

# 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 park outside of door C. Be cautious of little dancers who might be a little excited to get to class and not be watching for cars -- SAFETY FIRST!

### 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.

### Contact Information

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

### 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.

### 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.

Just Text @elkriv to 612-223-7400 to begin receiving texts from Jill.

## WE MAKE IT EASY TO STAY INFORMED

### WEBSITE

**[justforkix.com/danceclasses](http://justforkix.com/danceclasses)** - 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. 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. We will usually allow spectators in the last five minutes of class so you can see the progress we are making.

## Online Access to Your Dancers 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 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.

## 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 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.

### 3. Mail Payment to the Home Office. Just For Kix

PO Box 724  
Brainerd, MN 56401

- 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 \$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.

\* 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.

## 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. 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 instructions on the back side of your uniform invoice on how to handle uniform exchanges. 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.

## 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.

## INTRODUCING THE TuTu Tots 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

## September

Classes start the week of 9/12  
Costumes MUST be ordered by 9/30

## October

NO CLASS 10/19 and 10/20  
NO CLASS 10/31

## November

NO JAZZ 3 on 11/7 (all other classes are on)  
NO CLASS 11/8 (election day)

NO CLASS 11/21, 11/22, 11/23, 11/24

## December

WINTER SHOW 12/11 at 4:00 at Elk River HS for ALL classes  
NO CLASSES 12/26-1/2

## January

Classes resume on Tuesday 1/3

## February

Pictures week of 2/6

TWD Competition for 4th-12th gr classes and all jazz, lyrical, and hip hop at Eastview HS on 2/25 and 2/26

## March

TWD competition for all 4th-12th gr classes and all jazz, lyrical, and hip hop on SUNDAY 3/12  
NO CLASS 3/16

## April

Rochester TWD competition for all 4th-12th gr classes and all jazz, lyrical,

and hip hop 4/6 to 4/9 (exact dates for each class TBD)  
NO CLASSES 4/10-4/13 Classes resume on 4/17

## May

Spring Show TENTATIVE date 5/19

## June

## 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 -- preschoolers  
Wee Petites -- K/1st  
Wee Kix -- 2/3rd  
Mini Kix -- 4/5th  
Middle Kix -- 6/7th  
Junior Kix -- 8/9th  
Senior Kix -- 10/11/12th

Jazz classes are leveled 1-6

Lyrical 1 -- 3rd to 7th  
Lyrical 2 -- 8th to 12th

Hip Hop 1 -- 1st to 6th  
Hip Hop 2 -- 7th to 12th

## Cancellations

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

- [classes.jusforkix.com](http://classes.jusforkix.com)
- In case of an emergency cancellation due to weather or some other unforeseen circumstances, the cancellation will be posted on the Elk River JFK Facebook Group (make sure you have requested to be a member), an announcement will also be sent out on Remind 101. If it is a weather related cancellation, KARE 11 will list Elk River JFK on its closing posts. Keep in mind that if the school district closes OR cancels after school activities we will NOT have class.

- 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

## Upcoming Events

WINTER SHOW 12/11

TWD COMPETITIONS:

While competitions are not MANDATORY, it is hard on teams when some dancers choose not to attend. Please try and avoid family vacations during these dates; 2/25-26, 3/12, and 4/6-9. I realize that Spring Break is the week after the Rochester TWD. PLEASE schedule vacation departures for 4/10.

## Notes

Remember we only have a permit for one area. Dancers and parents are not allowed in any other areas of the school. Please drop off dancers no more than 15 minutes prior to class. We do not have supervision in the hallways. If there is an occasional time where a dancer needs to arrive early please contact their instructor. Please be on time to pick up your dancer from class --

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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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### EVENT NOTES

Classes start the week of 9/12

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				CLASS FEES DUE 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Regular class	13 Regular class	14 Regular class	15 Regular class	16	17
18	19 Regular class	20 Regular class	21 Regular class	22 Regular class	23	24
25	26 Regular class	27 Regular class	28 Regular class	29 Regular class	30 Make sure costume has been ordered	

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2	3 Regular class	4 Regular class	5 Regular class	6 Regular class	7	8
9	10 Regular class	11 Regular class	12 Regular class	13 Regular class	14	15
16	17 Regular class	18 Regular class	19 NO CLASS	20 NO CLASS	21	22
23	24 Regular class	25 Regular class	26 Regular class	27 Regular class	28	29
30	31 NO CLASS					

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