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Year!

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DANCE!

The Newsletter of the Miami Valley Dance Center

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WELCOME!

Dear Parents and Students,

We would like to welcome all new and returning students to the 2017-2018 dance year! This is going to be an exciting year; we're celebrating our 38th year! The Miami Valley Dance Center faculty and staff are thrilled and delighted, and looking forward to working with all our students this season. At MVDC we are committed to ensuring your child's class is a fun and enjoyable learning experience.

As always, we encourage open communication between teachers, students and parents. If you ever have any questions or concerns please let us know!

The hard-working MVDC secretaries are available to answer any questions or discuss any concerns you might have. They'll be in the studio the last week of each month through the 10th of the month following. You can contact us at the studio between 5 - 7 p.m. at (937) 878-6488, or drop us an email at: kelly@miamivalleydancecenter.com.

Please read this newsletter carefully. It includes the MVDC policies designed to ensure that our classes run smoothly and our dance year is successful for students and parents alike.

Finally, mark your 2018 calendars! The 38th edition of our annual MVDC recital is set for **June 15-16, 2018!**

Miss Kelly

DANCE!

The MVDC newsletter, DANCE!, is published monthly. You're reading the special "Back to Dance" September issue right now. Please be sure to take a few minutes to read each issue for up-to-the-minute studio news, notes about upcoming events and other pertinent information.

Several years ago the studio "went green" with the newsletter. This year we'll continue to send the monthly newsletter via e-mail and we hope that you included your e-mail address when you registered your child.

If you forgot to give us your e-mail address or if you are unable to receive e-mails, please check with the studio staff and we will come up with a solution to make sure that you get to see each issue of our newsletter.

MVDC WEBSITE

Don't forget to check out our website for current events and postings, plus lots of great pictures!

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YEAR ON PAGE 6!**

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SPECIAL "WELCOME BACK TO DANCE" ISSUE!

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counting program that allows you to view your dancer's account 24 hours a day/7 days a week! We'll be sending you your login information in the next few days.

Please visit us at WWW. MIAMIVALLEY-DANCECENTER.COM and don't forget that we are on facebook and Instagram (mvdc_ohio).

By the way, the website is where you will log into your dancer account. Simply click the button that says "Student Login" in the red box labeled "Dancer Information."

DRESS CODE

All female students must wear their assigned leotard color and pink or suntan tights. Hair must be in a bun and bangs secured. Level I - IV jazz and tap students may wear black shorts and tap students may wear skirts. For Junior and Senior levels black shorts are optional.

No skirts (either attached or separate) are allowed to be worn in Predance, Kinderdance or Ballet classes.

All students must wear the proper shoes. Please be sure to write your child's name inside each shoe. ****No T-shirts or sweatshirts are permitted until the weather becomes colder.** The reason for this is so we can be sure that the students have proper body alignment. All male students should wear a fitted white T-shirt with black shorts or pants with proper shoes.

Hip Hop dancers should wear loose active wear, hair must be in a pony tail, and tennis shoes should be used for class only and not worn outside.

Ballet shoes: Pull the drawstring so it is snug around the foot. Tie and knot the strings then tuck them underneath the top of the shoe. You may need to cut off the excess string.

To prolong the use of your dance shoes and to help keep the dance floor clean, please do not wear your dance shoes outside.

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REMINDER ABOUT ON-LINE PAYMENTS

The automatic payment program will run automatically each month on the 5th, however you can log into your dancer's account anytime to check balances and pay ahead of time by following these steps.

1. Once logged into your account, place a check next to all of the charges you would like to make a payment and click on the "Make A Payment" button located in the lower right part of the page.
 2. The next page will display all the charges you have selected for your review. It will also give you a warning if you have missed a charge that is due at an earlier date than the charge you did select to make payment. This feature will assist you in avoiding accidental late fees. Click "Continue" to move on or "Cancel" to return to your account page.
 3. This page is notice that you will be leaving the MVDC site where you will enter your credit card information securely. It will also remind you that you should print off the payment confirmation page and that you will receive 2 email confirmations. When ready, click the "Enter Credit Card Info" button.
 4. The next page is where you will enter your credit card information. The top of the page will summarize the items you are paying for in this transaction and the bottom contains the credit card information fields. You will need to complete all of the fields on this page before continuing. When all fields are complete, click on the "Submit" button to charge your card for the amount listed on the page.
 5. This page will give you the results of the transaction.
If your card was accepted, print the page and use the button at the top to return to your MVDC account page. You may need to "refresh" your page before the updates will be displayed. You will receive two email confirmations and you have now finished making a payment.
If your transaction was declined, the reason will be listed on this page. **YOU MUST** return to the account page and start over to try again. **DO NOT USE THE BACK BUTTON.** Using the back button will cause an error and for security reasons, could block you from making online payments in the future. Step 5 must be followed in order to complete your transaction. You must click the button as it states to return to the MVDC site after payment to ensure they system updates your account.
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TUITION POLICIES

Remember that your tuition payment is based on a monthly installment, rather than the number of classes your child attends for any particular month. It is an annual fee, divided into 10 equal payments - one for each month your child comes to class. Your final installment is due no later than June 5, 2018.

