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# DANCE!

*The Newsletter of the Miami Valley Dance Center*

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## DRESS CODE BREAK

The first Break Dress Code week of the new dance year will be October 24 - 29. Here's your chance to break dress code and wear a fun costume to class as well as raise money for a great cause. Just be sure your dancer is able to move freely in the costume.

We are requesting a dollar donation per class that your child is in, and donations will be sent to the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

Dancers are not required to participate in Break Dress Code Week, but if they are participating they need to be sure to bring their donation to class.

Our  
37th  
Year!

## NO CLASSES ON OCTOBER 31ST

The studio will be closed on Monday, October 31. Here's the makeup schedule for classes: Ballet III can make up in Ballet II on Tuesday 6:15-7:00, Tap III can make up on Tuesday from 7:00-7:45, Jr. Jazz on Thursday from 5:45-6:30, Jr. Lyrical on

Thursday from 6:30-7:30, Jr. Tap on Thursday from 5:00-5:45.

## COSTUME DEPOSIT DUE

Please remember that a \$35 recital costume deposit is due for each class your dancer attends. Deposits are due not later than October 5 and will be drafted with the October autopay. **Costume deposits are non-refundable.**

The balances on the costumes are due January 5, 2017, and will be posted in your account at the end of December.

An outline of additional charges and their due dates can be found in the 2016-2017 student handbook and are also announced in the monthly newsletters.

Thank you!

## WINTER CARNIVAL

The 2016 edition of the MVDC Winter Carnival of Dance is set for Friday, December 16 at Fairborn High School.

This annual event celebrates the holiday season by showcasing MVDC dancers and at the same time benefits the Fairborn FISH food pantry charity.

Dress rehearsal for those participating will be December 10 at the studio 2- 4 p.m. Future issues of DANCE! will provide further details.

Please mark your calendars. We'll see you there!

## LOBBY ETIQUETTE

Please help us keep our lobbies clean. Pick up after yourselves and be careful with food and drink.

No standing or sitting near the classroom doorways.

All young dancers and siblings are to remain under parent supervision at all times. They are not allowed to run or hang on the railings in the hallway.

Smoking is **not** permitted inside or outside

## MVDC 2016-2017 Calendar

October 31.....Studio Closed  
November 21-26..... Thanksgiving Break  
December 10..... WCD rehearsal  
December 16..... WCD Performance  
December 19-January 1..... Winter Break  
April 17-22 .....Spring Break  
May 29 Memorial Day..... (Studio Closed)  
June 5..... Accounts must be paid in full  
June 15-17..... Annual Dance Extravaganza  
and Dress Rehearsal



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### the studio building.

Finally, please keep the noise level to a minimum. Excessive noise can be very distracting to the students and instructors in the classrooms.

Thank you!

## **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! Please visit us at [WWW.MIAMIVALLEYDANCECENTER.COM](http://WWW.MIAMIVALLEYDANCECENTER.COM).

## **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/V jazz and tap students may wear black shorts or a short skirt. For Junior and Senior levels black shorts are optional.

**No skirts (either attached or separate) are allowed to be worn in Predance, Kinderdance or Ballet classes.**

All students must wear the proper shoes. Please be sure to write your child's name inside each shoe. 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.**

*"The dance,  
more than any other  
art, lives through the  
genius of its interpre-  
ters."*

*Lillian Moore*



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## **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 that is divided into 10 equal payments - one for each month your child comes to class. Your final installment is due no later than June 5, 2017.

Auto pay will draft on the 5th of each month. You have up until the 4th of the month to make payments on your dancer account with a different form of payment (cash, check or through the website login). The secretaries will be in the last week of the month through the 4th of the following month.

Tuition not received by the 10th will be subject to a 10% late fee. No exceptions unless arrangements have been made with the director prior to the 10th.

And remember, you can always pay your account on-line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

## **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 4th of the month. If written notice is not received by the 4th, you are obligated to pay the next month's tuition payment.

## **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

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The MVDC Dance Force played a big part in keeping up the morale of the runners in the recent Air Force Marathon.

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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.

## **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.

Thanks for observing our rules on observation!

## **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!

## **BIRTHDAY GANG!**

Lots of the MVDC dancers have October birthdays. They were probably all anxious to get here in time for football season.

