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DANCE!

The Newsletter of the Miami Valley Dance Center

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A GREAT START!

We have had so much fun working with our new and returning students this past month! Our 2017-2018 season is shaping up to be a great one!

Our
38th
Year!

DRESS CODE BREAK

The first Break Dress Code week of the new dance year will be October 23 - 28. Here's your chance to break dress code and wear a fun costume to class as well as raise money for a great cause.

Just be sure your dancer is able to move freely in the costume.

We are requesting a dollar donation per class that your child is in, and donations will be sent to the America Red Cross.

Dancers are not required to participate in Break Dress Code Week, but if they are participating they need to be sure to bring their donation to class.

NO CLASSES ON OCTOBER 31

The studio will be closed on Tuesday, October 31. Here's the makeup schedule for classes: Tuesday 4:15 Kinderdance can make up at 5:15 on Wednesday. Tuesday 5:00 Predance can make up at 4:15 or 4:45 on Wednesday. Tuesday Jazz I and II can make up on Monday at 7:15. Tuesday Ballet II can make up on Thursday at 5:00. Tuesday Jazz II can make up on Monday at 7:15. Tuesday Adult Tap can make up on Wednesday at 8:15.

COSTUME DEPOSIT DUE

Please remember that a \$35 recital costume deposit is due for each class your dancer attends. Deposits are due not later than October 5 and will be drafted with the October autopay. **Costume deposits are non-refundable.**

The balances on the costumes are due January 5, 2018, and will be posted in your account at the end of December.

An outline of additional charges and their due dates can be found in the 2017-2018 student handbook and are also announced in the monthly newsletters.

Thank you!

WINTER CARNIVAL

The 2017 edition of the MVDC Winter Carnival of Dance is set for Friday, December 15 at Fairborn High School.

This annual event celebrates the holiday season by showcasing MVDC dancers and at the same time benefits the Fairborn FISH food pantry charity.

Dress rehearsal for those participating will be December 9 at the studio 2- 4 p.m. Future issues of *DANCE!* will provide further details.

Please mark your calendars. We'll see you there!

MVDC 2017-2018 Calendar

November 20-25.....Thanksgiving Break
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



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LOBBY ETIQUETTE

Please help us keep our lobbies clean. Pick up after yourselves and be careful with food and drink.

No standing or sitting near the classroom doorways.

All young dancers and siblings are to remain under parent supervision at all times. They are not allowed to run or hang on the railings in the hallway.

Smoking is **not** permitted inside or outside the studio building.

Finally, please keep the noise level to a minimum. Excessive noise can be very distracting to the students and instructors in the classrooms.

Thank you!

MVDC WEBSITE

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

By the way, MVDC uses an accounting program that allows you to view your dancer's account 24 hours a day/7 days a week! Please visit us at WWW.MIAMIVALLEYDANCECENTER.COM.

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/V jazz and tap students may wear black shorts or a short skirt. For Junior and Senior levels black shorts are optional.

*"The dance,
more than any other
art, lives through the
genius of its interpret-
ers."*

Lillian Moore



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**No skirts
(either attached or
separate) are al-
lowed to be worn
in Predance, Kin-
derdance or Ballet
classes.**

All students must wear the proper shoes. Please be sure to write your child's name inside each shoe. 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.

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 that is 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.

Auto pay will draft on the 5th of each month. You have up until the 4th of the month to make payments on your dancer account with a different form of payment (cash, check or through the website login). The secretaries will be in the last week of the month through the 4th of the following month.

Tuition not received by the 10th will be subject to a 10% late fee. No exceptions unless arrangements have been made with the director prior to the 10th.

And remember, you can always pay your account on-line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week!

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.

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

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The MVDC Dance Force played a big part in keeping up the morale of the runners in the recent Air Force Marathon.

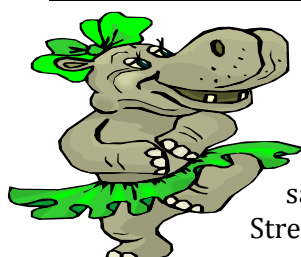
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reaction and we want all of our students to get the most out of their classes.

❧ 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.

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.

Thanks for observing our rules on observation!

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!

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BIRTHDAY GANG!

Lots of the MVDC dancers have October birthdays. They were probably all anxious to get here in time for football season.

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!

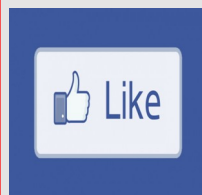
Our birthday gang for October:

Miss Kelly, Miss Elissa, Miss Marie Gay, Jasmyn Bieszard, Jenna Botkin, Emily Fields, Sierra Groff, Alannah Kuder, Ellie Lynn, Zoe Meyers, Kieran Perks, Olivia Potts, Evelyn Ream, Isabelle Reeves, Morgan Reynolds, Edith Swingle, and Mallory Wardle.