Autopay drafts on the 5th of each month. You will receive an email reminder on or about the 28th of each month letting you know what amount is getting ready to draft to your credit card on file. A late fee will be assessed to any outstanding balances that still remain after the 10th of the month. The late fee is 10% of the outstanding balance and will continue to accrue for each additional month the balance is past due.

We do not send out bills. And remember, you can always pay your account on-line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

We require all dancer accounts have a valid credit card on file and tuition, costume, and recital fees will draft on the 5th of each month that the fee is due.

Don't forget that a \$35 costume deposit for each class your dancer is in will be due with your October tuition payment.

MISSED CLASSES

Any missed class may be made up in a similar level within one month of the missed class.

Please check with the secretary for their recommendations on which make-up class sessions are best. No refunds or deductions from tuition can be made for missed classes.

CANCELLATION

You may withdraw from any and all classes at any time by giving written notice no later than the first of the month. If written notice is not received by the first, you are obligated to pay the next month's tuition payment.

COSTUME DEPOSITS

A non-refundable \$35.00 recital costume deposit is due with your October 5th tuition payment. All costume balances will be posted to your dancer's account mid-December and due not later than January 5, 2018.

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.

ODDS AND ENDS

Here's some other reminders that will help guarantee the best possible dance experience for students and parents alike!

☒ Be sure your child uses the rest room before coming to class. When a child asks to use the restroom it usually causes a time consuming chain reaction and we want all of our students to get the most out of their classes.

☒ No food (including gum) or drinks may be brought into the dance room. Water is the only beverage permitted in the dance room and that does not include flavored water or sports drinks. Water and other drinks are available for purchase in the back lobby. Food and drink are permitted in the break room area but must be cleaned up after use. Food and beverages are also permitted in the lobby but must be disposed of properly.

☒ There is a lost and found box in the lobby. All items left unclaimed after 30 days will be thrown away or donated. Please see the receptionist if you are missing items.

☒ Parents, remind your child that they must wait inside the studio until you arrive. For everyone's safety, NO ONE is permitted to wait outside.

☒ Please enter through the rear entrance of the Dance Center. This will ensure the safety of everyone since Broad Street is very busy.

☒ Young children, including non-dancing siblings, must be supervised at all times by a parent.

☒ **Please limit break room use to those dancers who need a place to do their homework or eat dinner. Please be sure to clean up after yourself and dispose of all trash in the trash cans.**

OBSERVATION POLICIES

Please do not tap on the window or wave to students in the classroom. This is distracting not only to the students but also the instructor. If you notice that students are being distracted, please back away from the window. Some children do not deal well with being observed by adults or other children.

We try to leave the blinds open as much as possible, but this is at the discretion of the instructor. All observation is to be done from the lobby only. The doors to the dance room must remain closed.

Thank you for observing these policies; it will enable our students to get the most from their

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classes.

PARKING

Please be careful pulling onto Broad Street from our parking lot. The street curves just south of the studio and other Fairborn motorists may not be aware that we've begun a new dance season!

PARKING SPOT AUCTION

We will be having our parking spot silent auction starting September 11 and running through September 29. Here's your chance to obtain the opportunity to park in the best spot on the lot! We will be awarding these passes to the highest bidder. Sign up sheets will be available at the front desk. Proceeds from the auction will go to the MVDC Dance Force Team Fund. The winner will have rights to the parking spot until January when we will hold another auction for the second half of the year.

BIRTHDAY GANG!

Lots of the MVDC dancers have chosen to start the new dance year off with a bang by celebrating a birthday!

Since we are not sure how old each of these dancers is, we'll just use an average age of, say, 36 and wish each of them a happy 36th birthday with lots of cake and ice cream!