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 October:

Miss Kelly, Miss Elissa, Miss Marie, Lenora Ahrens, Alexis Becker, Jasmyn Bieszard, Kenzie Fan-nin, Emily Fields, Sierra Groff, Lily Hill, Alannah Kuder, Lelia Landrum, Ellie Lynn, Janelle Marrable, Emma Miller, Ireland Paul, Kieran Perks, Evelyn Ream, Isabelle Reeves, Morgan Reynolds, Andrea Schroeder, and Mallory Wardle.

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

## **ACCOUNT LOG-IN INFO?**

If you have not yet received your log-in information via email please check your spam/junk folder. If you can't find it there, please contact Miss Kelly at [kelly@miamivalleydancecenter.com](mailto:kelly@miamivalleydancecenter.com). You will need this information to access your account on line.

## **COSTUMES FOR SALE**

Here's a chance for you to find Halloween costumes at rock bottom prices: the studio is selling re-

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cital costumes from past seasons for \$10 or less! These costumes would also make fun dress-up outfits.

Check out the selection at the studio!

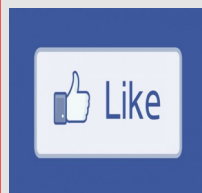
## **OHIO DANCE MASTERS CONVENTION**

On Saturday, September 18, Miss Kelly travelled to Bellaire, Ohio to attend the Ohio Dance Masters convention. The convention featured a seminar taught by Dance Industry leader Rhee Gold.

## **MVDC BOOSTER CLUB NEWS!**

The MVDC Dance Force and Booster Club would like to thank everyone who continues to support our various fund raisers!

The MVDC Booster Club along with Mirabella's Boutique will be holding a fashion show October 23, 2016 at the Fairborn Senior Center. Mirabella's is a contemporary women's clothing boutique located in downtown Fairborn. The MVDC Dance Force Dancers will be modeling the latest trends in clothing, jewelry, and shoes of all sizes (XS-XXL). Clothing will be available for purchase and the MVDC Booster Club gets a portion of total sales. We've got some great raffles and door prizes as well! Tickets can be purchased from Stacy Hampshire, any Dance Force member/parent or at the MVDC Studio Desk for just



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



\$7. Yummy refreshments will also be served. We hope you can join us!

## **KROGER PLUS CARD REWARDS**

If you are a Kroger customer, please consider linking your Kroger plus card to the MVDC Booster club. That way the Boosters will receive a check quarterly from a portion of sales. You still keep all the advantages of being a Kroger Plus member including your fuel points. Just follow the steps below:

Register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)

- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up.
- If a member does not yet have a Kroger Plus card, please let them know that they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- Click on Sign In/Register

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## **REMINDER ABOUT ON-LINE PAYMENTS**

Yep, you can still pay your MVDC account on-line using your credit card. Here's how.

1. Once logged into your account, place a check next to all of the charges you would like to pay, then click on the "Make A Payment" button located in the lower right part of the page.
2. The next page will display for your review all the charges you have selected. 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. The next page is where you will enter your credit card information. 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.
4. Upon a successful transaction, you will directed to a receipt page. The receipt will also be sent to you via email. 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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- Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number (51244) or name of organization (MVDC Booster Club), select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after your member(s) register their card(s).
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 800-576-4377, select option 3 to get your Kroger Plus card number.

Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.

### **AMAZON**

Smile.amazon.com - Register the MVDC Booster Club on your account and the MVDC Booster Club receives a percentage of eligible Amazon Smile

purchases.

### **ELDER BEERMAN**

ELDER BEERMAN COMMUNITY DAYS COUPON BOOKS. NOW through November 8: For only \$5 you can purchase a coupon book that contains GREAT savings!!! Use the following link to order on-line: <http://bit.ly/2bMISND> (shipping is FREE). 100% profit on this one folks!

### **BW3**

BW3s (Beavercreek & Huber Heights locations) is paying us to eat through their Home Team Advantage program...simply say you want Organization "M" to receive a percentage of your check and voila, MVDC Booster Club gets paid! EAT MORE WINGS (please)! (no flyer needed).

### **SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM**

We also have a sponsorship program set up for any interested individual or business. More information can be found on the MVDC Booster Brochure. There are different levels of sponsors with some very cool perks!

### **FAIRBORN FALL FESTIVAL BOOTH**

Kids of all ages get your 'ballerina buns', 'brohawks' and fun tattoos at our booth! We'll be making everyone glamorous October 8-9 at Fairborn Community Park.

