September - October Shelton, NE

DANCE NEWS

Welcome back veterans and a special welcome to all new dancers and parents. We are gearing up for yet another amazing dance season! Our premise is to treat dancers the way we would like our own children to be treated…with kindness. We will push them, challenge them and teach them to dance to the best of their abilities while having a lot of fun along the way!

**NEED TO KNOW**

**Class Attire – What to bring:** We are enforcing the proper dance attire especially **for 2-12th grade**. Please come to dance looking like a dancer! NO JEANS. NO JEWERLY. Hair should be pulled back in a ponytail or bun. Proper shoes must be worn to class. **DO NOT** wear them outside, even your Hip Hop tennis shoes. Hip Hop dancers are encouraged to wear sweat pants or leggings and have knee pads in their dance bag.

Also bring: fresh enthusiasm, need for flexibility, desire to excel, endurance, spirit unleashed, GUTS, prepare to focus, ability to pick yourself up and try again, a desire to help others, and your SMILE! Have FUN!!! BETTER YOUR BEST AT EVERY PRACTICE!

**Early Is On Time – On Time Is Late:** The studio opens at **5:10pm**. We start on time. Put forth your best effort to come prepared and ready to dance! Every dancer is needed from COUNT ONE to make a true practice, or performance, effective and organized.

**Messes & Theft:** Renting a facility is a privilege. Please treat the studio and performance space as if were your own! We are all judged by the actions of a few; therefore, Just For Kix has no tolerance for disrespecting others’ belongings or property. We recommend leaving valuables at home.

**Attendance:** Make practices and performances a priority – your class and team depends on you! If you are absent, meet with a friend to learn the material before the next class, or watch the practice video posted on our private Facebook page (Shelton Kix Practice Videos). IF YOU ARE SICK PLEASE STAY HOME!

**We offer a No Distraction Environment**

We only have a short time each week, so every minute is so important! We do ask that parents wait outside.

**MAKE IT EASY TO STAY INFORMED**

**Facebook:** Town Page: Shelton Jfk-dance

Private practice group: Shelton Kix Practice Videos

Business page: Just For Kix – Shelton, NE

**Website:** justforkix.com/danceclasses- You can access all of your dancers pertinent information for classes, payments and uniforms.

**Bimonthly Newsletters:** Newsletters are posted the week before the end of the month, bimonthly. ***We are transiting to a paperless system. It is very important we have your updated contact information. All calendars, newsletters and reminders will be emailed and posted to our private Facebook group (Shelton Kix Practice Videos).*** Your dancer should READ all of the newsletters. We do remind them in class that they are not just for the parents. Please encourage them to look it over.

**Cancelations:** In the event that Just For Kix must cancel classes, we will make the announcement in several locations: Town Facebook Page: Shelton Jfk-dance

Closed Facebook group: Shelton Kix Practice Videos

Mass e-mail (to those who have supplied their e-mail address) If school is canceled in Shelton or let out early for weather emergencies, we will not have class. Any classes that are canceled will be rescheduled for a later date, unless pre-planned make-up classes have already been scheduled.

**WHAT CLASS AM I IN?**

Just For Kix Offers an array of dance classes, and it can be difficult to remember the name of your child’s class. Here, I’ve listed the grade by the class name for your convenience.

Tiny Kix – (Pre-K) Thursdays 6:30-7pm

Wee Petites – (K-1st) Tuesdays 5:15-6pm

Wee Kix/Jazz – (2-3rd) Thursdays 5:15-6:30pm

Wee Hip Hop – (2-3rd) Thursdays 7-7:45pm

Mini Kix/Jazz – (4-6th) Monday 5:15-6:30pm

Mini Hip Hop – (4-6th) Mondays 7:15-8:15pm

Middle Kix/Jazz – (5-8th) Tuesdays 6-7:15pm

Middle Lyrical – (4-8th) Mondays 6:30-7:15pm

Middle Hip Hop – (5-8th) Tuesdays 7:30-8:30pm

Senior Kix – (8-12th) Sundays 5:15-6:15pm

Senior Jazz/Lyrical – (8-12th) 6:15-7:15pm

Senior Hip Hop – (8-12th) 7:15-8:15pm

Special Session classes offered this season are: Moms & Daughters and Lights. Register early to hold your spot in these FUN classes!