Our birthday gang for September:

Miss Barb, Ethan Avey, Melissa Baum-barger, Emma Cantrell, Dominique Birmingham, Jenna Graham, Jenna Hall, Natalie Hartzell, Logan Hildebrecht, Nancy Hoskins, Bella Japs, Brea Johnson, Ava Kim, Ava Lee, Calleia Lively, Pippa Looper, Lauren Magee, Nola Moulder, Kassidy Perks, Emily Pogue, Maeleigh Pontious, Francesco Rigato, Kayla Ross, Jake Stultz, Kenny Thacker, Mike Thompson, Kaylee Vance, and Emily Way. Don't forget to visit the Secretary to receive your special birthday gift!



DANCE SUPPLIES

Still need to order dancewear for the upcoming season? Tawna is happy to assist! You can contact her at 937-754-5436, or email Tawna@GemCityDancewear.com.

STUDIO WIFI

The password for the studio WIFI is available at the front desk.

DANCE FORCE NEWS

The MVDC Dance Force, has already undergone two weeks of dance intensives to get a jump start on the new season. You can find out more about this year's team's "Diamonds," "Rubies," "Sapphires" and "Emeralds", including a complete roster of Dance Force members, by visiting the MVDC website, www.miamivalleydancecenter.com. Here's wishing the team a successful 2017-2018 season!

MEET OUR SECRETARIES!

Among the most important MVDC staffers are our secretaries, Barb, Tammie, and Marie! One of them will be in the office to serve you the last week of the month through the 10th of the month following, to collect tuition and costume payments if you wish to prepay and to answer any questions you may have.

PLEASE direct any questions or comments you may have to the secretaries first. We are trying to free up the instructors so that they may start classes on time and provide your child the quality instruction they deserve.

MARATHON SUPPORT

MVDC Dance Force will be out once again to support the runners in the WPAFB marathon on September 16th. We'll be in front of 2 W. Main Street, Fairborn, and all MVDC students are invited to help cheer on the runners from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wear a blue t-shirt and feel free to make posters, bring noise makers, pom poms, etc.

MVDC BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

The MVDC Booster Club is excited about the 2017-2018 dance season. We've already got some fundraising underway:

Register your Kroger Card on-line at www.kroger.com and select the MVDC Booster Club as your organization to receive **Kroger Community Rewards** (organization #51244) every time you shop

Smile.amazon.com - Register the MVDC Booster Club on your account and the MVDC Booster Club receives a percentage of eligible **Amazon Smile** purchases

First Aid Kits - See a Dance Force member to get your personal First Aid Kit, now through 25 September! Great for your car, pet, RV, athletes, classroom and more!

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September 16 1pm-4pm: Car Wash at AutoZone (1865 South Maple Ave, Fairborn)

September 22 Eat at City Barbecue (2330 North Fairfield, Beavercreek) Look for flyers on the MVDC Booster Club bulletin board in the back of the dance studio. Must have flyer OR electronic image from phone

October 8 Fashion Show featuring styles from Mir-

abella Boutique. This event will be held at Fairborn United Methodist Church (100 North Broad Street, Fairborn). More details to come!

Thank you to all who participated in the \$50 Gem City Dancewear gift certificate raffle held during registration. Congratulations to the winner, Laura Meder.

MVDC ALUMNUS CALEB DICKE TEACHES MUSICAL THEATER JAZZ CLASS

MVDC alumnus Caleb Dick was back in town on Thursday, August 10, to teach a class in Musical Theater Jazz. Caleb is a 2014 graduate of Oklahoma City University where he earned a BPA in Dance Performance and his resume is bursting with appearances in a wide range of theater productions stretching from coast to coast.

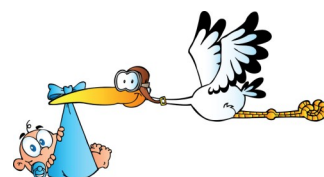
It was clear that Caleb enjoyed being back in the MVDC studio and in fact it was hard to tell who enjoyed it more, Caleb or the students!



CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS JEN!

...and of course to her husband John Priest and daughters Jaycee (5 years old) and Jentry (one year old) on their soon-to-arrive baby boy!

As this is written Miss Jen is under the weather so we had to rely on Miss Jen's Facebook postings, but it's possible that the new arrival will be named Trip! Look for Trip to join us before the end of the year.



SCLERODERMA FUN RUN & WALK A SUCCESS!

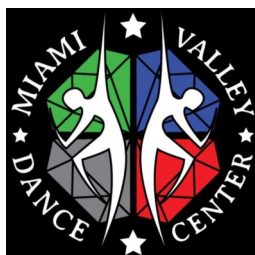
The 6th annual Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma Fun Run & Walk enjoyed beautiful weather August 5, 2017 at Community Park, 691 E. Dayton-Yellow Springs Road in Fairborn.

