skills.

SPECIAL SESSIONS AND ONE-DAY CAMPS:

Throughout the season we offer a variety of short-term dance sessions. Examples of these classes are 8-week preschool classes, one-day theme camps, partner classes, prop routines, etc. Watch for emails, newsletters and social media posts regarding these special sessions and camps.

SOLOS AND SMALL GROUPS:

We have many dancers who compete solos or small groups at our TWD Competitions in the spring. If you have an interest in doing a solo or small group please contact Crystal at <u>alexandria mn@justforkix.com</u>.

TOGETHER WE DANCE, or TWD is the name of the Just For Kix dance competitions that our teams enter. When dancer reach 2nd grade they will compete. We typically participate in 2-3 events per year and most involve travel. There is an extra expense for competition entry fees.

BAND APP:

Join our BAND app and stay up to date on upcoming dates for classes, performances, events and any changes or weather cancellations. We will also post calendars/newsletters, videos from class for dancers to practice at home and more. Click on the QR code or click on the link to join the BAND app: <u>https://band.us/n/acac5f68M0jfC</u>



WEBSITES AND SOCIAL MEDIA:

Get social with us. Like and follow us on our social media platforms where we will share information about classes, performances and also post pictures and fun stuff about dance.

- Alexandria JFK Web Page justforkix.com/danceclasses/alexandria-mn
- Main JFK Website justforkix.com
- Facebook @justforkix.alexandria
- Twitter <u>AlexJustForKix</u>
- Instagram @alexjustforkix

YOUR DANCE ACCOUNT:

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