PAYNESVILLE – Brainerd Together We Dance Competition Details - Sunday, March 23rd, 2025

FINAL SCHEDULE – ANY CHANGES THAT HAVE BEEN MADE ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE!

Location: Brainerd High School 702 S. 5th St. Brainerd MN 56401

This is a big event – remember to allow plenty of time to find parking, walk into the building, and find our meeting location. Make sure you note the side your dancer is performing on for each division they are participating in, as this is a two-sided event. Please reach out with any questions!

ADMISSION - There will be NO ADMISSION at any of the TWD Competitions.

PARTICIPANT WRISTBANDS - Directors will receive wristbands for **paid** participants, which will be distributed the day of competition. Dancers will not be able to participate the day of competition without the wristband. Your account has been billed for this event- if you have not already done so, please log in and pay by 11:59pm Sunday, March 9th. Thank you!

LUNCH/MONEY - There will be food & merchandise available for purchase.

HAIR/UNIFORM/MAKE-UP – Please arrive in uniform with hair and make-up done. Please check to make sure you have all costume pieces NOW; kick classes should also wear black socks (from home) that cover the ankle. Red lipstick is required for all competing dancers; blush is recommended, any other make-up is optional. If you are in two or more dances it is recommended to wear a leotard under for easy changing – only do this if the is not visible under the costume. Make sure your hair is VERY NEAT – all classes should wear their hair in a low bun with a CENTER part, same as for all performances this year. For those in more than one class – changing areas are limited, but DO NOT change out in the open; please use changing tents provided.

NO GLITTER - Teams wearing glitter may be disqualified. This is a facility issue – glitter is very hard to clean up off the performance floor.

MEETING AREA - We will have an assigned meeting place to gather. Our meeting area is the KIXTER GYM. Please remember to bring minimal personal belongings, items left in the meeting area are done so at your own risk as we will be sharing the space with several other programs. Put everything in one bag; label all personal items with your name and town.

HOW DO I FIND MY DANCER AFTER THE COMPETITION - Please meet your dancer back in our meeting area after awards are done.

DIVISIONS - Competition divisions are based on grade range and class size. Your division may not have the same title as your normal class name. The final schedule will be posted online at <u>www.justforkix.com/twd</u> within 24 hours of the event.

JUDGING – The same judging sheet will be used as the last year; this will be discussed at our parent meeting!

MESSAGE TO PARENTS - Competition day is an exciting and high-adrenaline day. At this point in the season, the dancers are still working on polishing and mastering new skills. As always, this will be a tough competition. I have prepared the dancers for that fact, but sometimes I think we as parents need to be prepared for that as well. We are biased to your kids. I like to stress to our dancers to do their best, display good sportsmanship, learn something new and enjoy the day!! I will ALWAYS stress that doing our best is more important than being the best and that I will love them the same no matter if we get first place or last place. In our program we are also very clear with kids that poor sportsmanship will NOT be tolerated; there will be consequences in regards to remaining competitions for the season if dancers to not abide by this. Thanks for your support of your dancers no matter the outcome of the day!!

DANCER ARRIVAL- APPROX PERFORMANCE TIME AND AWARDS-Dancers are free to leave after their awards or stay and cheer for other groups!

Mini Kix (4-5th gr) – Mini Kix 3 division

Arrival: 7:45am Performance time: 8:55am Awards: 9:13am Side A

Mini Jazz/Lyrical (2-5th gr) – Wee Jazz 2 and Wee Lyrical divisions

JAZZ - Arrival: 9:40am JAZZ - Performance time: 10:40am JAZZ - Awards: 11:10am JAZZ - Side B ***Immediately following their jazz awards, dancers will get ready to perform lyrical LYRICAL - Performance time: 11:44am LYRICAL - Awards: 11:50am LYRICAL - Side A

Mini Hip Hop (2-5th gr) – Wee Hip Hop 2 division

Arrival: 12:30pm Performance time: 2:13pm Awards: 2:25pm Side B

***I recognize that your arrival time is very early in comparison to your performance time, but it is what must be done in order to have time for this class to practice with me between my other teams' performance. ***From this point in the day onward, lots of times are overlapping for our 6-12th graders. If your dancer is in all of the classes, we will tell her when it's time to change costumes, etc. Plan to bring snacks to eat between performances to refuel.

Jr. Pom (6-12th gr) – Jr./Sr. Pom division Arrival: 11:45am Performance time: 1:24pm Awards: 1:42pm Side A

Jr. Hip Hop (6-12th gr) – Jr./Sr. Hip Hop 1 division Arrival: 12:30pm Performance time: 2:04pm Awards: 2:25pm Side B

Jr. Jazz (6-12th gr) – Sr. Jazz division Arrival: 2:30pm Performance time: 3:49pm Awards: 4:11pm Side A

Jr. Lyrical (6-12th gr) – Sr. Lyrical division Arrival: 3:30pm Performance time: 4:45pm Awards: 5:03pm Side B

Jr. Kix (6-12th gr) – Jr. Kix division Arrival: 3:45pm Performance time: 5:32pm Awards: 5:38pm Side A