Don't forget to visit the Secretary to receive your special birthday gift!

ACCOUNT LOG-IN INFO?

If you have not yet received your log-in information via email please check your spam/junk folder. If you can't find it there, please contact Miss Kelly at kelly@miamivalleydancecenter.com. You will need this information to access your account on line.



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



COSTUMES FOR SALE

Here's a chance for you to find Halloween costumes at rock bottom prices: the studio is selling recital costumes from past seasons for \$10 or less! These costumes would also make fun dress-up outfits.

Check out the selection at the studio!

MVDC BOOSTER CLUB NEWS!

The MVDC Dance Force and Booster Club would like to thank everyone who continues to support our various fund raisers!

The MVDC Booster Club along with Mirabella's Boutique will be holding a fashion show October 8, 2017 at the Fairborn United Methodist Church, 100 N. Broad St. Mirabella's is a contemporary women's clothing boutique located in downtown Fairborn. The MVDC Dance Force Dancers will be modeling the lat-

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REMINDER ABOUT ON-LINE PAYMENTS

Yes, you can still pay your MVDC account on-line using your credit card. Here's how.

1. Once logged into your account, place a check next to all of the charges you would like to pay, then click on the "Make A Payment" button located in the lower right part of the page.
2. The next page will display for your review all the charges you have selected. 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. The next page is where you will enter your credit card information. 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.
4. Upon a successful transaction, you will be directed to a receipt page. The receipt will also be sent to you via email. 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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est trends in clothing, jewelry, and shoes of all sizes (XS-XXL) and entertaining throughout the show. Clothing will be available for purchase and the MVDC Booster Club gets a portion of total sales. We've got some great raffles and door prizes as well! Tickets can be purchased from Stacy Hampshire, any Dance Force member/parent or at the MVDC Studio Desk for just \$8. Yummy refreshments will also be served. We hope you can join us!

... AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE

We are excited to announce that two of our MVDC Dance Force members, Grant Shaffer and Thaliyah Cools-Lartigue will be joining the UD Dance Ensemble in a performance on October 27 & 28. Here are the details.

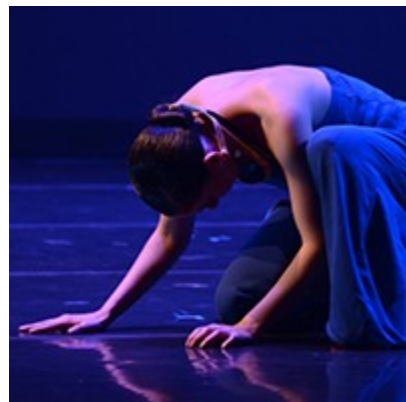
--October 27-28, 8 pm

--Black Box Theatre, Fitz Hall

Theatre, Dance, and Performance Technology and the Spectrum student organization present the University of Dayton Dance Ensemble fall dance concert.

Join us in the Black Box Theatre for an intimate evening of love in motion. We will relish in the realms of Passion, Expression, Equality, and Spirituality. Movement and dance will explore and radiate all forms of Love; for "three things will last forever--faith, hope, and love--and the greatest of these is love."~1 Corinthians 13:13

Tickets are \$8.00 with UD ID and \$12.00 for General Public. Limited seating available, so order your tickets soon!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Thaliyah Cools-Laritgue was recently chosen for Fairborn High School's Homecoming Court. Congratulations to Thaliyah and Tanner! (See photos below.)



KIDS FEST

MVDC attended KidsFest at the 5 Seasons Sports Club on Saturday, September 23. The event was hosted by Dayton Parents magazine. It was a fun event and included performances from our 2017 Ruby Jazz team as well as a ballet solo by Madelyn Stankas.



ADULT DANCE IS FUN!

Hey parents! Have you ever wanted to join in the fun? We would love to have you try out one of our Adult Dance classes. We currently have Adult Tap on Tuesday evenings from 7:15-8:00 and will be starting up our Adult Hip Hop/Jazz Fusion as well as our Adult Irish class in January.

It's a great opportunity to get some exercise, meet other MVDC parents and most importantly, have a great time! The classes are pressure-free!

These classes are open to any parent with or without prior experience. Participation in the recital is not required. Please email Miss Kelly if you would like more details!



