



December 2019

# Dance!



The Newsletter of the Miami Valley Dance Center  
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## WINTER CARNIVAL

The annual Winter Carnival of Dance will be Friday, December 13, at 7 p.m. at Fairborn High School.

Each season the Miami Valley Dance Center presents a benefit performance for the Fairborn FISH Food Pantry and this year will be our 30th such performance. The classes participating in the show have been working very hard on their routines for this great cause, and we hope that you can make it to the show.

Students not participating in the show will receive, during the week of December 9 classes, a complimentary ticket to attend; all other tickets will be \$10 (plus a non-perishable item) and are on sale at the studio now.

Tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the performance. Fairborn FISH organizers indicate that they can really use canned meats and soups, baby items, and personal hygiene items.

Last year we raised over \$4700 and we hope



Our  
40th  
Year!

to surpass that this year!

That jolly old elf Santa will be making an appearance after the show to hear everyone's wish list, so be sure to bring



your camera!

The MVDC Booster Club has some great gift baskets they will be auctioning off at the Winter Carnival. See Page 6 for all the details.

With a show as fabulous as the Winter Carnival you are going to want a professionally made DVD of the event. They will be available for \$20 and the order forms will be at the front desk.

Classes performing are: Monday Ballet I, Monday Ballet IV, Tuesday Ballet II, Wednesday Hip Hop Poppers, Breakers and Lockers, Wednesday Sr. Lyrical, Jazz and Tap. Thursday Ballet III, Thursday Jr. Lyrical, Jazz and Tap, Adult Tap, Adult Jazz, and Adult Hip Hop. Mandatory Dress Rehearsal will be at the studio, December 7th, 1:30-4 p.m. Note time change!

**Don't forget, we'll be revealing the 2020 recital theme at the conclusion of the show!**

## MVDC 2019-2020 Calendar

December 6.....Fairborn Holiday Parade  
December 7.....WCD Dress Rehearsal  
December 13.....WCD Performance  
December 21 - January 2.....Winter Break  
April 13-18.....Spring Break  
May 25 .....Memorial Day (Studio Closed)  
June 5.....Accounts must be paid in full  
June 19.....Annual Dance Extravaganza  
Dress Rehearsal  
June 20....**ANNUAL DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA!**



## DRESS CODE BREAK

MVDC students will have another opportunity to break dress code Monday, December 9 through Thursday, December 12.

We'd like dancers to bring in non-perishable food items this time in lieu of a monetary donation in an effort to increase our donation to Fairborn FISH.

**(Please make sure to check the expiration date on food items!)**

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# Happy Holidays!



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## WINTER BREAK

The dance studio will be closed for our annual winter break December 21 - January 2. (Note the date changes!)

We hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday season!

## RECITAL COSTUMES

We will begin taking measurements for recital costumes this week. It's important that we get all dancers' measurements before we go on Winter Break December 21. Any measurements taken after December 21 will be placed in a later order and will arrive at a later date than our main order.

We allow extra growth room when we order your child's costume. We place the order early so that if there are any fitting problems there is still time to return them before the recital. Costumes are not custom made to a dancer's specific measurements. Some minor alterations may be required.

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.

Please note also that there was a \$35 costume deposit due in October for each costume we order for your dancer. Deposits still unpaid are currently accruing interest charges.

Costume balances will be included in the autopay cycle that runs on January 5. Costumes will not be distributed to dancers until the costume fee is paid and all tuition payments are up to date.

Costume prices will be recorded in your dancer's account by the end of December. Please log in to your account to see the balance.

If you have misplaced your login information you can always go the MVDC website, [www.miamivalleydancecenter.com](http://www.miamivalleydancecenter.com), and click on the Student Login tab. On the next page click the Student Account Login link, then on the next page there will be yet another link to help if you have forgotten your login and/or password.

By the way, we'll post a photo of your child's costume in your dancer's on-line account for your viewing.

## SECRETARY HOURS

The MVDC secretaries will be at the studio the entire month of December from 4 - 7p.m. for those who wish to make a payment prior to our winter break. As always, payments can also be made on-line.

## BIRTHDAY GANG!

Talk about clever! The December Birthday gang was smart enough to be born in December thereby guaranteeing twice the number of gifts as the rest of us (or is that half as many as the rest of us?).

As is our practice, since we are not sure how old each of these dancers is, we'll just use an average age of, say, 38, and wish each of them a happy 38th birthday with lots of cake and ice cream.



Our best December birthday wishes go out to Miss Amy, Karen Ashcraft, Cambrie Bradford, Adyson Butcher, Kaelyn Carl, Heather Carrell, Kadie Deskins, Morgan Fahl, Lorelei Ferry, Ellianna Fox, Gabrielle Green, Gabriella Halderman, Elisabeth Hay, Kristen Hildebrecht, Lucy Hughes, Liberty Kitzmiller, Ava Kuder, Piper Lyons, Delilah McCloud, Madison Messer, Kimberlyn Ream, Alivia Swallows, Kinsley Tallent, and Freaya Williams.

