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Dance!

The Newsletter of the Miami Valley Dance Center

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Our
39th
Year!

A GREAT START!

We have had so much fun working with our new and returning students this past month! Our 2018-2019 season is shaping up to be a great one! And we couldn't help putting a frame around the first class of the new dance year!



MVDC 2018-2019 Calendar

October 22-27.....Break Dress Code
October 31.....Studio Closed
November 19-24.....Thanksgiving Break
December 8....Tentative WCD Dress Rehearsal
December 14.....Tentative WCD Performance
December 20 - January 2.....Winter Break
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!**



DRESS CODE BREAK

The first Break Dress Code week of the new dance year will be October 22 - 27. 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 American Red Cross to aid the victims of Hurricane Florence.

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 Wednesday, October 31. Please contact us if you would like to schedule a makeup lesson.

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, 2019, 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 2018-2019 student handbook and are also announced in the monthly newsletters.

Thank you!

WINTER CARNIVAL

The 2018 edition of the MVDC Winter Carnival of Dance is set for Friday, December 14 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 8 at the studio 2- 4:30 p.m. Future issues of *DANCE!* will provide further details.

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

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 particularly in the front break room where loud noise can be a distraction to dancers who may be doing homework and also to dancers in class. 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. 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. 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



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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final installment is due no later than June 5, 2019.

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 web-site 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! See page 4 for detailed instructions.

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.

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ODDS AND ENDS

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

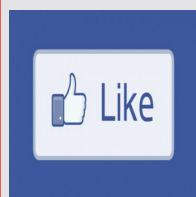
☞ Be sure your child uses the rest room before coming to class. When a child asks to use the restroom it usually causes a time consuming chain reaction and we want all of our students to get the most out of their classes.

☞ 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 every-



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



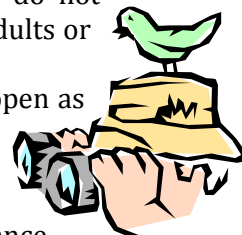
one since Broad Street is very busy.

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!



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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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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!

Also, please park in designated parking spaces so we can utilize all available spots, especially on our busy nights. Please do not park by the back door. Dancers have a hard time seeing around you for oncoming cars and we want our dancers to be safe!



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, Miss Tammie, Jasmyn Bieszard, Jenna Botkin, Ava Carpenter, Allie Coyle, Jordan Coyle, Emily Fields, Audrey Gernert, Alli Gibson, Sierra Groff, Alannah Kuder, Ellie Lynn, Pete Magee, Zoe Meyers, Kieran Perks, Olivia Potts, Evelyn Ream, Isabelle Reeves, Morgan Reynolds, Hadley Riegel, Mallory Wardle, and Paula Wieser

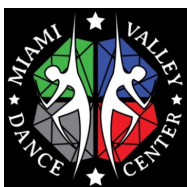
Don't forget to visit the Secretary to receive your special birthday gift!

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations are due our own Miss Amy, one of the MVDC Technique instructors and a Dance Force Choreographer, who has the lead role in "The Bench: Journey into Love" presented by the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company Saturday and Sunday, October 6 and 7.



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 \$20 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 Dance Force recently kicked off their annual Pie Peddler sale! There are nine different pies to choose from and are fantastic for the upcoming holidays. If you are interested in purchasing a pie, there are forms at the MVDC front desk. Pies range from \$12-\$13 and are also freezable! The sale will end Thursday, October 25, 2018 and all pies will be delivered to the studio Thursday, November 8, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Wirick at mvdvbcsecretary@gmail.com.

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MADELYN STANKAS A BALLET IN THE CITY AMBASSADOR



(Above left) Madelyn Stankas and her sister Jolie, both MVDC dancers, are ready for the gala performance. *(Above center)* Pointe shoe fitting is both art and science. *(Above right)* Madelyn poses with her fellow Ballet in the City Ambassador Zoe.

Over Labor Day weekend, MVDC dancer and Ballet in the City Ambassador Madelyn Stankas and her sister Jolie (also a MVDC dancer) traveled to Ann Arbor, Michigan to attend Ballet in the City's gala event. Ballet in the City is a not-for-profit organization that presents professional ballet performances, educational opportunities and events in cities around the nation to promote the culture of ballet.

The weekend kicked off with a "Meet the Pros" night on Friday with discussions geared toward aspiring dancers lead by professional dancers Lauren Fadeley-Veyette and Jovani Furlan from Miami City Ballet, Julia Erickson from the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, Zippora Karz who is a former soloist with the New York City Ballet and current teacher and repetiteur for the Balanchine trust, Francis Veyette who is a former principal dancer with the Pennsylvania Ballet and current faculty member of Miami City Ballet, and Justin Hopkins who is a bass-baritone with many accolades, including performing with the Boston Pops.

Saturday morning started with a master class for ambassadors on the stage of the historic Lydia

Mendelssohn theater taught by Francis Veyette followed by a pointe shoe fitting by a representative from Gaynor Minden.

