

Important Notes for Dress Rehearsal

1. **Picture day is Saturday, May 19TH**. Pictures will be at Read Photography Studio (1800 42nd St NE, 393-0547). Picture times are posted in the waiting room and on the website. **Arrive 15 minutes early for pictures so you can be sure to be ready.** We will not wait for you if you are not there on time. Even if you do not plan to purchase pictures, please be there so that everyone is in the group shot. Be sure to come with all appropriate tights, costumes and accessories. Your daughter may wear her hair any way she likes for her pictures, although we recommend wearing it in a bun (it looks much more professional in their costumes). Pictures can be picked up at Read Photography Studio, and we will let you know when they will be available to pick up.
2. **Stage Rehearsal is Friday, June 8th** at 5:00pm at Sinclair Auditorium at Coe College on 1st Ave. Do not be late or you will miss important announcements. Please bring all costumes and accessories to stage rehearsal.
3. **Recital is Saturday, June 9th**. Students must be there at 1:00pm for the 2:00pm show and 5:00pm for the 6:00pm show. With the exception of preschoolers, everyone is in both shows. Monday preschoolers are in the 2:00pm show and Friday preschoolers are in the 6:00pm show.
4. Hair for recital is to be worn in a bun high on the back of student's head, with no part. **NO BANGS** or wisps of hair. Slick back hair and secure with bobby pins—a hair net is recommended for bun.
5. Absolutely no underwear or bras are to be worn underneath costumes the day of recital!!!! You may wear body tights or nude camisoles only. Ask Nikki for info if you would like to purchase them.
6. Please remember to wear full stage makeup to stage rehearsal including: eyeliner, blush, eye shadow, lip liner, and lipstick. Be sure to get a foundation that matches your own skin tone so that there isn't a visible line at jaw line. Colors: Neutral brown eye shadows, black liquid eyeliner on upper lid, rosy cheeks and red lips. Mascara is optional. At stage rehearsal I will let you know if you need more of anything. Please remember stage makeup needs to be much heavier than day to day makeup. All nail polish should be removed!
7. No jewelry is to be worn at recital. We will provide stick-on rhinestone earrings for all students. No rings, necklaces, belly button rings, etc.
8. Flowers will be preordered this year. It is often customary for parents to give their dancers flowers after a performance. **Please turn in your preorder forms by May 18th**.
9. We ask that there be no videotaping at recital! You may videotape at rehearsal. Please be considerate to those sitting around you. DVDs will be available for purchase.
10. Be sure to make Nikki aware of any quick changes (2 or less songs between dances) you have to make at the recital so we can be sure to make note of it. We don't want anyone to miss their dances!
11. Anyone sitting in the audience needs a ticket to get in the show. This includes Dads dancing in the father/daughter dance and preschoolers that may be sitting with their parents after they are finished dancing. The doors will open ½ hour before the show starts. There is absolutely no saving of seats. After the 2:00 show, the auditorium must be completely emptied and lines reformed for the 6:00 show. Each family receives 10 tickets for each show. There will be tickets for sale at the door for \$5.00 each the day of the show.

12. Each family will get one backstage pass. You may not enter the dressing area without this pass. There will be helpers posted at each door to check for your pass. Your child may not leave. The only exception to this is preschoolers, who may be overwhelmed backstage. Preschool parents, please refer to your separate instruction sheet. NO MEN backstage.
13. **Be sure that your account is paid in full by before June 8th.** You do still have a June payment. Remember your fees are yearly and divided into 10 equal payments, the last being in June. We are too busy at stage rehearsal to be chasing people around for money. Your child will not be able to participate if your account is past due, no exceptions.
14. Get any information you need from Nikki ASAP. As we get closer to recital, things get more and more hectic and she will be harder to reach.
15. Volunteers are still needed for various jobs at stage rehearsal and recital. Please speak to Nikki or Receptionist if you are interested in helping us out. It would be greatly appreciated!!