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39th
Season!

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DANCE!

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WELCOME!

Dear Parents and Students,

We would like to welcome all new and returning students to the 2018-2019 dance year! This is going to be an exciting year; we're celebrating our 39th season! The Miami Valley Dance Center faculty and staff are thrilled and delighted, and looking forward to working with all our students this season. At MVDC we are committed to ensuring your child's class is a fun and enjoyable learning experience.

As always, we encourage open communication between teachers, students and parents. If you ever have any questions or concerns please let us know!

The hard-working MVDC secretaries are available to answer any questions or dis-

cuss any concerns you might have. They'll be in the studio the last week of each month through the 10th of the month following. You can contact us at the studio between 4 - 7 p.m. at (937) 878-6488, or drop us an email at: kelly@miamivalleydancecenter.com.

Please read this newsletter carefully. It includes the MVDC policies designed to ensure that our classes run smoothly and our dance year is successful for students and parents alike.

Finally, mark your 2019 calendars! The 39th edition of our annual MVDC recital is set for **June 14-15, 2019!**

Miss Kelly

DANCE!

The MVDC newsletter, DANCE!, is published monthly. You're reading the special "Back to Dance" September issue right now. Please be sure to take a few minutes to read each issue for up-to-the-minute studio news, notes about upcoming events and other pertinent information.

Several years ago the studio "went green" with the newsletter. This year we'll continue to send the monthly newsletter via e-mail and we hope that you included your e-mail address when you registered your child.

If you forgot to give us

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SPECIAL "WELCOME BACK TO DANCE" ISSUE!

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your e-mail address or if you are unable to receive e-mails, please check with the studio staff and we will come up with a solution to make sure that you get to see each issue of our newsletter.

MVDC WEBSITE

Don't forget to check out our website for current events and postings, plus lots of great pictures!

By the way, MVDC uses an accounting program that allows you to view your dancer's account 24 hours a day/7 days a week! We'll be sending you your login information in the next few days.

Please visit us at WWW. MIAMIVALLEY-DANCECENTER.COM and don't forget that we are on facebook and Instagram (mvdc_ohio).

By the way, the website is where you

will log into your dancer account. Simply click the button that says "Student Login" in the red box labeled "Dancer Information."

DRESS CODE

All female students must wear their assigned leotard color and pink or suntan tights. Hair must be in a bun and bangs secured. Level I - IV jazz and tap students may wear black shorts. For Junior and Senior levels black shorts are optional.

No skirts (either attached or separate) are allowed to be worn in Pre-dance, Kinderdance or Ballet classes.

All students must wear the proper shoes. Please be sure to write your child's name inside each shoe. **No T-shirts or sweatshirts are permitted until the weather

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REMINDER ABOUT ON-LINE PAYMENTS

The automatic payment program will run automatically each month on the 5th, however you can log into your dancer's account anytime to check balances and pay ahead of time by following these steps.

1. Once logged into your account, place a check next to all of the charges you would like to make a payment and click on the "Make A Payment" button located in the lower right part of the page.
 2. The next page will display all the charges you have selected for your review. It will also give you a warning if you have missed a charge that is due at an earlier date than the charge you did select to make payment. This feature will assist you in avoiding accidental late fees. Click "Continue" to move on or "Cancel" to return to your account page.
 3. This page is notice that you will be leaving the MVDC site where you will enter your credit card information securely. It will also remind you that you should print off the payment confirmation page and that you will receive 2 email confirmations. When ready, click the "Enter Credit Card Info" button.
 4. The next page is where you will enter your credit card information. The top of the page will summarize the items you are paying for in this transaction and the bottom contains the credit card information fields. You will need to complete all of the fields on this page before continuing. When all fields are complete, click on the "Submit" button to charge your card for the amount listed on the page.
 5. This page will give you the results of the transaction.
If your card was accepted, print the page and use the button at the top to return to your MVDC account page. You may need to "refresh" your page before the updates will be displayed. You will receive two email confirmations and you have now finished making a payment.
If your transaction was declined, the reason will be listed on this page. **YOU MUST** return to the account page and start over to try again. **DO NOT USE THE BACK BUTTON.** Using the back button will cause an error and for security reasons, could block you from making online payments in the future. Step 5 must be followed in order to complete your transaction. You must click the button as it states to return to the MVDC site after payment to ensure they system updates your account.
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becomes colder. The reason for this is so we can be sure that the students have proper body alignment. All male students should wear a fitted white T-shirt with black shorts or pants with proper shoes.

