### September & October 2015 · Ortonville

# 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

#### Parking

Please use the back parking lot of the Baptist Church. Be cautious when driving to and from class, watch for dancers and parents.

#### **Class Attire**

Clothing should allow for movement; no jeans, no jewelry, no gum. You can purchase Just For Kix practice and active wear at justforkix. com if needed! 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.

#### **Contact Information**

Director: Kerry Klepel Phone: (320)305-0927 E-Mail: ortonville\_mn@justforkix.com Website/Payments:

classes.justforkix.com

#### Messes, Theft, Vandalism

Using 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.

#### Supervision

Dancers are only 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.

Just Text @orton to 81010 to begin recieving texts from Kerry.

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### We Make It Easy to Stary Informed

#### WEBSITE

classes.justforkix.com -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. I also upload the music to the website so your dancer can practice at home.

### BIMONTHLY NEWSLETTER

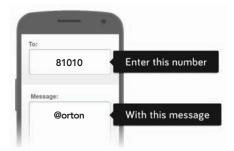
Each dancer should bring home a printed bimonthly newsletter. These newsletters will have important dates and information for upcoming events.

#### **E-MAIL**

We will send out regular 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: REMIND APP.

Get current information fast with the Remind App. Announcements for bad weather, changes in plans, etc. It's easy to use.



### We Offer A No Distraction Environment

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



### Our new Online Payment & Dance Management System Has Successfully been launched!

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

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### 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 new 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 may also compete at Just For Kix competitions.

### What to Expect From Just For Kix

- There are, on average, 32 classes in the season. Some programs do go to 36 classes.
- Depending on the location, classes will run for either 8 or 9 months.
- Tuition is based on the number of classes your dancer is scheduled to attend. You will get what you pay for.

### 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.

\* By giving us your check, please be aware that you are authorizing Just For Kix to make a one-time electronic debit from your account at the financial institution indicated on your check. This electronic debit will be for the amount of your check. No additional amount will be added to the amount.

### Tuition

#### There are two easy ways to make your payments:

1. Online Payment System at classes.justforkix.com

This is the fastest, easiest way to make payments and manage your dancer's account.

Call Payments in to the Home Office.
218-829-7107
Mon. - Fri. 8:00am - 4:30pm (CST)

We can take credit or debit card payments over the phone.

- Discounts apply if you pay for four or more months simultaneously, prior to their due dates. Please contact your Director to get more information.
- Monthly payments are due by the 1st of each month.
- There will be a \$5.00 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 and admission
- Show admission
- Prop fees
- Pictures
- Special Session fees
- Show shirts
- Custom program clothing

### Uniforms

Uniform orders are due at registration. 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 all will not be guaranteed delivery prior to the winter show.



### Do Your Part to Stop Bullying!

If you witness online bullying, say something or tell an adult!

## 7 in 10 Young People Are Victims of Cyber Bullying

Words hurt. With the prevalence of smart phones and electronic media, kids are having to deal with verbal bullying on a new scale, it's toxic and it spreads quickly. Be there for your friends, stand up and a make a difference. Let's stamp out bullying.



### DANCE YEAR AT A GLANCE

September Start Class, introduce new technique and new songs

October Corn Maze Performance - Halloween Songs - Preschool to 3rd Graders -2:00 PM

November Getting ready for our Winter Show -Special Sessions December Winter Show - Date to be determined -Will announce very soon!

January Basketball Game Performances - Will announce very soon!

February Basketball Game Performances - Will announce very soon! Competition and Sports and Leisure Show

April Competition and Spring Show

Mary Sign up for next year's dance season

**June** Summer Camp

March

### 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 Monday - preschool Tiny Kix Thursday - preschool Wee Petite Monday - kindergarten and 1st grade Wee Petite Thursday - kindergarten and 1st grade Wee Kix - 2nd and 3rd grade Mini Kix - 4th - 6th gr. Kick class Mini Jazz - 4th-6th gr. Jazz Mini Hip Hop - 4th -6th gr. Hip Hop Junior Kix - 7th -12th gr. Kick Class Junior Hip Hop - 7th-12th gr. Hip Hop

### Cancellations

In the event that Just For Kix must cancel class, we will make the announcement in several locations: • classes.jusforkix.com

- Radio Station KDIO and the PA at School
- 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 classes have already been scheduled.

### **Upcoming Events**

Corn Maze Performance - Oct. 11 at 2:00. If rainy, we will be at Ortonville High School Gym

### Notes

We are on Facebook. Please "like" Just for Kix - Ortonville, if we receive the most likes by October we can win a pizza party for our dancers!

Watch Facebook for Motivational Mondays, Trivia Tuesday, Throwback Thursday and More.

Location change for Candice and Thursday Classes - All of these classes will be held on the Methodist Church in Ortonville - located to the west of Northside Clinic

### Contact Us

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Celebrating 35 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 ten 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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## SEP 2015 EVENT NOTES Classes Begin!!! New dancers are

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"Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising everytime we fall." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		CLASS FEES DUE 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 First Night of Thurs- day Classes	11	12
13	14 First Night of Monday Classes	15	16	17 Thursday Classes	18	19
20 Junior Kix 6:30-7:30, Junior Hip Hop 7:30- 8:30 OHS Gym	21 All Preschool to 6th Grade Classes	22	23	24 Bring a Buddy Night: Thursday Classes	25	26
27	28 Bring a Buddy Night: Monday Classes	29	30			

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			CLASS FEES DUE Thursday Classes: Parent Meeting - Last 10 min. of each class	2	3	
4	5 Monday Classes: Parent Meeting-Last 10 min. of class	6	7	8 Thursday Classes	9	10
11 Corn Maze Perform- ance - 2:00 PM	12 Monday Classes	13 Thursday Classes tonight!	14	15 No Thursday Class!	16	17
18	19 Monday Classes	20	21	22 Thursday Classes	23	24
25	26 Monday Classes	27	28	29 Thursday Classes	30	31



Com Maze Performance at 69497 US HWY 75, Odessa, MN 56276 -Bring a blanket to sit on - if it's rainy - we will be at the Ortonville High School

"With courage you will dare to take risks, have the strength to be compassionate, and the wisdom to be humble. Courage is the foundation of integrity." -Keshavan Nair