

# JUST FOR KIX

## DANCE NEWS

Dear Dancers and Parents,

Welcome back veterans and a special welcome to all new dancers and parents! At Just For Kix we pride ourselves on treating your kids as we would like ours to be treated, with respect! I also pride myself on being approachable, so please bring any concerns to my immediate attention. We want your experience to be a GREAT one!



## NEED TO KNOW

### CLASS ATTIRE

Clothing should allow for movement; We ask that dancers do not wear jeans, jewelry, or chew gum in class. You can purchase Just For Kix practice and active wear at [justforkix.com](http://justforkix.com), if you wish! Hair should be pulled back in a pony tail or bun. Dance shoes/tennis shoes should be worn.

### EARLY IS ON TIME - ON TIME IS LATE

Just For Kix Teams 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.

### 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. Practice videos will also be posted on your class BAND page regularly.

### MESSES, THEFT, VANDALISM

Renting a facility is a privilege. Please treat the

practice and performance space as if it 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. There can be no running around the facility; dancers and siblings are to be sitting with parents at all times if not in class. If you are eating in the facility, please bring a blanket to sit on, picnic style. Only clear liquids should be brought in the building.

### SUPERVISION

Dancers are supervised during their regular class time. Although we may have several classes the same day, during the time prior to and after the class you will need to watch your children. We want them safe.

### Power Pack

Watch for emails from the Home Office packed with skills videos, tips, motivational quotes, sale items in the catalog and much more!

## STAY INFORMED

### WEBSITE

[justforkix.com/danceclasses/paynesville-mn](http://justforkix.com/danceclasses/paynesville-mn)  
-This website is a tool used to list unexpected changes such as cancellations due to weather, make up class dates, performance details and/or corrections to the newsletter.

### BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Each dancer should bring home a printed bimonthly newsletter or will receive a email PDF version. You can also find these posted on your local website. These newsletters will have important dates and information for upcoming events.

### E-MAIL

I will send out weekly e-mails throughout the season with reminders and general information. Please make sure we have your most current e-mail address on file. If you have a spam blocker, e-mails from Just For Kix may be bounced back.

### TEXT MESSAGE-BAND APP

Get current information fast with the BAND App. Announcements for bad weather cancellations, practice videos, ect. will be sent here. **Please join the full program group and each of your dancer's class groups.** An email will go out containing all sign up links.

## WE OFFER A NO DISTRACTION ENVIRONMENT

*Over the years, we have found the most productive way to run classes is without the distraction of parents and siblings in the room. We only have a short time each week, so every minute is important. I will allow spectators in the last five minutes of each class so you can see the progress we are making!*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Website/Registration:**

[www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/paynesville-mn](http://www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/paynesville-mn)

**Follow us on Facebook:** Just For Kix - Paynesville, MN



## TUITION

There are three easy ways to make your payments:

### 1. Online Payment System

at [justforkix.com/danceclasses](http://justforkix.com/danceclasses). This is the fastest, easiest way to make payments and manage your dancer's account.

### 2. Call Payments into the Home Office

218-829-7107

Mon. - Fri. 10:00am - 4:30pm (CST)

We can take credit or debit card payments over the phone. If you can't reach us by phone, please email [support@justforkix.com](mailto:support@justforkix.com)

### 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 made payable to Just For Kix 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.

## POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL COSTS

Here is a glance at additional costs that may be incurred throughout the season:

- Performance admission
- Just For Kix TWD Competition fees
- Show admission
- Prop fees
- Pictures
- Special Session fees
- Show shirts
- Custom program clothing

## Online Access to Your Dancer's Account Is Easier than Ever!

Now you have online access to all of your dancer's pertinent information for classes, payments and uniforms.

[justforkix.com/danceclasses](http://justforkix.com/danceclasses)



## THE JUST FOR KIX DANCE SEASON

Our dance session is broken down into two parts:

### September - December

The primary focus of the first few months of class is preparing the dancers for their season. Dancers will work on technique, skills, strengthening, stretching and choreography. We use this time to lay a strong foundation for the season. Performances at this time of year are minimal and typically do not use the class uniform.

### December - April

The uniforms are in and the dancers are ready to start performing. This is the time of the season where dancers get a chance to perform their routines while continuing to build on their technique and skills. The majority of our performances for the season will fall during these months. It is fun to see how students grow as dancers and performers during this part of the season. Older classes will also compete at Just For Kix competitions.

## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM JUST FOR KIX

- There are, on average, 32 classes in the season.
- Depending on the location, classes will run for either 8 or 9 months.
- Classes billing Sept-April will get 32 or more classes.

## UNIFORM/COSTUMES

Uniform orders are due by the second week of class. If you have not ordered your uniforms, please do so immediately.

### If you still need to order your uniform:

Uniforms need to be paid in full before the order is placed. Some uniforms may take 8-12 weeks from the order date to arrive, so order early to ensure timely delivery prior to your program's first performance. Many ordered in the Spring for that reason.