Hip Hop dancers should wear loose active wear, hair must be in a pony tail, and tennis shoes should be used for class only and not worn outside.

Ballet shoes: Pull the drawstring so it is snug around the foot. Tie and knot the strings then tuck them underneath the top of the shoe. You may need to cut off the excess string.

To prolong the use of your dance shoes and to help keep the dance floor clean, please do not wear your dance shoes outside.

TUITION POLICIES

Remember that your tuition payment is based on a monthly installment, rather than the number of classes your child attends for any particular month. It is an annual fee, divided into 10 equal payments - one for each month your child comes to class. Your final installment is due no later than June 5, 2019.

Autopay drafts on the 5th of each month. You will receive an email reminder on or about the 28th of each month letting you know what amount is getting ready to draft to your credit card on file. A late fee will be assessed to any outstanding balances that still remain after the 10th of the month.

MVDC 2018-2019 Calendar

September 10.....Classes Begin
November 19-24.....Thanksgiving Break
December 8....Tentative WCD Dress Rehearsal
December 14.....Tentative WCD Performance
December 20 - January 2.....Winter Break
April 15-20.....Spring Break
May 27Memorial Day (Studio Closed)
June 5.....Accounts must be paid in full
June 14.....Annual Dance Extravaganza
Dress Rehearsal
June 15.....**ANNUAL DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA!**

The late fee is 10% of the outstanding balance and will continue to accrue for each additional month the balance is past due.

We do not send out bills. And remember, you can always pay your account on-line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

We require all dancer accounts have a valid credit card on file and tuition, costume, and recital fees will draft on the 5th of each month that the fee is due.

Don't forget that a \$35 costume deposit for each class your dancer is in will be due with your October tuition payment.

MISSED CLASSES

Any missed class may be made up in a similar level within one month of the missed class.

Please check with the secretary for their recommendations on which make-up class sessions are best. No refunds or deductions from tuition can be made for missed classes.

CANCELLATION

You may withdraw from any and all classes at any time by giving written notice no later than the first of the month. If written notice is not received by the first, you are obligated to pay the next month's tuition payment.

COSTUME DEPOSITS

A non-refundable \$35.00 recital costume deposit is due with your October 5th tuition payment. All costume balances will be posted to your dancer's account mid-December and due not later than January 5, 2019.

Please note that the costume total WILL include recital tights, but it WILL NOT include costume alterations. Parents will be responsible for any alterations to their child's costume.

ODDS AND ENDS

Here's some other reminders that will help guarantee the best possible dance experience for students and parents alike!

☒ Be sure your child uses the rest room before coming to class. When a child asks to use the restroom it usually causes a time consuming chain reaction and we want

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all of our students to get the most out of their classes.

☒ No food (including gum) or drinks may be brought into the dance room. Water is the only beverage permitted in the dance room and that does not include flavored water or sports drinks. Water and other drinks are available for purchase in the back lobby. Food and drink are permitted in the break room area but must be cleaned up after use. Food and beverages are also permitted in the lobby but must be disposed of properly.

☒ There is a lost and found box in the lobby. All items left unclaimed after 30 days will be thrown away or donated. Please see the receptionist if you are missing items.

☒ Parents, remind your child that they must wait inside the studio until you arrive. For everyone's safety, NO ONE is permitted to wait outside.

☒ Please enter through the rear entrance of the Dance Center. This will ensure the safety of everyone since Broad Street is very busy.

☒ Young children, including non-dancing siblings, must be supervised at all times by a parent.

☒ **Please limit break room use to those dancers who need a place to do their homework or eat dinner. Please be sure to clean up after yourself and dispose of all trash in the trash cans.**

☒ Predance and Kinderdance students: In order to keep class disruptions to a minimum, a dancer will not be permitted to re-enter their classroom once they leave whether for a behavioral issue or simply wanting to see their parent. We have had some challenges with this in the past and we want to ensure our dancers are getting the quality instruction they are paying for without distractions of dancers exiting and re-entering the dance room. The exception would be any dancer needing to use the restroom, but please have your dancer use the restroom before coming into class.

OBSERVATION POLICIES

Please do not tap on the window or wave to students in the classroom. This is distracting not only to the students but also the instructor. If you notice that students are

being distracted, please back away from the window. Some children do not deal well with being observed by adults or other children.

