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THANK YOU!

All of the teachers, assistants, and secretaries would like to thank everyone for the wonderful gifts and cards we received. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated!

We hope that everyone had a wonderful and enjoyable holiday season and are looking forward to a great 2018!

MVDC 2018 Calendar

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	

28TH WINTER CARNIVAL OF DANCE

Our annual Winter Carnival of Dance was a terrific success thanks to all the students, families, and friends who lent their support to our charity event.

The Dance Center stages this show each holiday season to raise money for Fairborn FISH, an organization designed to help the less fortunate people of Fairborn. This year, we are proud to report, the Winter Carnival raised a whopping \$4000 and hundreds of food items for FISH.

Beth Player, the FISH Coordinator, sent MVDC a letter of thanks addressed to Miss Kelly, Teachers, and Students that read, in part, "You are absolutely amazing! Every year, FISH Fairborn benefits from your generous donation of money and canned goods. You help us finish the year off and start the next one with enough money to buy food for a month or two and lots of canned goods to keep us from spending

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the money too fast. This year the need for our services has gone up again. We are serving between 600 -650 families at the pantry each month. If you calculate 2-3 family members minimum for each family, that is a lot of people!

"You achieved another new high this year. Your donation of \$4000 in cash and 684 canned goods was outstanding. We usually estimate each canned good as \$1 spent. So in total, your donation equals \$4684. WOW! So many families helped because your staff and students work hard and help celebrate with the Christmas Spirit."

Winter Carnival DVDs are available for \$20. Please contact Tawna at tawna@gemcitydancewear.com to order.

Again, thanks to our MVDC dancers who did a great job, and to everyone who supported our 28th annual Winter Carnival!

RECITAL COSTUMES

Costume balances will soon be added to your dancer's account and will be included with the January 5th autopay. Late charges will be applied to any costume balances not paid by the 10th.

You will soon be able to view a picture of your child's costume by logging into your account. Simply click on the drop-down menu for "Current Classes" and a photo will appear next to each class your child is enrolled in. You can click on the picture for an enlarged view.

Please note that tights are included in the price of the costume.

As a reminder, costume alteration is each dancer's responsibility. If alterations are beyond parents' capability, the studio will be glad to refer local seamstresses who can provide the service.

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, Facebook page or Instagram page for the latest news on studio closing. Weather announcements will be made by 2 p.m.



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

BIRTHDAY GANG!

Ah, January, and while the rest of us are celebrating a brand new year, some of our MVDC dance family members are celebrating another birthday.

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 January birthday wishes go out to: Sarah Atha, Stella Brandenburg, Samantha Helper, Kaitlyn LaFountain, Quinn Lamb, Lucy Lane, Riley Lynn, Allyson Meder, Chelsea McKenzie, Athena Rosengarten, Ginger Salyers, Taylor Sisco, Rachel Smith, Carleen Thacker, Kayleigh Tolar, Kyla Ward, Andrea Williams, and Savannah Williams

CALLING ALL MEN!

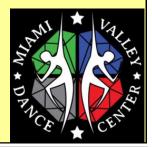
Happy Birthday!

MVDC is looking for some real manly men to participate in this year's Man Dance. Participation in the fabled annual Man Dance is open to dads of MVDC dancers, and we will begin taking sign-ups on Mon-

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(*Left*) Miss Kelly and MVDC Dance Force dancer Grant Shaffer present a check for \$4000 to Fairborn FISH while FISH volunteers look on. In addition to the cash, MVDC donated hundreds of canned food items.



day, January 29 at the front desk.

Space is limited so don't miss out. Participants will be required to pay the \$25 recital fee, but will also be entitled to all the benefits including tickets to both shows, the Dropbox link to the music, and recital souvenir.

Man Dance rehearsal time is 4 - 5 p.m. beginning March 3. Other dates are March 24 and 31; April 21, May 12 and 19, and June 2 and 9.

RECITAL THEME ANNOUNCED

Miss Kelly and her staff announced the theme for the 2018 recital at the recent Winter Carnival.

In 2018 the MVDC dancers will appear in the 38th Annual Dance Extravaganza "Bright City Lights". The theme will feature music relating to our big cities in the U.S. like New York City, Chicago, Las Vegas, Hollywood and Los Angeles. Be sure to join us on June 16th for this fabulous presentation!"







SHOW YOUR SPIRIT!

The new MVDC spirit wear has arrived! They feature our studio logo and are available in yellow or purple design and are \$30 for hoodies and \$25 for tank tops.

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

ATTENTION ADULTS!

Adult classes return in January and MVDC is offering a free trial class to any adult interested in joining in the fun at the studio. On Tuesdays the studio offers Adult Tap from 7:15 - 8 p.m., Adult Hip Hop/Jazz Fusion from 8 - 8:45 p.m., and on Thursdays the Adult Irish have class from 8:45 - 9:30.

Please consider trying one of the MVDC adult classes. You'll be glad you did!



NUTCRACKER!

Congratulations to MVDC dancers Athena Rosengarten and Dain Lourens on their performances in the recent Dayton Ballet production of Nutcracker. In the photos, Athen is shown with Mrs. Howell and Dain is shown with technique instructor and Dayton Ballet Company member Mr. Greg Goessner.

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THEY DROPPED; THEY SHOPPED

MVDC held a "Drop and Shop" on Sunday, December 10th from 12-3. Parents had an opportunity to drop their child off for a few hours at the "Visit to the North Pole" mini camp so they would have time to finish up their shopping.

We can speak to the success of the shopping, but we can report

that the "dropees" had a great time!







BREAK DRESS CODE



Break Dress Code week last month was quite a success. The "price" to break the dress code was one non-perishable food item and all those collected were added to the rest of the food items gathered at the Winter Carnival. All the items were donated to Fairborn FISH food pantry. Thanks to all who participated!





HUMAN CHRISTMAS TREE AN MVDC TRADITION

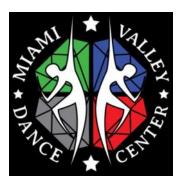


CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINTER CARNIVAL DANCERS!



Congratulations are in order for the cast, staff, and crew of the 2017 edition of the Miami Valley Dance Center's "Winter Carnival" whose efforts not only brightened the holidays generally but also helped fill the shelves at the Fairborn FISH food pantry. Thanks also go out to our wonderful audience and supporters!





A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU Miami Valley Dance Center would like to thank Rick Vance for providing the Winter Carnival action photos shown on page 8. Thanks, Rick!

WINTER CARNIVAL A HUGE SUCCESS!



MORE WINTER CARNIVAL!



EVEN MORE WINTER CARNIVAL!

