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DANCE!

The Newsletter of the Miami Valley Dance Center
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WELCOME!

Dear Parents and Students,

We would like to welcome all new and returning students to the 2019-2020 dance year! Classes start September 9th!

This is going to be an exciting year; we're celebrating our 40th 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 discuss any concerns you might have. They'll be at the front desk from 4 -7 p.m. the last week of each month through the 10th of the month following. You can contact us at

the studio 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 2020 calendars!

The 40th edition of our annual MVDC recital is set for **June 20, 2020!**

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 in-

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THE MVDC STAFF FOR 2019 - 2020

SPECIAL "WELCOME BACK TO DANCE" ISSUE!

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formation.

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 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.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

The 2019-2020 student handbook is on our website under "registration information". Please be sure to download your copy. On the last page is a student/parent agreement

that we need signed and turned into the front desk by September 28th.

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

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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. The online account link can be found on our homepage of our website, www.miamivalleydancecenter.com. In the red box that says "Dancer Information", simply click on the button that says "Student Login".

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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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 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.

MVDC 2019-2020 Calendar

September 9.....Classes Begin
November 25-30.....Thanksgiving Break
December 7....Tentative WCD Dress Rehearsal
December 13.....Tentative WCD Performance
December 23 - January 5.....Winter Break
April 13-18.....Spring Break
May 25Memorial Day (Studio Closed)
June 5.....Accounts must be paid in full
June 19.....Annual Dance Extravaganza
Dress Rehearsal
June 20.....**40th ANNUAL DANCE
EXTRAVAGANZA!**

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, 2020.

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. 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.

As a reminder, a \$35.00 costume deposit for each class your dancer is in will be due with the October 5th 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.

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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, 2020.

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 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 Fair-born motorists may not be aware that we've begun a new dance season! Please park in the designated spaces and please no parking or standing by the back door. This creates a hazard for dancers exiting the building.

PARKING SPOT AUCTION

We will be having our parking spot silent auction starting September 9 and running through September 28. 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

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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, Maya Arceo, Ethan Avey, Katelyn Baird, Brynnlee Ball, Melissa Baum-barger, Tessa Emberton, Savannah Hadler, Penelope Hall, Hope Hamilton, Bella Japs, Brea Johnson, Jessica Johnson, Ava Kim, Ava Kitchen, Pippa Looper, Natalie Montalvo, Nola Moulder, Easton Palmer, Emily Pogue, Maeleigh Pontious, Francesco Rigato, Kayla Ross, Jake Stultz, Kenny Thacker, Mike Thompson, Ruthie Tucker, Kaylee Vance, Roxanne Welch, and Josie Williams.

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

DANCE SUPPLIES

Tawna with MVDC Dance Apparel is ready to help you meet all your dance wear needs. Tawna can be reached at 937-260-9162 or email Tawna6988@gmail.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 2019-2020 season!

ONYX CONTEMPORARY DANCE COMPANY

The company dancers (shown in the photo below) recently wrapped up a week of intensives. The dancers have completed two pieces of repertoire, the contemporary routine that they performed in the opening number of this year's recital as well as a pointe piece. They will continue to build two more full length pieces. We've got some exciting things happening with the new company and are excited to announce more details in the October newsletter. You can follow the company on Instagram

@onyxcontemporarydancecompany



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 from 4 - 7 p.m.

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.

AIR FORCE MARATHON/NATIONAL DANCE DAY

MVDC Dance Force will be out once again to support the runners in the WPAFB marathon on September 21, and this year National Dance Day falls on the same day so we'll be celebrating both!

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 the gray 40th anniversary t-shirt and feel free to make posters, bring noise makers, pom poms, etc. Look for more details to follow.

MVDC BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

The MVDC Booster Club is excited about the 2019-2020 dance season. And we've already got some fundraising plans underway.

The MVDC Booster Club is a non-profit organization whose 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.

SPECIAL NOTE


There will be a special Booster event at City BBQ in Beavercreek on Friday, September 27. When you place your order tell the clerk you would like the MVDC Booster fund raiser credited. That's all there is to it! Look for more details posted at the studio.



And speaking of the studio, look for new snacks at the Snack Bar in the back lobby. The Boosters will also be raffling off gift baskets via silent auction throughout the season!

Like

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

Instagram

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GET YOUR MVDC SPIRIT WEAR

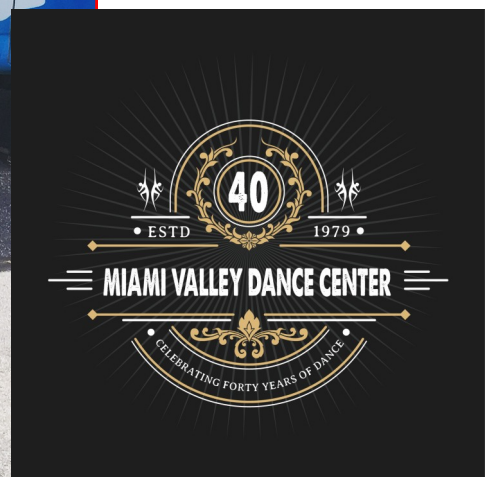
Special! The tank tops shown below are on clearance for \$5.00 as well as the older style hoodies (not pictured, but same design). Our newer spirit wear (shown right) is also available at regular price.



2019 REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2019-2020 dance season at the Miami Valley Dance Center had an added bonus this year...the appearance of the Kona Ice truck.

Students came away both registered for class and re-freshed!



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!



DANCE FORCE PERFORMS

The MVDC Dance Force had two amazing opportunities to perform recently. The studio's dance group performed for the Ohio Optimist Convention on Saturday August 17, and then followed that with a performance at the annual Fairborn Sweet Corn Festival on Sunday, August 18. Congratulations to our Dance Force! Well done!

