

Just For Kix of White Bear Lake
Staff Information for 2016-2017 Dance Season
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Here is a little bit of background information of our fantastic staff for you!

- Laurisa Rosenow, Program Director
 - Attended dance studios while growing up in Wisconsin and studied tap, jazz, ballet (including pointe), funk (early day hip hop) and some modern dance
 - Was a member of the University of Minnesota Dance Team - Twin Cities, performing kick, hip hop, pom and jazz routines
 - Choreographed many pom, funk and fight song routines
 - Took multiple dance classes at U of MN in ballet, tap and jazz
 - Performed in the 1991 Super Bowl Halftime performance
 - Graduated from the U of MN in 1994 with an individualized degree in Audio & Visual Production Studies with a minor in Dance
 - Started the Just For Kix dance program in White Bear Lake in 1996
 - MSHSL high school dance team judge, 1996-1999
 - Just For Kix summer camp staff member, 1997-1998
 - Left Just For Kix in 2000, then life brought her back to it in 2003
 - Has been the Just For Kix Program Director in White Bear Lake for 17 years
 - Was a new program director Mentor for Just For Kix, 2005-2007
 - Is a nationally certified fitness instructor and has taught many fitness formats at the YMCA of White Bear for over 13 years
 - Believes in the power of positive reinforcement and the respectful treatment of children in a class environment
 - Has a “can do” attitude and teaches her students that anything is attainable with hard work and dedication

Laurisa can be reached by phone or text at 651-653-8539 or email at whitebearlake_mn@justforkix.com.

If you'd like to contact any of the following staff members, please contact Laurisa with your message and she will forward it.

- Jan
 - Teaches all of our Just For Kix ballet classes
 - Grew up in New York
 - started dancing professionally at age 16
 - Has studied just about every style of dance that exists
 - Possesses a degree in Dance from Marymount Manhattan College
 - Also studied kinesiology
 - Started teaching for Just For Kix during the 2007-2008 season
 - Is an exceptional instructor with a superior understanding of dance placement

- Believes that all dancers at any age or level can improve as long as they believe in themselves
- Lisa
 - Was raised in a studio environment in Montana and attended a dance studio heavily involved in the Montana Dance Association
 - Studied ballet, jazz, tap and contemporary dance
 - Started teaching at the age of 13
 - Has worked for Lake Area Discovery Center for over 15 years and currently serves as the Program Manager
 - Started out with Just For Kix as a class assistant in 2006-2007, was promoted to Head Instructor in 2007-2008
 - Celebrated her 10th year with Just For Kix last year
 - Has an incredible way of connecting with kids of all ages
 - Believes that dance should be fun, not just work
- Annika
 - Danced at Just For Kix Dance Studio in Brainerd, MN and took classes in hip-hop, jazz, ballet, kick, lyrical and tap, 2001-2016
 - Taught classes at Just For Kix Brainerd Studio, 2014-2016
 - Choreographing various team routines and solo routines
 - Attended Just For Kix youth camp for 4 years, JFK intensive for 6 years and JFK High school camp for 4 years
 - Won the Firecracker, Most Outstanding Dancer and Heather Star Habeck Awards
 - Just For Kix summer camp staff member, 2015-present
 - Danced in the halftime show of the Outback Bowl in December of 2011
 - A 5-year member of the Brainerd Warrior Dance Team “The Kixters”, 2011-2016
 - 2 conference championships, 2013 and 2014
 - 2 section championships, 2013 and 2016
 - 4 state appearances in kick (State runner-up in 2013)
 - A member of the first jazz team to make it to the finals competition (top 6)
 - Won various awards such as all-conference kick, all-conference jazz, academic all-conference, academic all-state, all state, hardest worker on the team and team MVP
 - Graduated from Brainerd High School in 2016 as a national honor society member and honor graduate with distinction
 - Currently a first year student at the University of Minnesota studying Kinesiology
 - Loves to push dancers to their full potential while making it fun and enjoyable at the same time
- Tayler
 - Teaches the Monday evening Tiny Kix class

- Joined Just For Kix as a dancer in 6th grade
- Graduated from White Bear Lake High School in 2015
- Has been a head instructor for one year and a class assistant for three years

- Jennifer
 - This is Jennifer's second year as a Just For Kix Program Assistant
 - Is a Senior in high school
 - Joined Just For Kix in 3rd grade
 - Was a YMCA volunteer with the Maple Ponds project for three years - Jennifer taught dance to underprivileged kids in the Maple Ponds apartment complex in Maplewood to enrich their arts education, as well as raise self-esteem and confidence

- Hailey
 - This is Hailey's second year as a Just For Kix Program Assistant
 - Is a Sophomore in high school
 - Joined Just For Kix in 4th grade
 - Member of the White Bear Lake High School Dance Team

We strive to provide the BEST instruction for your child. We believe that it takes someone special to teach the art and sport of dance and dance team. Every great dancer is NOT a great teacher, but we believe we have found some of the best at BOTH.

At Just For Kix, we teach exceptional technique in a teamwork environment. We will always teach your child with respect and make sure they know that they are valued.

If you have any questions about our staff members, or want to send a message to any of them, please contact our Program Director at 651-653-8539 or our home office at 218-829-7107.