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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 15, 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. 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 11 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 \$3500 and we hope to surpass that this year!



Our
38th
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, Tuesday Adult Tap, Wednesday Irish 2, Wednesday Hip Hop Tutters, Breakers and Lockers, Wednesday Sr. Lyrical, Jazz and Tap. Thursday Ballet III, Thursday Jr. Lyrical, Jazz and Tap. Mandatory Dress Rehearsal will be at the studio, December 9, 2-4 p.m.

And here's something new this year; we'll be revealing our 2018 recital theme at the end of the Winter Carnival!

MVDC 2017-2018 Calendar

December 9.....	WCD rehearsal
December 15.....	WCD Performance
December 20-January 2.....	Winter Break
April 2-7.....	Spring Break
May 28.....	Memorial Day (studio closed)
June 5.....	Accounts must be paid in full
June 15-16.....	Dress Rehearsal and Dance Extravaganza



DRESS CODE BREAK

MVDC students will have another opportunity to break dress code Monday, December 11 through Thursday, December 14.

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 20 - January 2. 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 20. Any measurements taken after December 20 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.

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, 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 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, Emmalyn Collins, Marina Corbett, Piper Edge, Morgan Fahl, Ellianna Fox, Gabrielle Green, Gabriella Halderman, Nora Hattabaugh, Elisabeth Hay, Kristen Hildebrecht, Sakura Houston, Lucy Hughes, Allyson Kneisley, Marcella Minehart, Laken Norton, Kimberlynn Ream, Angelea Stacy, and Meredith Suarez.

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 anytime. 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. 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.

SPIRIT WEAR!

The new MVDC spirit wear should be arriving soon. We don't have color details yet.

We're running a special on our previous style spirit wear, \$10.00 off the original price while supplies last!



CONVENTION NEWS

The Miami Valley Dance Center was well represented at the Ohio Dance Masters Convention held November 19th.

Dancers in attendance were Kate Thacker, Gabby McMaster, Madelyn Stankas, Jolie Stankas, Kenny Thacker, Julia Stultz and Kieran Perks. Kieran once again received the Shining Star Award from Tap teacher Anthony Russo.

Miss Kelly, Mrs. Howell, Miss Elissa and Miss Renae also attended class.



RECITAL PLANNING MEETING HELD

Miss Kelly recently hosted MVDC teachers at her home for the annual recital planning meeting. The theme for the 2018 recital will be revealed at the upcoming Winter Carnival!



"DROP AND SHOP" COMING DECEMBER 10

MVDC is excited to announce our "Drop and Shop" on Sunday, December 10th from 12-3. Parents! This is your opportunity to drop your child off for a few hours at our "Visit to the North Pole" mini camp and have some time to finish up your shopping!

Activities will include: games, crafts, a cup cake decorating station and of course dance class complete with a special parent performance at the end of the day!

This is open to children age 5-8. You do not have to be a student of MVDC to attend. Cost is \$35.00. You can reserve a spot by visiting: <https://secure.miamivalleydancecenter.com/specialevent/>

Hurry space is limited and spots will fill quickly! Email Miss Kelly for any questions, kelly@miamivalleydancecenter.com



DANCERS OF THE MONTH NAMED FOR DECEMBER

This month Miami Valley Dance Center recognizes **Chelsea McKenzie** and **Olivia Potts** as our Dancers of the Month for December, 2017.

Chelsea McKenzie is an energetic nine year old who spends her school days at Fairborn Intermediate where she is in the 4th 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, Chelsea is hoping that her favorite food, macaroni and cheese, is on the menu.

At the moment, Chelsea owns no pets, but as a very big hint she points out that she loves dogs.

Dancing is, of course, one her very favorite things to do, but she also likes to read, write, and draw in her spare time.

When it comes to dance, Chelsea likes ballet best. When we asked her why she likes to dance, she told us, "I like to dance because it is fun and it keeps me active, but most of all, dancing allows me to creatively express my feelings and emotions to people who watch me dance."



Olivia Potts is starting her academic career exactly where almost all of us started--kindergarten! Olivia occupies a seat in that class at Park Layne Elementary.

Her favorite color is red and somehow that fits very nicely with her favorite food, spaghetti. Or it might just be that she has spaghetti so often that she is used to staring down at that sauce.

Like Chelsea, Olivia has no pets at this time, but she uses her extra free time to dance, draw, and color.

When it comes to dance, Olivia can't just pick one favorite style. She likes tap and Hip Hop equally.

But Olivia has no trouble explaining why she likes to dance. "I love meeting new people and enjoying the music!"

Congratulations to both Chelsea and Olivia, and their families, on being named Dancers of the Month for December!



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. This year, we'll be adding several more baskets to the silent auction. The different baskets, all of which will be displayed at the studio the week before the show are the Ruby Basket-Family Game Night, the Sapphire Basket-All Things Cozy, the Emerald Basket-Just for Dad, and the Diamond Basket-Date Night. And the Booster Club will be giving away a Family Entertainment Package!

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 501c3 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, Danielle Lively at (937)269-4577 or email 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.



NUTCRACKER REMINDER

Here's a reminder that MVDC dancers Athena Rosengarten (right top) and Dain Lourens (right bottom) have been chosen to appear in this year's Dayton Ballet production of the Nutcracker!

The silver production is December 15-17, and the gold production will be December 20-23. Athena is in the Silver cast and Dain is in the Gold cast. Athena snagged the role of a soldier that she was hoping for, and Dain will be a rat.

We know both dancers will represent MVDC well. Break a leg!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

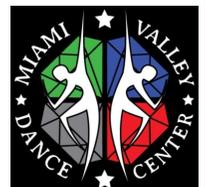
As 2017 comes to a close, the Miami Valley Dance Center staff would like to extend our profound thanks to all the parents and dancers in the MVDC Family for their unending cooperation and support during the past months.

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 a great New Year.

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and MVDC Staff*



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