

Welcome Petites

My name is Missy (Nink) Stortz and I am the Head Instructor of the Petites. I have been dancing with Streator JFK since 2005 and coaching since 2010. I can't say enough about all the great things this program has taught me, both as a dancer and as a person. I love sharing those same life lessons with our little ladies! In addition, I am a full-time school psychologist at Marseilles Elementary School. You could say I love working with kids in all domains of life!

Hi my name is Kyla Yedinak and I am the Head Instructor of the Petite Hip Hop classes. *I started at Just for Kix when she was 3 years old, then later spent 4 years as a Streator H.S. Streatorette, serving as Co-Captain her senior year. I'm so excited about Head Instructing our Petite Hip Hop classes this season. One of my favorite things is to interact with the kiddos and watch them finally understand and master the concept of dance.*

We couldn't be more excited to meet all our new and returning petite dancers. It's going to be an exciting year of learning and performing. We are confident you will LOVE our program and if you find something you don't, please let us know and we will do get to work at fixing that.

Important things to help you get ready for dance:

- **When does dance start?** Our Petite classes will start the Tuesday 9/13/22. Also don't forget we are in a new location. The old Oakland Park school gym, 701 S.Sterling St. Streator, IL

- **What should we wear?** Petites dress code will be very similar to the tiny dress code: black leotard (it can have attached skirt), and jazz shoes. Optional additional dress includes white, pink, or nude tights, and jazz/booty shorts and fitted cami or tank top. (The jazz/hip hop girls will sometimes be wearing their high-tops to class, but we will send out that information in the weeks prior). Hair must be pulled up in a bun or pony with all bangs pinned back. Clean tennis shoes can be worn until jazz shoes arrive. We suggest if you are using show tights for class, you order 2 pairs. One pair for class and one pair for performances. Attached to this email you will see an example of what girls wear to class.

- **When do I need to order the costume?** Deadline to order costume is September 24th. This allows time for production which can take up to 8 weeks. Costumes are not sitting on a shelf they are being made per order. When your costume arrives it will be sent home with your dancer. You can order your jazz shoes now!

-**How do I return a costume/shoes?** Please fill out the packing slip that is included in your costume package. You need to include the RMA number and then send back to class with your dancer. It is much quicker to request a refund and reorder what you need. We only send back full boxes of returns so it could take a couple weeks before you see the refund on your account.

- **What size should I order?** If you danced last year, size from that, if you are ordering for the first time, you would order 1 size up from your shirt size (example, dancer is in a size 4 - order a size 6). Jazz shoes sometimes run small and we suggest that you order 2 sizes from your street shoe size. Dance shoes are to fit like a glove, so even though we like room to grow, make sure the shoes are tight to your dancer's foot. The shoes will stretch and form to the foot overtime. Also, all costumes and shoes can be returned for a full refund as long as they have not been worn, do not have an odor, and are in the same condition as you received them. Also, we take care of all return and exchanges of uniform/shoes/tights (note: tights cannot be returned if package is opened).

- **Can I order my shoes/tights off Amazon?** No. All shoes and tights should be ordered from the options on your account. Colors of shoes and tights vary, and we want ours to match. If you want to have extra tights or jazz shoes ONLY to wear to class, ordering those off of Amazon would be fine.

- **What if I want to change the class we signed up for?** You can drop from one class and sign up for another on your dance account. If you ordered that costume it can be returned. Make sure to check on the other class you are hoping to switch to before you drop, however. It may be full!!

- **Can we stay and watch class?** No, sorry! Dancers are easily distracted and we find that they learn much better when they cannot see or hear mom/dad/siblings etc. Unfortunately there is not really a waiting area so your class teacher will meet you at the door for drop off and pickup.

- **How should I expect to hear from you, or contact you if I have questions?** We will usually send all of our important dates and announcements in an email, and we also utilize the BAND app.

PLEASE refrain from asking questions that need detailed answers between classes. Our instructors really don't have time with our classes being back to back. If you have an important question that needs answered, please utilize the contact information at the end of this welcome letter.

-Class Fees and Payments- Class fees are due the 1st of each month. We highly recommend you sign up for **AUTO PAY**. It is easy and convenient and can be done right at your dance account. JFK policy requires that all class fees are paid in full in order for dancers to participate in class, shows, competitions and performances. We do not accept dance fees paid to us at class. All fees must be paid online or directly to the home office.

Contact Information:

Lori: If you have more program-related questions, our awesome director, Lori Cinnamon. She is available during the daytime hours and you can contact her streator_il@justforkix.com or 815-674-9487.

Missy: If you have any concerns or questions that are class related, email me at missystortz@yahoo.com. I will always try to respond within 24 hours (or 48 if it's a weekend).

Kyla: kyedinak9@gmail.com

We look forward to a great dance season and seeing the girls grow.

~See everyone on September 13th~

With Kix,
Miss Missy & Miss Kyla

Important..... Please join the groups below to ensure you are updated on all the happenings.

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN BAND GROUPS](#) (YOU WILL JOIN 2 GROUPS)

[CLICK HERE FOR DRESS CODE OPTIONS](#)

*Petite 1 Hip Hop and Petite Kix- Front Entrance
(by the JFK sign)*

Petite 2 Hip Hop and Petite 2 Kix- Back Entrance

*Who am I? Our names are fun but can get confusing for those who
are new.....*

Petite Hip Hop- 4:30-5:00

Petite 1- 5:00-5:45

Petite 2- 5:50-6:35

Petite Hip Hop 2- 6:35-7:05
