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Dance!

The Newsletter of the Miami Valley Dance Center

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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 2019!

29TH 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 \$4700 and hundreds of food and non-perishable 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, "Miami Valley Dance Center is the BEST! 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 the money too fast.

This year the need for our services continues as we get new families that need help. FISH is serving between 550-600 families at the pantry each month. Through November of this year, we have fed 20,182 people. With your donation we will continue to be able to feed even more people as this year ends and the next one begins.

You achieved another new high this year. Your donation of \$4700 in

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MVDC 2019 Calendar

April 15-20.....Spring Break
May 27Memorial Day (Studio Closed)
June 5.....Accounts must be paid in full
June 14.....Annual Dance Extravaganza
Dress Rehearsal
June 15....**ANNUAL DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA!**



Happy New Year from the MVDC Staff!

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cash and 941canned goods was outstanding. We usually estimate each canned good as \$1 spent. So, in total, your donation equals \$5541. AMAZING! So many families helped because your staff and students work hard and help celebrate with the Christmas spirit.

Your support of our community is terrific! Thank you so very much and please thank your staff and the students for us. All of the workers at the pantry and the phone workers appreciate your efforts."

Winter Carnival DVDs are available for \$20. Please contact Tawna at 937-260-9162 to order.

Again, thanks to our MVDC dancers who did a great job, and to everyone who supported our 29th 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. Closing 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 : Stella Brandenburg, Haley Harris, Sammie Helper, Kaitlyn LaFountain, Lucy Lane, Kathryn Lange, Riley Lynn, Chelsea McKenzie, Allyson Meder, Jaiden Newsome, Marlena Robinson, Athena Rosengarten, Taylor Sisco, Rachel Smith, Kayleigh Tolar, and Savannah Williams

Happy Birthday!

CALLING ALL MEN!

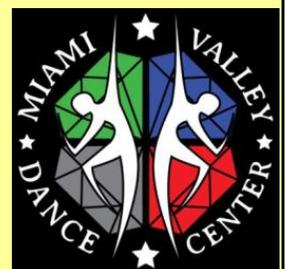
MVDC is looking for some real manly men to participate in this year's Man Dance. Participation in the fabled annual Man Dance is open to dads of MVDC dancers, and we will begin taking sign-ups on Monday, January 28 at the front desk.

Space is limited so don't miss out. Participants will be required to pay the \$30 recital fee, but will also be entitled to all the benefits including tick-

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(Left) Miss Kelly (center) and MVDC Dance Force dancers Grant Shaffer, Emily Fields, and Julia Stultz present a check for \$4700 to Fairborn FISH. In addition to the cash, MVDC donated hundreds of canned food items.



ets to both shows, the Dropbox link to the music, and recital souvenir.

Man Dance rehearsal time is 3 - 4 p.m. beginning March 9. Other dates are March 23 and 30; April 6, May 4 and 18, and June 1 and 8.

RECITAL THEME ANNOUNCED

Miss Kelly and her staff announced the theme for the 2019 recital at the recent Winter Carnival.

In 2019 the MVDC dancers will appear in the 39th Annual Dance Extravaganza "Mad About Emojis". The theme will feature music that relates to our favorite digital icons.

Be sure to join us on June 15th for this fabulous presentation!"



SHOW YOUR SPIRIT!

The new MVDC spirit wear has arrived! 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. and Adult Jazz 8 - 8:45 p.m., on Wednesday Adult Hip Hop 8 - 8:45, 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 Olivia Potts, Ava Kitchen, and Jaycee Priest on their performances in the recent productions of Nutcracker. In the photo (above left), Ava is shown with MVDC instructor Mr. Ivan Braatz who also performed in the Dayton Ballet production. (Above

right) Jaycee is shown with Miss Kelly and Miss Renae. Olivia performed with the Ohio Performing Arts Institute production of Nutcracker at the Kuss Auditorium in Springfield.



CALEB'S MUSICAL THEATER CLASS A HIT!

MVDC alum Caleb Dicke, now resident in New York City where he continues to pursue his career in musical theater, was kind enough to visit MVDC over the holidays to teach a class in--you guessed it--musical theater. The MVDC students who attended

the Friday, December 28 session reported that it was a fun, exciting, and rewarding experience. Thanks Caleb!



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!

MVDC DANCERS GETTING IN THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT WITH THEIR TRADITIONAL HOLIDAY PHOTOS

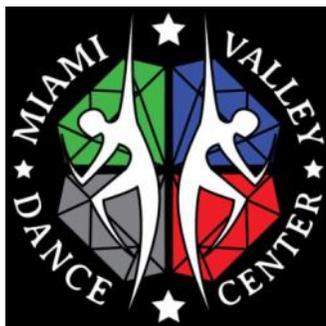


CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINTER CARNIVAL DANCERS!



Congratulations are in order for the cast, staff, and crew of the 2018 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!

Great Dancers
ARE NOT GREAT
because of their technique
they are great
because of their
passion



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!

Rehearsal...



The Winter Carnival Dancers for 2018

WINTER CARNIVAL!



MORE WINTER CARNIVAL!



MORE HOLIDAY PIX!



(Above) Miss Kelly and Miss Renae pose with MVDC instructor Mr. Braatz following his appearance in the Dayton Ballet's "Nutcracker." (Above right) The Dayton Ballet set for "Nutcracker" was impressive. (Right) MVDC dancers take the opportunity to show off their ugly Christmas sweaters.

DANCER OF THE MONTH

The Dancer of the Month for January 2019 is **Hannah Schroeder**.

Hannah Schroeder is an 11-year-old 6th grader at Baker Middle School. Her favorite color is teal. (Since we started featuring Dancers of the Month, Hannah is the very first to state that her favorite color is teal!)

Hannah's favorite food is tacos, but we have no idea whether she shares those with her two cats, Salem and Warlock.

When she's not dancing at Miami Valley Dance Center (Hannah's favorite style of dance is tap), Hannah can be found riding her bike, reading, or cooking.

Hannah was asked why she liked to dance and she replied, "It is a fun way to get exercise and I enjoy the challenge!"

Congratulations to Hannah Schroeder and her family on being named the Dancer of the Month for January 2019!