### **YANKEE CANDLE**

Sept 12 to Oct 10 packet paper orders and until Dec 31 for online orders. See any Dance Force team member/parent for details on how to place your order to benefit the Dance Force.



Miss Kelly poses with her fellow Ohio Dance Masters members after a fun filled day with Rhee Gold (center). Rhee travels the country with his Project Motivate seminars designed specifically for dance studio owners. It was a great day filled with some fun ideas and concepts to integrate into the dance studio.



## MVDC ALUMNUS RETURNS

MVDC alumnus Caleb Dicke returned to the studio recently to teach a high-energy Musical Theater Master Class and the MVDC dancers who took the class had a great time.

Thanks to Caleb and the students who participated and we look forward to the next time Caleb is in the area and able to return to the studio!



## MVDC SPIRIT WEAR NOW AVAILABLE!

(Below) We have a nice supply of MVDC spirit wear items available at the studio and also at Gem City Dance-wear. Items include booty shorts, tank tops, hoodies, sweat pants (available in lime green and hot pink colors) as well as vinyl car decals. Stop by the front desk to pick up your gear!



## MEET OUR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

It would be very difficult for our great teachers to accomplish all that they want to without the support and efforts of our Teaching Assistants. MVDC is fortunate to have five very talented dancers serving as assistants and we want you to meet them. Here are three and we will highlight the other two, **Kaylee Vance** and **Lauren Magee**, next month.

**Bailey Fahl** is a 17 year old senior at Fairborn High School who is enjoying her 15th year in dance. This year Bailey teaches Tuesday Predance and Tuesday Jazz I.

She says that she wanted to be a teaching assistant because "at the time I thought I would pursue teaching after graduation and possibly dance. I also love working with kids."

The best thing about being an assistant, according to Bailey, is "being able to teach [the students] the art of dance and watching them grow."

We asked each of the assistants to tell us something that the other dancers at MVDC probably don't know about them. Bailey said "that I love to act and sing. I was the lead in my high school's musical "Little Shop of Horrors."

In ten years Bailey Fahl sees herself living in a big city and pursuing a career as a forensic/behavioral analyst, but for now we are fortunate to count her among the MVDC teacher assistants.

**Morgan Fahl** has been dancing for 13 years and assists at MVDC with Wednesday and Thursday Kinderdance, and Hip Hop Tutters.

What made the 10th grader at Fairborn High School want to be a teacher's assistant? "According to Morgan, "what made me want to be an assistant teacher were the kids. I love little kids and I love being a role model for them. I most enjoy coming in every night and seeing the kids smile and have fun."

Morgan thinks that the other dancers at MVDC might be surprised to find out that she did four years of soccer,

one year of volleyball, and two years of swimming.

In ten years Morgan believes that she will be working in a salon doing hair, makeup, and nails, and we're betting that she will be dancing around that salon. Better try to make an appointment now!

**Grant Shaffer** assists with Ballet I and Tap I and when you add in his own dancing you'll find that the 15 year old sophomore at the Dayton Regional STEM school keeps pretty busy.

Grant has been dancing for eleven years and wanted to be an assistant teacher "because I want to share my love and passion for dance with younger generations so that they can keep dance going strong for many years to come."

What has Grant enjoyed most about serving as a teaching assistant?

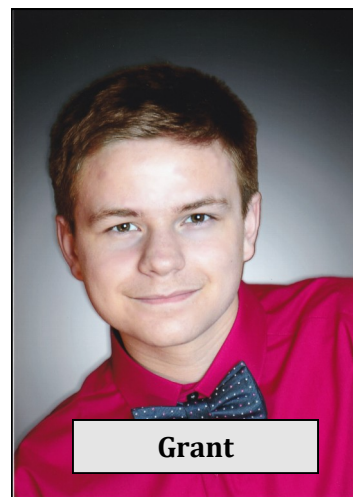
"Especially in my first year of assisting, I have enjoyed seeing the kids actually being engaged and wanting to learn how to dance. I can safely say that I am proud to be one of the many teachers to the next generation of dancers."

Other dancers who think they know Grant would be surprised to find that he is currently taking a Chinese college course at Wright State University!

"In ten years," Grant told us, "I see myself still teaching dance but I also see myself leading research on how to treat and hopefully cure Autism. I see myself doing research because my older brother has Autism and sometimes it is hard, but we get through it together."



Bailey



Grant



Morgan

