



Hello competition parents!

I have signed your child's class up for the TWD competition at Apple Valley High School in Apple Valley, MN on March 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>.

This will be our first competition of the season and always a highlight. Full team attendance is important. If for some reason, your dancer cannot attend a written note/email must be given to Victoria by Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Please know that if your dancer is unable to attend - formation changes will have to be made and your dancer may be asked to practice out of formation in the weeks prior, while the team prepares for the event. Competition fees will be billed to dancers' accounts when it gets closer to the competition event.

Teams competing consist of dancers in Just For Kix programs from all over the region. These competitive events have proved to be the highlight of the year for many teams. Please keep in mind the goal of these events is to provide our dancers with an opportunity to perform in front of a large crowd and share their talents with more people than just those in their community. It also gives our dancers an opportunity to meet other dancers involved in Just For Kix from a number of different communities and we all get the chance to cheer for one another.

It is a competition and teams will be awarded places, depending on the size of the category. Categories are determined by the JFK Home Office based on average age and size of the entire team. Every team cannot be in first place. We hope that everyone goes in with the attitude that "Doing your best is more important than being the best!"

Sportsmanship must be a priority. We feel that the exposure to other groups will instill a harder work ethic and give dancers something to strive for. This will be a great opportunity for our dancers, I hope you make every effort to participate.

We were given an estimate on the times for the day. ***This is only an estimate and exact times/days will be sent home 2 weeks prior to the competition but we hope this can help you plan.***

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\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE understand these are TENTATIVE days/times. These could change! Competition fees for this event will be billed into your account soon (I will send out an email once they are on our dance account).

**Wristbands--** We will be using the wristband system again this year. As indicated above we will inform you once fees for each event have been billed into the dancers' accounts. Once paid the dancer will be on the list for the wristband report to receive a wristband the day of the event. Dancers cannot take the floor without a wristband

and the only way to get the wristband is if the TWD fee is paid. Wristbands will be distributed the day of the competition by Victoria. All competition fees MUST be paid the week prior to the competition in order to compete.

**Competition Entry fees:**

\$12.00 for first routine

\$9.00 for second routine

\$7.00 for third or more routines

\$7.00 for each additional performance

**Why does JFK charge for the TWD Competition?**

The expenses to run an all day event like this one are many; rent charges for the facility, clean up charges, payroll and mileage for judges/tabulators, payroll for all of the workers you see as well as room and board for the trip to the event, hiring an announcer and sound equipment, dancers receive feedback on their performances, liability insurance that is needed just to rent a facility like this one, ribbons, informational mailing to all the dancers and coaches, food for the coaches, judges and staff that spend their entire day at this event, plaques and numerous hours spent by the home office staff organizing and facilitating this event.

**Why isn't this covered in your monthly class fees?**

Your monthly classes fees are set to cover the weekly class instruction only. In the past we have considered raising the registration fee to \$40-\$50 and then all the competition fees, etc would be included, but we have felt the fairest and most economical option for parents is to only charge dancers and parents for those things they participate in. Whether it is a prop, show admission or a TWD event like this one, you are only charged a minimal expense for the events in which you are participating. Many dance studios charge \$10-\$15 to watch a show and \$30 competition entry fee or more per dancer/per routine. We strive hard to keep our rates reasonable and affordable in everything we do.