

Our
37th
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 2016-2017 dance year! This is going to be an exciting year; we're celebrating our 37th 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 2017 calendars! The 37th edition of our annual MVDC recital is set for June 16-17, 2017!

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!

**DON'T MISS THE CALENDAR
FOR THE 2016-2017 DANCE
YEAR ON PAGE 6!**

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THE MVDC STAFF FOR 2016 - 2017

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).

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. 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 your assigned 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, 2017.

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!

Since everyone is on the auto payment plan this year, it's required that all dancers have a 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, 2017.

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

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will enable our students to get the most from their 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 12 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.

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, Mr. Josh, Ethan Avey, Melissa Baumbarger, Dominique Birmingham, Ava Cantrell, Emma Cantrell, Sierra Carter, Jenna Graham, Jenna Hall, Logan Hildebrecht, Bella Japs, Brea Johnson, Ava Kim, Tabitha Lake, Calleia Lively, Lauren Magee, Nola Moulder, Jaymee Owens, Kassidy Perks, Emily Pogue, Kayla Ross, Emma Sallot, Jake Stultz, Kenny Thacker, Mike Thompson, and Kaylee Vance.

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 937-260-9162, or email Tawna@GemCityDancewear.com. You may also visit her at her store, Gem City Dancewear at 2 West Main Street in Fairborn.

WIFI RETURNS

We are changing providers over the next few weeks to provide us with faster bandwidth. Once we have the new wifi up and running we'll post the new password at the studio. In the meantime, the

old password from last year will still function.

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 2016-2017 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 17th. We'll be in front of Gem City Dancewear, 2 W. Main Street, Fairborn, all MVDC students are invited to help cheer on from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wear a red t-shirt and feel free to make posters, bring noise makers, pom poms, etc.

MVDC BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

The MVDC Booster Club has some amazingly simple fundraisers that everyone can participate in to support the Dance Force!

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).

BW3s (Beavercreek & Huber Heights locations) is paying us to eat through their Home Team Advantage program...simply say you want Organization "M" to receive a percentage of your check and voila, MVDC Booster Club gets paid! EAT MORE WINGS (please)! (no flyer needed).

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Chick-Fil-A Spirit Day! ALL DAY September 24, simply let the the Chick-Fil-A Team Member know you are there to support the fundraiser! "EAT MOR ChiKin" (please)! (no flyer needed).

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

ELDER BEERMAN COMMUNITY DAYS COUPON BOOKS. NOW through November 8: For only \$5 you can purchase a coupon book that contains GREAT savings!!! Use the following link to order on -line: <http://bit.ly/2bMISND> (shipping is FREE). 100% profit on this one folks!

Thank you, thank you, thank you for taking the time to help the Dance Force team! We are so proud of our entire dance family and look forward to another successful season!

Come join us for a Musical Theatre Jazz Class!



Caleb Dicke is ecstatic to be back at Miami Valley Dance Center. He attended Oklahoma City University and graduated in 2014 with a BPA in Dance Performance. While in college, he was a featured dancer in the American Spirit Dance Company, performed in Oklahoma Opera and Music Theater

Company's productions of *The Wedding Singer* and *Legally Blonde*, performed as the swing in *Mix It Up* at Busch Gardens Williamsburg, as well as, performed three summers in the resident ensemble at Music Theatre Wichita. Caleb now resides in New York City and has been performing regionally across the United States. Recent credits include: *La Cage aux Folles* at Goodspeed Opera House; *West Side Story* at The Asolo Repertory Theatre; *Disney's Beauty and the Beast* at Alabama Shakespeare Festival; *Gypsy* at Arts Center of Coastal Carolina; and *42nd Street* at The Lexington Theatre Company.

Sunday, September 18th

12 and under 1:00-2:30

13 and over 2:45-4:15

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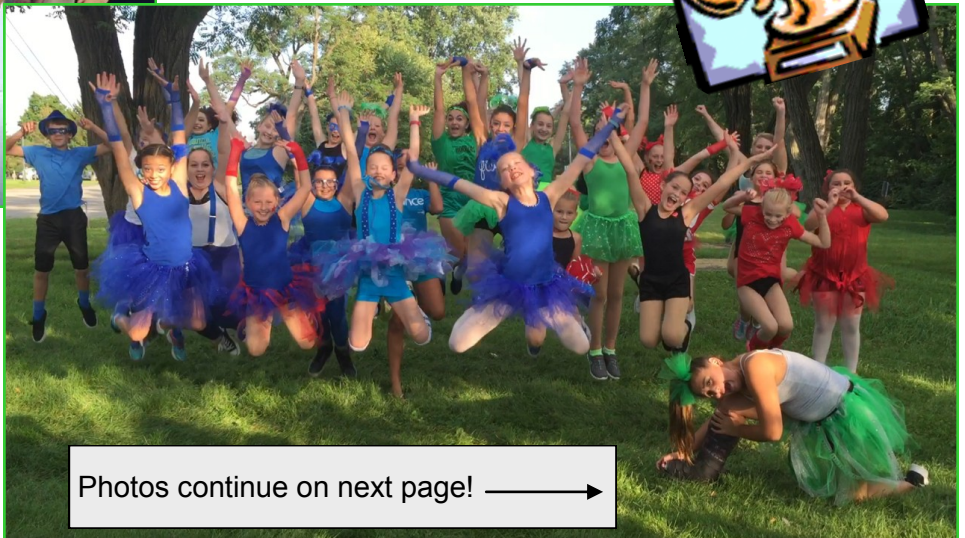
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Cost is \$25.00 in advance, \$30.00 day of
Contact MVDC to reserve your spot

TWO WEEKS OF INTENSIVES ENDS WITH SPIRIT DAY!

Two weeks of intensives for the MVDC Dance Force ended with the annual Spirit Day where the team let loose and enjoyed, among other things, relay races.

Here's wishing our Dance Force a successful and fun year of competition!



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MVDC 2016-2017 Calendar

September 12..... Classes Begin
November 21-26..... Thanksgiving Break
December 10..... tentative WCD rehearsal
December 16..... tentative WCD Performance
December 19-January 1..... Winter Break
April 17-22Spring Break
May 29 Memorial Day..... (Studio Closed)
June 5..... Accounts must be paid in full
June 15-17..... Annual Dance Extravaganza
and Dress Rehearsal



"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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**THE 2016-2017 MVDC
DANCE FORGE**

