September & October 2016 |

Dear Dancers and Parents,

Welcome back veterans and a special welcome to all of the new dancers and their parents! Last season marked my 40th year of teaching, and I cannot wait to begin another season with all of you! We've worked hard over the summer months to prepare new routines and curriculum for the Brainerd Studio. It's very exciting!

At Just For Kix we pride ourselves on treating your kids as we would want our own 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. Let the dance season begin!

With Kix, Cindy Clough

Need To Know

Dance Attire

Please follow the dress code sheet that was included with this newsletter. If you did not receive one the info

can be found on our Brainerd Just For Kix Website under the Resources tab.

Shoes

The following shoes are expected to be worn at practice: Kidk – Jazz, Ballet or Tennis Shoes (tennis shoes must be clean and not worn outside) Jazz – Jazz shoes or turners. Lyrical - Jazz shoes or turners Hip-Hop – Tennis Shoes (tennis shoes must be clean and not worn outside) Ballet - Ballet slippers.

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 it a true practice or performance effective and organized.

Attendance

Make practices and performances a priority - your class and team depend on you! If you are absent, meet with a friend to learn the material before the next class. If you know that you will be absent on the day of a performance, please inform the instructor so they can rework formations at class if needed.

Parking

Please use the North parking lot to park and wait for dancers. The front of the building is for instructor parking, handicap and dropping and picking up (no parking and waiting). Thank you.

Messes, Theft & Vandalism

We hope you and your family find our studio a warm environment to hang out. Thank you for treating it as you would a treasured possession; we want it to stay beautiful for years to come. Please treat the practice and performance spaces as if they were your own! We are 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.

We Offer a No Distraction Environment

Over the years, we have found the most productive way to run classes is without distraction of parents and siblings in the studio. We only have a short time each week, so every minute is important. Occasionally we will allow spectators in the last five minutes of class so you can see the progress we are making. We also have a parent viewing area outside each studio if you wish to stay for the full class.

We Make It Easy To Stay Informed

Website

www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/brainerd-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. Our website is in transition so make sure to check both websites. Also, Facebook is a big tool we will use!

Email

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 in your account at classes.justforkix.com

If you have a spam blocker, e-mails from Just For Kix may be bounced back, or you may find it in your promotions or junk mail category.

Remind 101

We are once again using the mass texting website Remind 101 for our studio. We strongly encourage you to be added to the list, please follow these instructions below from your cell phone

A text from Coach Clough will reply asking for your name. Reply with your First and Last name, then you will be added.



Online Access To Your Dancers Account Is Easier Than Ever!

You can access your account at: www.justforkix.com/danceclasses

There you will have access to all of your dancer's pertinent information for classes, payments and costumes.

You can also take advantage of our easy AUTO PAY option for your class fees to be automatically paid from the card on file on the 1^{st} of each month! No more hassle or late fees!!

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Facebook is one of our primary forms of communication!

*For current news, photos and upcoming events, please like our studio page on Facebook!

Homecoming – Saturday, October 8th

*Note: This is for KICK classes only. If you are not in a kick class and want to perform in the parade and/or halftime, you will need to join a kick class for the month of Sept. Thank You.

Parade Info (K & Up Kick)

ARRIVAL INFO: Meet downtown Brainerd (by post office) at 9:30am. Look for JFK truck. Parade begins at 10:30am

WEATHER: If it is raining on the performance day and we need to cancel, we will post it on the Brainerd Just For Kix Facebook page, website and announce on WJJY.

HYDRATE: The day and evening before and the morning of.

PARADE ATTIRE: Black JFK T Shirt (same as 2015 Homecoming shirt) worn with Long Sleeve White Shirt under. (PLEASE NO GRAPHICS OR WRITING ON SLEEVES!) Black Jazz Pants, SOLID WHITE SHOES. Hair should be in a High Pony tail.

DANCER PICK UP: Immediately following our performance in the parade please pick up at the north side of the football field by the gate. Please be there the minute your child is done. Do not wait until the parade is over. Instruct your child to wait by the JFK truck until you arrive. Thank You.

Halftime Info (2nd & Up Kick)

ARRIVAL INFO: Meet behind the band at 2:00pm.

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WEATHER: If it is raining and we need to cancel we will post it on the Brainerd Just For Kix Facebook page, website and announce on WJJY.

ADMISSION: Parents will be required to pay admission to the game if you choose to watch the halftime performance.

HALFTIME ATTIRE: Same at the parade. Dress for the weather! Mittens if it's cold and layer your clothing. You may bring a blanket to use while you wait, label your belongings. NO BOBBYPINS – the school is asking us to pass along, NO BOBBYPINS in any of the dancers hair.

DANCER PICK UP: Immediately following the halftime performance, please pick up your dancer at the back of the field by the Visitors bench. Make sure to set up a meeting spot BEFORE you leave your dancer at the field. **Just For Kix will not be supervising after halftime.** Thank you.