**TUITION**

1. Online Payment System at justforkix.com/danceclasses This is the fastest, easiest way to manage your dancer’s account.
2. Call payments in to the Home Office 218-829-7107 Mon. – Fri. 8:00am -4:30pm (CST)
3. Mail Payment to the Home Office Just For Kix PO Box 724 Brainerd, MN 56401

Monthly Payments are due by the 1st of each month. There will be a $10.00 fee assessed to late payments. Any NSF or stopped payment checks will be charged a $20.00 service fee per check. **Student accounts are always required to be current prior to any performance.** Any student with a balance due will not be eligible to perform with their team.

**UNIFORM** Orders are due September 30th. Dancers that attended the “Back to Dance Bash” were measured. You can measure your dancers at home if you missed this event. If you have not ordered your uniform please do so immediately.

Uniform may take 8-12 weeks from the order date to arrive, so all will not be guaranteed delivery prior to our first performance.

If you have received your uniform try it on right away. If the sizing is not correct, **please follow the exchange instructions on the back of the invoice that came with your uniform. We can make an exchange as long as the uniform has not been worn or damaged. Tights can only be exchanged if they are unopened.** If your uniform fits please PUT YOUR NAME ON IT, place it back in its bag and put it away. Shoes need to be worn to every class (including hip hop) to break them in. *DO NOT wear hip hop tennis shoes outside or to school.*

**TOGETHER WE DANCE, or TWD** Is the name of the Just For Kix dance competitions that our teams enter. When kids reach 2nd grade they will compete. We participate in 1-3 events per year. If your dancer is unable to attend any competition, notice should be given the instructor(s) well in advance for numbering purposes. Please plan ahead. Dancers will compete in at the following TWD:

Grand Island – ALL 2-12th

Brandon SD – Middles and Seniors ONLY.

Sioux City IA – Middles and Seniors ONLY.

***Nationals Rochester Minnesota –*** *2-8th grade if placed at TWD GI, ALL Middle and Senior classes regardless of placement at TWD.*

***All dancers wanting to do Solo, Small Group or Duets must sign up BY SEPTEMBER 30TH!!!!***

**POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL COSTS** Additional costs that may be incurred through the season:

Performance Admission, Just For Kix TWD Competition fees and admission, Show admission, Prop fees, Pictures, Special Session classes, Show Shirts, Custom town apparel.

**Custom order** “town shirts” design contest ends September 30th! These will be done in time for the holidays!

Senior Hip Hop and Senior Kix may have extra uniform pieces to purchase for Showcase at Nationals.

**JUST FOR KIX DANCE SEASON**

*September – December*

The primary focus of the first few months of class is preparing the dancers for their season. Dancers will work on new technique, skills, strengthening, stretching and choreography.

*December – April*

This is the time of the season where the dancers get a chance to perform their routines while continuing to build on their technique and skills. It is fun to see how the students grow as dancers and performers during this part of the season.

**Important Dates!**

September:

10th Classes begin!

30th Uniform Orders due.

October

13th Halftime Football Performance @ SHS 2-12th

24th & 26th Wee Petite and Tiny Kix Halloween Shows.

31st NO CLASSES moved to 25th

November

5th – 9th Wear your uniform to class & parent watch week.

23rd NO CLASSES moved to 15th

December

1st BB @ SHS Team TBD

8th BB @ SHS Team TBD

10TH Winter Show @ SHS All Dancers

If you LOVE our Just For Kix program, please tell a friend! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me. I do not answer my phone during classed but I will return your call/text as soon as possible.

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