We try to leave the blinds open as much as possible, but this is at the discretion of the instructor. All observation is to be done from the lobby only. The doors to the dance room must remain closed.

Thank you for observing these policies; it will enable our students to get the most from their classes.

PARKING

Please be careful pulling onto Broad Street from our parking lot. The street curves just south of the studio and other Fairborn motorists may not be aware that we've begun a new dance season!

PARKING SPOT AUCTION

We will be having our parking spot silent auction starting September 10 and running through September 29. Here's your chance to obtain the opportunity to park in the best spot on the lot! We will be awarding these passes to the highest bidder. Sign up sheets will be available at the front desk. Proceeds from the auction will go to the MVDC Dance Force Team Fund. The winner will have rights to the parking spot until January when we will hold another auction for the second half of the year.

BIRTHDAY GANG!

Lots of the MVDC dancers have chosen to start the new dance year off with a bang by celebrating a birthday!

Since we are not sure how old each of these dancers is, we'll just use an average age of, say, 36 and wish each of them a happy 36th birthday with lots of cake and ice cream!

Our birthday gang for September:

Miss Barb, Ethan Avey, Katelyn Baird, Melissa Baumbarger, Finn Braun, Talulla Brown, Tessa Emberton, Kaiya Fox, Jenna Graham, Bella Japs, Ava Kim, Ava Kitchen, Calleia Lively, Pippa



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Looper, Emery McWhirter, Nola Moulder, Louisa Pecchioni, Kassidy Perks, Emily Pogue, Francesco Rigato, Kayla Ross, Charlotte Snow, Emilia Snow, Jake Stultz, Kenny Thacker, Mike Thompson, Kaylee Vance, and Roxanne Welch.

. Don't forget to visit the Secretary to receive your special birthday gift!

DANCE SUPPLIES

Tawna with Gem City Dance Wear is ready to help you meet all your dance wear needs. MVDC dancers receive extra discounts for apparel. Can't make registration or have questions? Call Tawna at 937-260-9162 or email Tawna@gemcitydancewear.com.

STUDIO WIFI

The password for the studio WIFI is available at the front desk.

DANCE FORCE NEWS

The MVDC Dance Force, has already undergone two weeks of dance intensives to get a jump start on the new season. You can find out more about this year's team's "Diamonds," "Rubies," "Sapphires" and "Emeralds", including a complete roster of Dance Force members, by visiting the MVDC website, www.miamivalleydancecenter.com. Here's wishing the team a successful 2018-2019 season!

MEET OUR SECRETARIES!

Among the most important MVDC staffers are our secretaries, Barb, Tammie, and Marie! One of them will be in the office to serve you the last week of the month through the 10th of the month following, to collect tuition and costume payments if you wish to prepay and to answer any questions you may have.

PLEASE direct any questions or comments you may have to the secretaries first. We are trying to free up the instructors so that they may start classes on time and provide your child the quality instruction they deserve.

MARATHON SUPPORT

MVDC Dance Force will be out once again to support the runners in the WPAFB marathon on September 15th. We'll be in

front of 2 W. Main Street, Fairborn, and all MVDC students are invited to help cheer on the runners from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wear a green t-shirt and feel free to make posters, bring noise makers, pom poms, etc.

MVDC BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

The MVDC Booster Club is excited about the 2018-2019 dance season. We've already got some fundraising underway. The MVDC Booster Club is a non-profit organization who's mission is to support the members of the MVDC Dance Force who have a passion for dance. Our organization is dedicated to help provide scholarships to all team members throughout the competition season. We promote life skills that support each dancer as they flourish into young adults. As always, we appreciate your support throughout the season. A couple of easy ways to do this is through the Kroger Community rewards program and Amazon Smile (see details on how to enroll below). If you would like more information about the MVDC Booster club, you can visit our website <http://mvdcbusters.com/>. We are always looking for Sponsors who would like to make a tax deductible contribution.

Kroger Community Rewards!!!

1. Go to www.Kroger.com. Sign into your account.
(If you do not have one, get your Kroger Plus card and make an account)
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page under About the Company and click on Community
3. Under Community click on Community Rewards
4. Under I'm A customer click on View details
5. Click on Enroll
6. Then search for MVDC Booster Club or KV022
7. Enroll and you are good to go!