Happy Birthday...and don't forget to see one of the MVDC Secretaries for your gift!

## UGLY WEATHER WARNING

It's that time of year again; ugly winter weather can



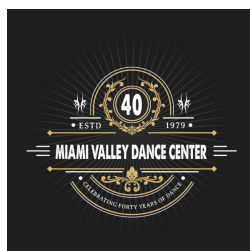
fall on us without warning at any-time. If we feel the need to cancel classes due to bad weather we will leave an announcement on the studio answering machine (878-6488) or you can check the MVDC website for the latest news on studio closing.

We'll also post a note to the studio's facebook page and to Instagram.

We will also send out a text message via the Remind App. If you have not already joined our group, please see the instruction included in the email.

The closing announcement will be made by 2 p.m.

**Remember, the studio might still be open even if local schools are closed, and vice versa.**



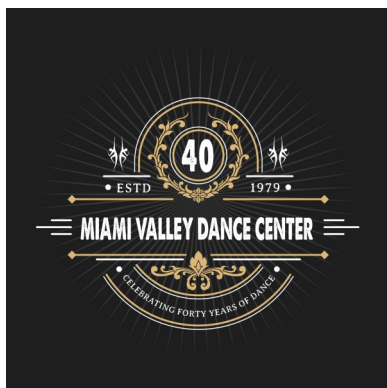


## CONVENTION NEWS

Miss Amy, Mrs. Howell, Miss Reane, Miss Lauren and Miss Kelly attended the Ohio Dance Masters Convention on November 24th. They took classes in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Modern and Hip Hop.

Congratulations to Mr. Grant Shaffer for successfully testing in the Modern and Tap exams and Mrs. Howell for adding tap to her jazz and ballet certifications.

*(Shown right: Grant Shaffer and Mrs. Howell)*



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## RECITAL PLANNING MEETING HELD



Miss Kelly recently hosted MVDC teachers at her home for the annual recital planning meeting. The theme for the 2020 recital will be revealed at the upcoming 30th annual Winter Carnival, Friday, December 13!

## DANCERS OF THE MONTH NAMED FOR DECEMBER

This month Miami Valley Dance Center recognizes **Ava Miller** and **Easton Everett Palmer** as our Dancers of the Month for December, 2019.

**Ava Miller** is an energetic eight year old who spends her school days at Fairborn Primary where she is in the third grade.



We've never peeked into her closet but we are betting that it is chock full of purple choices. Purple is her favorite color.

When it's time to sit down to dinner, Ava is hoping that her favorite food, sushi, is on the menu.

Ava shares her home with three pooches. When she comes home from

school her pug mix, Luna, is waiting to greet her, along with Labrador puppies Apollo and Athena.

Dancing is, of course, one her very favorite things to do, but she also likes to do various art projects in her spare time.

When it comes to dance, Ava just can't choose a favorite. She loves them all.. When we asked her why she likes to dance, she told us, "I love dance because it's so much fun and I made great friends and teachers dancing!"

**Easton Everett Palmer** is five years of age and is being homeschooled as a pre-kindergartener.

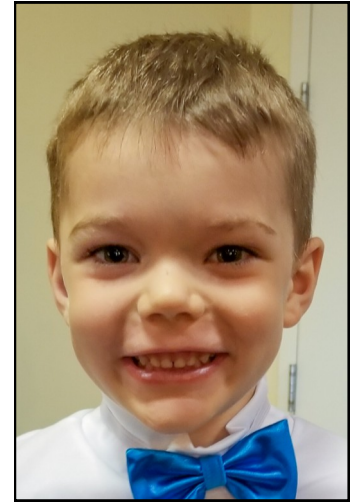
He claims red and pink as his favorite colors and both are very similar on the color wheel.

His favorite food? Here Easton is very, very specific. His favorite food is eggs with salt and pepper and toast. (We didn't ask but we assume that breakfast is his favorite meal.)

Easton presently has no pets, but perhaps Ava would loan him one of her pooches.

His favorite style of dance is tap And when he's not tap-tap-tapping his way through life he likes to go on dates with Mommy and "Adda" (Daddy).

Easton told us that he likes to dance "because I think dance is the perfect thing for me!"



Congratulations to Ava and Easton and their families on being names our Dancers of the Month for December!



## HOLIDAY DANCE PLANS

Both the MVDC dancers and the Onyx Contemporary Dance Company have big plans for performances during the holiday season, and we urge you to plan to join them.

The MVDC dancers will be performing on Friday, December 6, right before Fairborn's Hometown Holiday Parade kicks off. The dancers will be performing around 5:45 p.m. in front of the Christmas tree on Main and Central.

The Onyx Contemporary Dance Company will also be performing at the University of Dayton's Christmas on Campus later that same evening in the Boll Theater.