The Ballet in the City Gala performance was Saturday evening. Madelyn and Jolie attended a VIP reception before and after the show with the artists and fellow ambassadors. The Gala performance included the Diamonds pas de deux, Fascinatin' Rhythm and Valse Fantaisie by Balanchine, a performance by a Ballet in the City 2018 scholarship recipient, world premiere of Pace No Trovo combining vocals, piano and ballet, and world premiere of Life is a Dance performed by husband and wife Francis Veyette and Lauren Fadeley-Veyette. Both Madelyn and Jolie felt the experience was very beneficial.

Madelyn said, "Meet the Pros night was very interesting and there was lots of helpful information for dancers. I loved the class with Mr. Francis on Saturday, I wish it had been longer! And the Gala performance was amazing." She is looking forward to future Ballet in the City events and master classes!

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 five very talented dancers serving as assistants and we want you to meet them. They are Bailey Fahl, Morgan Fahl, Hannah Magee, Grant Shaffer, and Kaylee Vance.

Bailey Fahl has been dancing for fifteen years and will assist this dance year with Tap I and Ballet I. Nineteen-year-old Bailey is a student at the Kettering College of Medical Arts and in ten years she will have graduated with a Master of Physician Assistant degree and will have been working in the career field for four years.



Bailey

"I absolutely loved being an assistant," she told us, "and I was really missing it. I love being able to teach the art of dance to all the kids."

Bailey went on to say "I most enjoy the bond I have with my students. It is such a neat experience watching them grow into amazing people and dancers!"

We asked Bailey and the other assistants what might the other dancers at MVDC not know about them. Bailey responded, "One thing others may not know is that I am a full-time premed student that also works two part-time jobs (assisting and nanny-ing). It's a full load but I wouldn't change it for the world!"

Morgan Fahl has been dancing for 15 years and assists at MVDC with Hip Hop Tutters and Hip Hop Poppers.

What made the Fairborn High School senior want to be a teacher's assistant? According to Morgan, "I wanted to be an assistant because I love being around kids and I want to show them



Morgan

what it is like to love dance! I enjoy watching the kids learn new things and building bonds with them."

Morgan thinks that the other dancers at MVDC might be surprised to find out that she is an editor for her school's yearbook.

In ten years Morgan believes that she will be done with cosmetology school and 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 II, Jazz I, and Predance and when you add in his own dancing you'll find that the 17 year old senior at the Dayton Regional STEM school keeps pretty busy.

Grant has been dancing for thirteen years and wanted to be an assistant teacher "because I just wanted to share my love and passion for dance with the next generation of dancers."

What has Grant enjoyed most about serving as a teaching assistant? "I most enjoy being able to see how excited the kids get about coming to class and performing on stage."

Other dancers who think they know Grant would be surprised to find that he has completed an internship in the Wright State Human Anatomy & Physiology Interactive Lab (HAPI).

"In ten years," Grant told us, "I see myself walking across a stage receiving my doctorate in Neuropathology!"



Grant

Hannah Magee is 23 years old and has been dancing for twenty years, "off and on." She assists with Tap II on Tuesdays.

Hannah is a graduate student at Liberty University in their online program.

Why did Han-



Hannah

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nah sign up to serve at MVDC as a Teacher's Assistant? She told us, "I love working with kids and I love dance. Being a teacher's assistant combines the two."

Hannah has enjoyed her role as a Teacher's Assistant and she says she has particularly enjoyed getting to know the young dancers.

We asked Hannah what is something that her fellow dancers might not know about her. Her reply: "I enjoy weight lifting at the gym, spending time with friends and family, and watching reruns of 'Friends'!"

In ten years Hannah says "I will be done with school and working as a school counselor...and hopefully married with three or four kids of my own!"

Kaylee Vance assists with MVDC Predance and Kinderdance classes. She is a 16-year-old junior at the Dayton Regional STEM School who says that she has been dancing for 14 years.

Kaylee wanted to be a Teacher's Assistant at MVDC because "In 6th grade, I was a kindergarden assistant which made me realize I liked working with children. To teach what I am passionate about is even better."

Kaylee particularly likes being a teacher's Assistant because "I enjoy seeing the kids' progress throughout the year and watching the proof of the progress at the recital."

Asked to name something that most of her fellow dancers probably don't know about her, Kaylee said, "I enjoy kayaking in the Summer and the Fall!"

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

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



Kaylee

MVDC SPIRIT WEAR AVAILABLE!



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

The tank tops are just \$20 and available in both yellow and purple designs.

We still have some hoodies and sweatpants available on clearance.

MVDC TEACHERS VISIT UDMA IN CHICAGO

The United Dance Merchants of America held their Expo in Chicago September 29-30 and MVDC teachers were on hand. MVDC staff who made the trip were Miss Kelly, Miss Elissa, Miss Jenny and Miss Tawna. When not getting down to business at the UDMA event, they got to spend time in Downtown Chicago taking in the sights such as "Cloud Gate," the world famous sculpture more commonly referred to as "the Bean" (below right) and the SkyDeck of the Willis Tower (below left).



EMILY GAY COLTS CHEERLEADER REUNION



MVDC alumnus Emily Gay, a former Indianapolis Colts cheerleader, recently rejoined the cheer crew in celebration of their 35th year reunion!