Amazon Rewards

1. Sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
2. From your desktop, go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to Change your Charity. Or, from your mobile browser, select Change your Charity from the options at the bottom of the page. Search for Miami Valley Dance Center Boosters Inc.
3. Select a new charitable organization to support.
4. Check off that you know you are now supporting Miami Valley Dance Center Boosters Inc. and click Start shopping.

NOTE: You must always go to Smile.amazon.com for the organization to get their percentage.

GET YOUR MVDC SPIRIT WEAR



The MVDC dance shorts are in! They are \$20 and for \$2.00 more you can have some sparkle added to them (see middle photo above)!

The new tank tops are just \$20 and available in both yellow and purple designs.

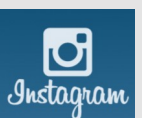
We still have some hoodies and sweatpants available on clearance.



"THERE ARE
SHORT-CUTS TO
HAPPINESS,
AND DANCING IS
ONE OF THEM."
- VICKI BAUM

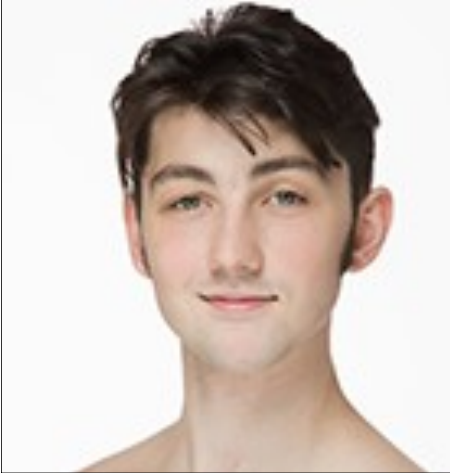


Yep, we're on facebook! "Like" us to keep up with all the MVDC happenings! And look for us on Instagram, too!



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MVDC WELCOMES NEW INSTRUCTOR IVAN BRAATZ



MVDC is pleased to welcome Ivan Braatz, our new Thursday Technique Instructor.

Ivan was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area. He began his ballet training at the San Francisco Ballet School, where he trained for 6 years. He then trained at Houston Ballet Academy for one year. Ivan has performed corps de ballet roles with both companies.

Highlights of his career thus far include performing in Christopher Wheel-
don's *Cinderella*, Stanton Welch's *Romeo and Juliet*, and as Russian in Helgi Tomasson's *The Nutcracker*. This is his second season with Dayton Ballet and he is excited to be joining the teaching staff at MVDC as one of the technique instructors.

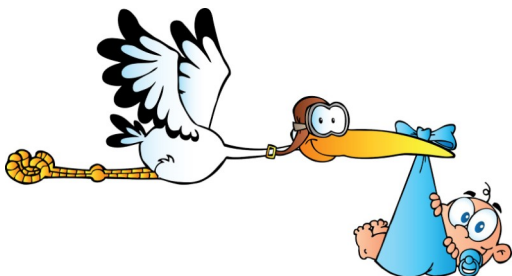
BABY NEWS!

The stork is busy preparing for 2019 deliveries to members of the Miami Valley Dance Center dance family!

Miss Elissa and husband Doug Lyons will see an addition to their family of four that includes daughters Justyne and Piper sometime in February. Baby Lyons' gender is unknown as yet and Miss Elissa reports that they will wait until they know whether they are getting a boy or girl to pick out possible names.

Miss Chelle and husband Jonathan Vollmer will see their family expand by one sometime around March 5 of next year. Both are considering not knowing the gender of Baby Vollmer and letting the baby's arrival be a surprise for everyone, themselves included! Miss Chelle reports that the baby loves to dance around during ultrasounds, and that she has been craving tacos.

Congratulations to the Lyons and Vollmers. We're excited to meet the newest members of the MVDC dance family!



DANCE FORCE INTENSIVES & SPIRIT CELEBRATION

The MVDC Dance Force completed their two week intensives and followed that up with the much anticipated spirit celebration and team building activities.

Congratulations to all the members of the Dance Force and here's wishing you the best dance season yet!



GEM FAIRIES STAGE SCAVENGER HUNT

The Dance Force hopefuls participated in a selfie scavenger hunt where they had to locate four different landmarks and a clue to where each gem fairy would be hiding with the next clue. The final stop was at Jubie's Creamery where the dancers received a personalized mason jar with their gems inside to let them know which teams they made for the upcoming season.

(See our website for a complete listing of Dance Force members!)