### If you have received your uniform:

Try it on right away. If the sizing is not correct, please follow the exchange/refund 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.

### Return/exchange policy

If you are unhappy with your uniform or need a different size simply follow the steps and complete the forms on your return form that came with your item(s) and send it back within 10 days. Only uniforms that have not been worn and are not damaged, stained or used will be exchanged or refunded. Tights, undergarments and hair pieces may not be exchanged after they have been removed from the packaging. Please allow 2-3 weeks for exchanges of in stock items, and 4-6 weeks for back ordered pieces. For faster processing, order new pieces online first in your student account and send in pieces for refund after.

## CURRICULUM

Our goal throughout our dance program is two-fold:

1. To teach dancers proper technique, and to develop the strength and flexibility to perform these skills.
2. To introduce choreography and to work on movement and performing. Younger classes will be more choreography-based and will learn 3-4 dances per season. Older dancers will have more emphasis on flexibility, strength, skill work and performance. They will generally learn 1-2 routines per season.

## TuTuTots ACADEMY

We created a revolutionary curriculum that will give your preschoolers the ultimate fun time while learning the basics in dance.

Using colorful and fun learning tools, the class will let your dancers discover

the joy and passion for dance. Our curriculum is designed specifically for preschoolers based on their learning abilities. You will see growth in the areas of communication/expression, cooperation, self-control and self-esteem.



# DANCE YEAR AT A GLANCE

Please see the separate handout entitled "Dance Year at a Glance 2025-2026" for all important dates for the season!

## 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:

Winter, Spring Teeny Kix - short term class for 2-4 year olds  
Tiny Kix - 3-5 year olds not yet in K  
Wee Petites - K-1st grade  
Wee Kix - 2-3rd grade  
Wee Jazz/Hip Hop - K-3rd grade  
Mini Kix - 4-5th grade  
Mini Jazz/Lyrical - 2-5th grade  
Mini Hip Hop - 2-5th grade  
Jr. Kix - 6-12th grade  
Jr. Jazz - 6-12th grade  
Jr. Lyrical - 6-12th grade  
Jr. Hip Hop - 6-12th grade  
Jr. Pom - 6-12th grade

## CANCELLATION

In the event that Just For Kix must cancel class, we will make the announcement in several locations:

- [justforkix.com/danceclasses/paynesville-mn](https://justforkix.com/danceclasses/paynesville-mn)
- announcement on the Full Program BAND page if cancelling for the whole night; announcement to affected classes only if cancelling partway through a night
- Mass e-mail (to those who supplied their e-mail address to us)

If school is cancelled or let out early for weather emergencies, we will not have class. Any classes that are cancelled will be rescheduled for a later date, unless pre-planned make-up hours have already been scheduled or if they are done virtually. Classes will only be done virtually if there is no other option.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Koronis Place Performance for Tiny Kix, Wee Petites, Wee Kix, and Wee Jazz/Hip Hop - Saturday, October 25th at 10:00am:**

These classes will come together to hold a performance for the residents at Koronis Place! Dancers should arrive to Koronis Place at 9:40am, dressed in their Halloween costumes with their dance shoes for this performance; hair can be styled however you'd like! Please enter the sliding door under the awning and meet in the Sunrise Room. This will be a very informal, short performance. Due to the limited space inside the building, we ask that each dancer only have parents attend if at all possible. The focus of this performance is bringing joy to the residents; it will be standing room only for parents. There is no admission cost for this performance.

Please refer to our "Dance Year at a Glance 25-26" handout for a list of all other upcoming events for the season!



*For 44 years, Just For Kix has been giving youth a performance platform that puts the prime teaching motivation on not only proven dance technique, but teamwork and confidence. Heads have turned and audiences have cheered through 14 states and over 200 locations. Our student enrollment continues to grow, our curriculum continues to develop and our vision of "doing your best is more important than being the best" leaves a lasting impression on our students far after they've left the Just For Kix team.*

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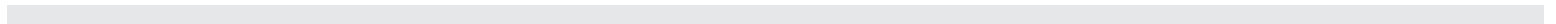


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# 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1 Class Pmt Due	2 Meet and Greet Open House	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Tuesday Clas- ses	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Tuesday Clas- ses - Costume Orders Due!	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Tuesday Clas- ses	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Tuesday Clas- ses	1 Class Pmt Due	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11



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5	6	7 Tuesday Clas- ses	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Tuesday Clas- ses	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Tuesday Clas- ses	22	23	24	25 Koronis Place Performance for PreK-3rd
26	27	28 Tue. Classes - Halloween Cos- tume Night!	29	30	31	1 Class Pmt Due
2	3	4 Tuesday Clas- ses	5	6	7	8 Mass Practice - details coming soon

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# 2025

All dancers are encouraged to wear their Halloween costume to class on October 28th! Please be sure you can still move in your costume and that you are wearing jazz shoes or tennis shoes!