Halloween Show – Friday, October 14th

1st grade and younger dancers will be performing at our 6th Annual Halloween Show at the Baxter Studio. This year we divided into two shows so it's not as crowded. There will not be a charge for this event. Know that there will be very LIMITED SEATING and parents may have to stand. Costume information will be handed out at class. Please see below for show details:

Mon 5:45 Tiny Kix (Amanda) Wed 6:00 Teeny Kix 6 week (Amanda/Kelly) Wed 4:45 Tiny Kix (Dani) Wed 5:30 Firecrackers (Amanda/Kelly/Ali) Wed 6:15 Teeny Kix 6 week (Cindy)

Show #1 - Arrive at 5:30pm - Show is at 5:45pm

Show #2 - Arrive at 6:30pm - Show is at 6:45pm Wed 5:00 Tiny Kix (Amanda/Kelly) Wed 5:45 Pre-Tiny (Cindy) Wed 5:15 Pre-Tiny (Dani) Mon 5:45 Firecrackers (Amanda/Annie) Wed 6:00 Firecrackers (Amanda/Kelly/Dani)



We are continuing with the new payment policy that was adapted last year. If your child receives a payment slip, the next week they will have to sit if it's not paid. Please make every effort to stay current on your accounts. Thank you!!

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Home

TWD Competitions

2nd grade and older will be competing at our Together We Dance (TWD) Competitions throughout the season. This will include Kick, Jazz, Lyrical and Hip-Hop classes. We are in the process of deciding where each team will compete and will get the list out in the upcoming weeks.



Senior Showcase

Once again we will be taking our 9-12th grade Senior Kix to the Rochester TWD in April to compete in the Senior Showcase. Last years event was a success, with 29 teams competing from several different states. We are so proud of our Brainerd Senior Kix **1**st **place** finish in the competition! Work Hard & Good Luck Senior Kix



DANCE YEAR AT A GLANCE

November

4th Make-Up Classes for Halloween starting at 1:45pm

12th Finale Practice at the studio 12:30 – 2:00pm

20th Show Rehearsal at BHS – Times TBA

26th Holiday Shows – 1pm – 3:30pm – 6pm

28th No School but we WILL be holding classes

December

3rd WDT Home Invite at BHS

7th Teeny Kix Session #3 Begins

19th Master Classes at the studio!

20th - January 2nd NO CLASS – WINTER BREAK

28th Outback Bowl Participants Fly Out

January

2nd Outback Bowl Half-Time on ABC

3rd Outback Bowl participants return

3rd Classes resume at the studio

28th Kick-Off Show at BHS – Show times TBA

29th Sauk Rapids TWD Competition

February

4th WDT Sections at Forest Lake HS

13-15th Pictures at Studio

16th NO CLASS

17-18th HS State Kick & Jazz Tournament at Target Center

20th No School but we WILL be holding classes

25-26th Eastview TWD



COSTUMES

If you still need to order your costume:

Costumes need to be paid in full before the order is placed. Some costumes may take 8-10 weeks from the order date to arrive so all orders must be placed by September 30th. Late orders will not be guaranteed delivery prior to the Holiday show.

If you have received your costume:

Try it on right away. If the sizing is not correct please return it to class as soon as possible. We can make an exchange as long as the costume has not been worn or damaged. Tights can only be exchanged if they are unopened.

Some Classes have costumes that are undecided. Your teacher will let vou know as soon as that is updated!

CANCELLATIONS

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

- Brainerd Just For Kix Website www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/brainerd_mn
- Announcement on 106.7 WJJY
- Mass e-mail (to those who supplied their e-mail address to us)
- Remind Text (to those that have subscribed)

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.

CONTACT US

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INSTRUCTORS

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TUITION

Our tuition is based on a yearly rate for 32 classes (unless it is a special session).

You have three payment options for your tuition:

(Discounts apply if you pay for the full year or half year by September 30th/January 1st)

- Pay the full year by September 30th
- Pay for half of the year by September 30th and again by January 1st.
- Pay monthly. Any payments received by the home office after the 10th will be assessed a late fee of \$10.00.

Utilize AUTO PAY online so you don't have to think about it! Payments will automatically withdraw from the card on file the first of each month.

There are three easy ways to make your payments:

- On-line payment system at
- classes.justforkix.com
- Drop your payment in the box on the wall at the studio
- Mail your payment to the Home Office:

Just For Kix PO Box 724 Brainerd, MN 56401

Please note: Any NSF or stopped payment checks made payable to Just For Kix will be charged a \$20.00 service fee per check.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Studio Opens!	7 Teeny Kix #1 Begins	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 Field Practice 8:30 - 10:00am at BHS
2	3	4	5	6	7 Field Practice 3:45 - 5pm at Franklin	8 Homecoming Parade/Halftime Performances!
9	10	11	12	13	14 Halloween Shows for Pre-1st	15 WDT Fall Comp at Eastview
16 MISS DANCE TEAM COMPETITION	17	18 19		20 21 22 NO CLASS MEA BREAK!		
23	24	25 Older Father/Daughter, 371 Steppers and Adults begin	26 Teeny Kix #2 Begins & Younger Father/Daughter	27	28	29
30	31 NO CLASSES- Make Up on 11/4	1	2	3	4 Early Out - Make Up Classes for 10/31 starts at 1:45pm	5