*[Photo shows the MVDC dancers with Santa at the 2018 Fairborn Christmas celebration.]*





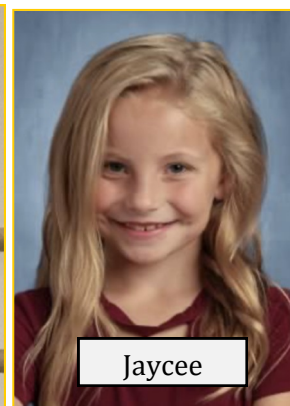
## NEW SPIRIT WEAR ARRIVES SOON

The new MVDC spirit wear will be arriving soon and would make a great Christmas present for your dancer.

Previous styles are now on sale or clearance for as low as \$5. Check at the front desk for these items.



## NUTCRACKER REMINDER



Each holiday season at least one MVDC dancer is cast in a local production of "The Nutcracker." We're thrilled that this season six MVDC dancers will find themselves on stage as part of this tradition holiday program!

The five dancers shown in the photo above (left to right) Leah Snow, Amelia Doyle, Dain Lourens, Sofia Kitchen, and Ava Kitchen, along with dancer Jaycee Priest who wasn't present for the group photo, have all been cast in the Dayton Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker."

Here are the dates for the Gold Cast (Sofia, Ava, Leah and Jaycee) Dates: (sensory performance) 20th, 21st at 2:30 & 7:30; 22nd at 2:30 & 6:00; 23rd at 2:30

Amelia and Dain are in the Silver Cast. Show times are December 13th at 7:30 p.m.; December 14th at 2:30 and 7:30; and December 15th at 2:30.

Congratulations to Leah, Amelia, Dain, Sofia, Ava, and Jaycee in winning roles in this much loved presentation!

Besides these six talented dancers, MVDC teacher Mr. Ivan Braatz will be performing in the Dayton Ballet production of "Nutcracker. We'll be excited to watch all these amazing dancers!



# JOIN US FOR MUSICAL THEATER JAZZ CLASS!

Caleb Dicke is ecstatic to be back at Miami Valley Dance Center.

He attended Oklahoma City University and graduated in 2014 with a BPA in Dance Performance. While in college, he was a featured dancer in the American Spirit Dance Company, performed in Oklahoma Opera and Music Theater Company's productions of The Wedding Singer and Legally Blonde, performed as the swing in Mix It Up at Busch Gardens Williamsburg, as well as, performed three summers in the resident ensemble at Music Theatre Wichita.

Caleb now resides in New York City and has been performing regionally across the United States. Recent credits include: La Cage aux Folles at Goodspeed Opera House; West Side Story at The Asolo Repertory Theatre; Disney's Beauty and the Beast at Alabama Shakespeare Festival; Gypsy at Arts Center of Coastal Carolina; and 42nd Street at The Lexington Theatre Company.



**SATURDAY DECEMBER 28**

**12 AND UNDER: 12-1:30 P.M.**

**13 AND OVER: 1:45 - 3:15 P.M.**

**COST IS \$25.00 IN ADVANCE,  
\$30.00 DAY OF CLASS.**

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# BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

Happy Holidays from the MVDC Booster Club!

We're excited to announce that we will be bringing back the gift item fundraiser at the Winter Carnival of Dance. Last year, we had several baskets available for bidding via silent auction and this year we have more great baskets.

Bidding on these items will end at show intermission.

Don't miss your opportunity to win and support the Dance Force!

If you are considering a donation to a charitable organization during this holiday season, the MVDC Booster Club is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to raising funds to meet the MVDC Dance Force competition team needs. If you would like more information on making a donation, please contact MVDC Booster Club President, Stacy Hampshire, email [mvdcbcpresident@gmail.com](mailto:mvdcbcpresident@gmail.com).

Thank you to all of our MVDC Dance family and friends for your generous donations and patronage! We hope you enjoy a safe, healthy holiday season.





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## THANK YOU!

We're sending a warm "thank you" again to Hauck Bros. Inc., a Ruby sponsor for the MVDC Dance Force.

The MVDC Booster Club is a IRC Section 501(c)(3) organization and they are always looking for new sponsors. Sponsor donations are tax-deductible.

If you are interested or need more information about becoming a sponsor and all the awesome benefits that come with it please contact our Booster Club President Stacy Hampshire at [MVDCBCPresident@gmail.com](mailto:MVDCBCPresident@gmail.com).

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

As 2019 comes to a close, the Miami Valley Dance Center staff would like to extend our profound thanks to all the parents and dancers in the MVDC Family for their unending cooperation and support during the past months.

It's been a pleasure to share the joy of dance and we hope that our efforts have made as positive an impact on your lives as your participation has made on ours.

We wish you a happy and safe holiday season and we look forward to dancing with you in the New Year.

Happy Holidays!

*Miss Kelly  
and MVDC Staff*



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