Registration began at 9 a.m. and the event got underway at 10:30 a.m.

MVDC dancer Penny Davis actually created and helps organize this annual event to raise Scleroderma awareness.

From all accounts, this year's event was a great success. Thanks to everyone who came out to support the effort!

[Photos: (Below) Miss Kelly and Inigo pose with MVDC alum Nicole Gay, along with her daughters Clara and Alice as well as proud grandma and MVDC secretary Miss Marie Gay. (Top right) Miss Kelly and her nephew Gavin pose at the finish line then find Penny Davis (bottom photo) for a quick photo. It was a beautiful day for the walk and we are happy to support Penny in this great cause.]



MVDC 2017-2018 Calendar

September 11.....Classes begin
November 20-25.....Thanksgiving Break
December 9.....Tentative WCD rehearsal
December 15.....Tentative 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

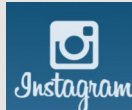


"The dance, more than any other art, lives through the genius of its interpreters."

Lilian Moore



Yep, we're on facebook! "Like" us to keep up with all the MVDC happenings! And look for us on Instagram, too!



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MVDC WELCOMES NEW INSTRUCTOR GREG GOESSNER



MVDC is pleased to welcome Greg Goessner, our new Thursday Technique Instructor.

Originally from southeastern Wisconsin, Greg began his dance training in musical theater and jazz, and has performed in over 25 musicals.

After high school Greg went on to train in pre-professionally in classical ballet in Wisconsin, NYC, Philadelphia, and North Carolina. He has attended multiple summer intensives on scholarship including-

The Rock School for Dance Education, The School at Jacob's Pillow, Gelsey Kirkland Academy, and Cary Ballet Conservatory. Currently Greg dances as a full company member at Dayton Ballet and is returning for his second season. When he isn't dancing professionally he enjoys teaching at competitive studios in North Carolina and Ohio, and is a frequent guest teacher for public schools in Wisconsin. He is absolutely thrilled to be working with the dancers at MVDC!

WEDDING BELLS ARE RINGING!



Wedding bells have been ringing and will continue to ring this year for MVDC instructors!

First to hear the bells was Rachelle Cartee, Miss Chelle to those of us at MVDC. Miss Chelle married fiancé Jonathan Vollmer on July 22 in a beautiful ceremony at Carillon Historical Park in Dayton. Dinner and dancing (of course) followed the outdoor ceremony.

Miss Chelle reports that her favorite part of the evening was their well-choreographed first dance as husband and wife to Michael Buble's "You've Got a Friend in Me."

Jon is a Computer Engineer for a Miamisburg firm and Miss Chelle, when not teaching at MVDC, choreographs dance teams, show choirs, and musicals.

Following their wedding, the newlyweds spent time at Norris Lake where their family has a home, then travelled to Charleston for time on the beach. They'll reside in Vandalia.

Miss Amy will soon follow Miss Chelle down the aisle as she and her finance, Chad Gibbons, got engaged in July. Nuptials are still in the planning phase, but when we find out more we'll let you know.

Congratulations to Miss Chelle and Jon, and Miss Amy and Chad!

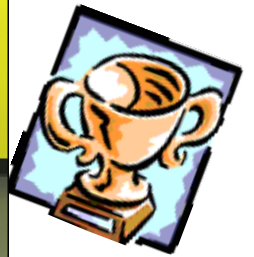


DANCE FORCE INTENSIVES & SPIRIT CELEBRATION

The MVDC Dance Force completed their two week intensives and followed that up with the much anticipated spirit celebration and team building activities.

In these photos, the Diamond team is in white, the Ruby in red, the Emerald in green, and the Sapphire in blue.

Congratulations to all the members of the Dance Force and here's wishing you the best dance season yet!



GEM FAIRIES STAGE TREASURE HUNT

Some of you are probably wondering how the members of the MVDC Dance Force found out which of the teams they had been chosen to join after the annual try-outs. The staff could have posted a list at the studio or made the announcement on Facebook, but where's the fun and excitement in that?

At MVDC the "Gem Fairies" (staff) lead the Dance Force hopefuls in a treasure hunt where each of the dancers searched for their own treasure chest! The gems inside the chest match the teams (Diamond, Emerald, Sapphire, and Ruby).

Here's saluting Julia Stultz (right) who was the first to find her treasure chest!



NEW MVDC SHORTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!



The new MVDC dance shorts are in! They are \$20 and for \$2.00 more you can have some sparkle added to them (see photo)!