

APRIL DANCE NEWSLETTER 2017

It's hard to believe that the 2017/18 dance season is in it's final month. This is by far our busiest month of dance. I will try and address and touch base on all things that are crucial in wrapping up our final month.

CLASS FEES- All class fees are due on the 1st of each month. April is the time to make sure all your fees are paid up in full. Please make sure this is done TODAY! JFK policy is that all fees are paid in full in order for our dancers to participate in class, performances, competition, etc.

ATTENDANCE- I know Streator schools still are waiting for their Spring Break. That being said and I have to use caps "WE ARE STILL LEARNING CHOREOGRAPHY FOR OUR SHOW". Please Streator students, if you are NOT going on vacation for Spring Break please get them to class that week. I don't think we have ever had a spring break the week before the last week of classes. I appreciate your dedication and help! If you are going to miss, please let me know.

*We really appreciate your help with the following regarding pick up and drop off it really needs to be corrected since our goal is to give the best dance instruction possible.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF- It has been brought to my attention and I have received concerns about parents and siblings staying during class time in the open area and causing distractions on Thursday nights. Miss Tricia is trying to teach pre-school dance in a room that doesn't have a door, so staying and visiting is NOT an option. We have always enforced a no distraction environment and as we did become somewhat more lenient with this policy due to the new facility we are strictly enforcing starting this week. We appreciate everyone following the pickup and drop off policy, I think this will alleviate some of the parents concerns.

DROP OFF- Dancers are allowed to be dropped off 5 minutes prior to class time. 5 minutes is all that is needed for the girls to change shoes and get into class. After your dancer is in the classroom we ask that you exit the building. Only if you have a special need or made arrangements with me or Miss Tricia can you stay during class time. If you have permission from your class teacher to stay in the building it must be in the ladies lounge area.

PICK UP- Please do not enter the building until your dancer class time is near ending. We do not let out early so there is no need to come early. Example: if your dancer class time ends at 6:30 please enter the building at 6:25 or 6:28 :) The Tiny Kix instructor will stand out in the area to make sure all dancers are retrieved.

END OF THE SEASON AWARDS - New this year we will be giving out a few class awards and recognizing dancers who have stood out all season, improved the most, had a positive attitude, great attendance or just an all around hard worker and hustler. We are excited to start this new awards tradition.

2017/2018 DANCE SEASON- You will be receiving information for the upcoming dance season. I hope that you find the new class structure more convenient. Just an FYI class size is being reduced next season so don't wait to enroll, get your spot in class. Dance registration is scheduled to go live online April 15th at 8 a.m.

HIRING - Streator Just for Kix is hiring for the 2017/18 season. Who would like to be a part of our TEAM, you won't find a more fun and rewarding job. Dance or Cheer background required. Great opportunity for stay at home mommies too! Please send a letter of interest to ME Lori Cinnamon at streator_il@justforkix.com

IMPORTANT DATES- April 3rd Advanced tickets go on sale, April 7,8,9 Rochester TWD, Week of April 17th Adv. tickets go home, April 28th Rehearsal at Streator H.S., April 29th Spring Show 4:00 & 6:00.

SPRING SHOW INFORMATION COMING IN A SEPARATE EMAIL.

AS NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR!

Well if you made it this far down the email I applaud you. The amount of information that I am having to send out this month is overwhelming for me, so I can't imagine how it feels for you.

We are getting to the end of the season, the sun is shining, it's getting warmer and the birds are singing. Perfect for wanting to just stay home and play outside right? I totally get it, I want to stay home and play sometimes too. This is the time in the season when we may hear "I don't want to go to dance" or "I just want stay home, I am tired" even "I don't like dance" Ugh that hurts! Even though I don't like to hear it, I get it! I am a mom, I raised 3 sons that participated many sports. Kids are tired, kids are hungry, kids have a long day of structure and expectations and when the weather gets nice yes they just want to be done for the day, they want to be FREE to ride, run and chill.

As a mom and dance teacher this is my thought. Don't melt, don't give in, be strong! They joined a team and you have invested a lot in \$. 30-90 minutes of dance, 1 day a week will go by fast and making them finish it out will teach them the lesson of commitment to a team. They may give you a hard time and maybe even tears but when they are here at dance they are happy, they are having fun and yes we are learning because that is what we do here we TEACH dance. That is what you pay for and we are dedicated to delivering. The next 4 weeks of dance are so important as we are still learning, yes we teach right up until the show. If you give in and don't make them come to class they will be behind and what does that do? That causes them more frustration, feeling overwhelmed and it holds back the entire team. I have used the example of our dancers being "a piece to a puzzle" and when all the pieces are not there we are not complete.

Please let me know if your dancer is struggling, I cannot not help if I don't know. I appreciate all your support and choosing us at Streator JFK to teach and share our love of dance with your child.

With Kix, Lori Cinnamon
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