MEET OUR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

It would be very difficult for our great teachers to accomplish all that they want to without the support and efforts of our Teaching Assistants. MVDC is fortunate to have four very talented dancers serving as assistants and we want you to meet them. They are Morgan Fahl, Grant Shaffer, Lauren Magee, and Kaylee Vance.

Morgan Fahl has been dancing for 14 years and assists at MVDC with Tuesday Kinderdance, Predance, Jazz 1, and Wednesday Hip Hop Tutters



Morgan

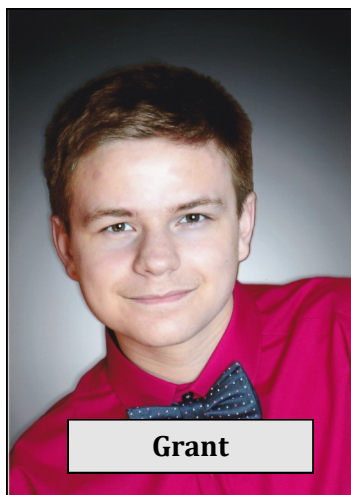
What made the 11th grader at Fairborn High School want to be a teacher's assistant? "According to Morgan, "what made me want to be an assistant teacher were the kids. I love little kids and I love being a role model for them. I most enjoy coming in every night and seeing the kids smile and have fun. I love watching these kids grow throughout the dance season!"

Morgan thinks that the other dancers at MVDC might be surprised to find out that she did four years of soccer, one year of volleyball, and two years of swimming.

In ten years Morgan believes that she will be working in a salon doing hair, makeup, and nails, and we're betting that she will be dancing around that salon. Better try to make an appointment now!

Grant Shaffer assists with Ballet I and Tap I and when you add in his own dancing you'll find that the 16 year old junior at the Dayton Regional STEM school keeps pretty busy.

Grant has been dancing for twelve years and wanted to be an assistant teacher "because I want to share my love and passion for dance with younger generations so that they can keep dance going strong for



Grant

many years to come."

What has Grant enjoyed most about serving as a teaching assistant? "Especially in my first year of assisting, I have enjoyed seeing the kids actually being engaged and wanting to learn how to dance. I can safely say that I am proud to be one of the many teachers to the next generation of dancers."

Other dancers who think they know Grant would be surprised to find that he is currently in his second year of Chinese college courses at Wright State University!

"In ten years," Grant told us, "I see myself still teaching dance but I also see myself leading research on how to treat and hopefully cure Autism. I see myself doing research because my older brother has Autism and sometimes it is hard, but we get through it together."

Lauren Magee is 19 years old and has been dancing for most her life, 16 years to be precise. She assists with Predance, Ballet 2, and Jazz 2 on Tuesdays.

Lauren is a senior at Wright State University and she will graduate with a Bachelor Degree in Earth Sciences in the Spring.

Why did Lauren sign up to serve at MVDC as a Teacher's Assistant? She told us, "I love to dance and I wanted to share that with new dancers."

Lauren has enjoyed her role as a Teacher's Assistant and she says she has particularly enjoyed the young dancer's progress.

"It's very cool to see how much the dancers improve throughout the year."

We asked Lauren what is something that her fellow dancers might not know about her. Her reply: "I can do origami, and my favorite thing to make is probably a stegasaurus or a crane with flapping wings!"

In ten years Lauren says "I will have graduated college, possibly have a Masters Degree, and will be working toward making clean water available to more people."



Lauren

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Kaylee

Kaylee Vance assists with Wednesday Predance and Kindergarten. She is a 15-year-old Sophomore at the Dayton Regional STEM School who says that she has been dancing for 13 years.

Kaylee wanted to be a Teacher's Assistant at MVDC because "In 6th grade, I used to help with a Kindergarten class at the end of the day.

Most of the time the kids would just be practicing reading to me but it helped me realize that I wanted to be with kids and love helping them learn."

Kaylee particularly likes being a teacher's Assistant because "All of the dancers are super excited to dance and it makes my day."

Asked to name something that most of her fellow dancers probably don't know about her, Kaylee said, "In elementary school I was in Student Government because my friend nominated me and they elected me even though I hadn't originally planned on it!"

When we asked where Kaylee thought she might be in ten years, she replied, "I see myself at Disney as a dancer or a character on one of the cruise ships."

Wow! We're hoping that Kaylee remembers her friends when she is ready to hit the high seas!



MVDC SPIRIT WEAR AVAILABLE!

We have a nice supply of MVDC spirit wear items available at the studio and also at Gem City Dance-wear. Items include booty shorts, tank tops, hoodies, sweat pants (available in lime green and hot pink colors) as well as vinyl car decals. And 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.)

