## WELCOME TO THE STREATOR JUST FOR KIX PROGRAM We are excited to be celebrating 25 years of providing dance in Streator, IL

We are so excited to get this season started so we thought we would introduce ourselves.

Meet the Director- Hi, my name is Lori Cinnamon and I am thrilled to be starting my 22nd season as director of the Streator Just For Kix program. I have over 39 years of coaching and directing experience and I trained in ballet, jazz, acrobat, modern, and tap with precision drill and musical theater being my favorite. Prior to beginning this program, I coached the Streator High School Streatorettes for 11 years. Though I am super proud of all my accomplishments as a coach and Director, my most important role is being a wife to my husband Paul, mom of 3 sons, mother in law to my 3 beautiful DILs, and a grandma to my 5 amazing grandkids Emma, Levi, Thea, Aubree and Charlie.



I believe at Just For Kix we not only teach the art of dance, but truly develop amazing performers. We over deliver each week and want our dancers to leave with more knowledge and confidence than when they started. JFK is an amazing program that I am so so proud of. I can't wait to get back at it and see all my former dancers along with meeting my new friends that are starting their new dance journey. I truly feel blessed that you have chosen JFK to mentor your dancers.

**Meet the Staff-** We pride ourselves at JFK to always provide the most quality instruction around. We have amazing instructors .......

- Missy Stortz, Head Instructor for Petite Combo, Mini Hip Hop and Middle Kix/Hip Hop classes. Missy has been dancing with Streator JFK since 2005 and coaching since 2010. "I can't say enough about all the great things this program has taught me, both as a dancer and as a person. I love sharing those same life lessons with our little ladies" In addition, Missy is a full-time school psychologist at Marseilles Elementary School, and a Travel Agent specializing in Disney World and Universal Studios! In her free time (haha) she likes to hangout with her hubby Sam and sons Scotty and Seth, and they love spending time visiting their favorite place Walt Disney World!
- Lexi Carretto, will be leading our Beginner and Intermediate Jazz/Lyrical classes and our Tiny Tuesday class. Hi there! I'm Lexi, but most of our dancers know me as "Miss Lexi!" My husband and I have two kiddos- Bowen and Remi. We also have an English bulldog named Hefty. I started dance at the age of 3, joined JFK as a dancer in 2000 and started assisting and head instructing classes in 2006. I was a Streatorette for 4 years while serving as captain my Senior year. After high school I continued my dance career coaching the Streatorettes, developing and leading the JFK Jazz & Lyrical classes, and working as a UDA camp staffer. Dance has always been my passion!

- Jenna Stansbury will again lead our Tiny Thursday class. Miss Jenna has been with JFK since 2018 where started assisting classes to now teaching Tinys! She lives in Streator and is a Dental Hygienist in Coal City. She has been married for 6 years to her hubby Rob and they have a labradoodle named Milo! Jenna is so excited to begin another year with the best people and an amazing program!
- Lizzy Bradley is our Head Instructor for our leveled Jazz and Lyrical classes. She began dancing at JFK at the age of 3 and was a member of the Streatorette dance team during High School. She has been teaching Jazz and Lyrical at JFK since 2021 and is so excited to start another season. She is a senior at Illinois State University, majoring in Criminal Justice and minoring in Psychology, and is also an intern with the Streator Police Department. During her free time, you can usually find her hanging out with her nephews. Lizzy's favorite part about teaching dance is seeing the individual and team growth between the 1st time the routine is practiced full out compared to the last performance.
- Addi Ramon will be leading our Petite Monday Kix/Hip Hop classes along with Tiny Monday. Hi!! Miss Addi's dance training started at Just For Kix when I was 3 years old. I then went on to dance as a Streatorette all 4 years of high school, serving as captain my senior year. She is going into my 5th year working as a teachers aide in an elementary school and I'm currently enrolled at ISU studying Early Childhood Education. She came back to JFK after graduating from SHS in 2022. She is excited to teach our dancers new skills and techniques and help them develop self confidence along the way!
- Alyssa Bush is Head Instructor for our Wee Kix and Hip Hop Thursday crew and leads our Acro/Tumbling classes on Monday and Thursday. She will also be assisting our Petite Monday classes as well. Miss Alyssa started dancing with JFK in 2005 and has been hooked ever since. "I am so excited to be back teaching this year and sharing my love of dance with all my littles". Alyssa works at Vissering Construction for her "Big Girl" job and has one son Declin who is in 7th grade. In December 2024, my fiance and I welcomed our baby girl Ainsleigh. I cannot wait to kick off this dance season with my favorite dancers and coaches!

## Click here for our website resource page

-How should I expect to hear from you or contact you if I have questions? We will be sending all information out through our BAND communication app, so please make sure you have joined and turned on notifications. If you need to speak to any of us, you may send a private message on the BAND app.

**Drop Off-** All Tiny Dancers will enter the door in the back of the building. Drive through the gate and around to the back. Petite Combo please enter through the back door. Petite Monday, Wee's, Mini, and Middles enter through the front doors.

When do I need to order the costume?- The deadline to order costumes is September 22nd. This allows time for production and delivery, which can take up to 8 weeks.

Can we stay and watch class? No, sorry! Dancers are easily distracted and we find that they learn much better when they cannot see or hear mom/dad/siblings etc. We will be at the door to retrieve your dancer when being dropped off and bring them back out for pick up.

## Contact Information- Please refrain from messaging us on any social media platform!

If you have more program-related questions, our director, Lori Cinnamon can help you. She is available during the daytime hours and you can contact her <a href="mailto:streator.il@justforkix.com">streator.il@justforkix.com</a>, call 815-674-9487 or message on the BAND app.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to send me a message or call!
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## DRESS CODE

All dancers must adhere to a dress code for dance. There is no exception to this rule.

- Pre-K & Petite K-1 dancers- Black Leo, tights, ballet shoes, (tennis shoes if your ballet shoes have not arrived) and hair in a dance bun.
- Wee Kix thru H.S.- Black leotard, crop top or fitted long tank, jazz shorts, black capris or leggings. Tennis shoes if your jazz shoes have not arrived. Hair must be in a dance bun.

NO EXCEPTIONS!!