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The Newsletter of the Miami Valley Dance Center

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HOLIDAY BREAKS

The holiday season is rapidly approaching and with it our annual studio closings.

The lights will be out at the studio November 20 - 25 for our Thanksgiving holiday break and again on December 20 - January 2 for our Winter break.

Better mark your calendars before you forget!

WINTER CARNIVAL OF DANCE

The annual Winter Carnival of Dance will be Friday, December 15, at 7 p.m. at Fairborn High School.

Each season the Miami Valley Dance Center presents a benefit performance for the Fairborn FISH Food Pantry. The classes participating in the show have been working very hard on their routines for this great cause, and we hope that you can make it to the show.

Students not participating in the show will receive a complimentary ticket to attend; all other tickets will be \$10 (plus a non-perishable item) and will go on sale at the studio on Monday, November 27. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the performance.

Fairborn FISH organizers indicate that they

Our
38th
Year!

can really use canned meats and soups, baby items, and personal hygiene items.

Last year we raised over \$3500 and we hope to surpass that this year!

The MVDC Booster Club will once again have some fabulous gift baskets available during the silent auction as well

as some yummy concessions.

Classes performing are: Monday Ballet I, Monday Ballet IV, Tuesday Ballet II, Tuesday Adult Tap, Wednesday Irish 2, Wednesday Hip Hop Tutters, Breakers and Lockers, Wednesday Sr. Lyrical, Jazz and Tap. Thursday Ballet III, Thursday Jr. Lyrical, Jazz and Tap. Mandatory Dress Rehearsal will be at the studio, December 9th 2-4 p.m.

And here's something new this year; we'll be revealing our 2018 recital theme at the end of the Winter Carnival!

RECITAL COSTUMES

We will begin taking measurements for recital costumes the first week in December.

We allow extra growth room when we order your child's costume. Please note that costumes are not custom made to your child's specific measurements, so minor alterations such as adjusting straps, hemming pants, etc. may be required. Parents will be responsible for any alterations to their child's costume. We place the order early so that if there are any fitting problems there is still time to return them before the recital.

Note also that the costume total will include recital tights. There was a \$35 costume deposit due in October for each costume we order for your dancer. Balances are due no later than January 5, 2018. Balances will be posted to students' accounts around mid-December.

The costume deposit is non-refundable.

Parents will be able to view a photo of their child's costume through their online dancer account. Just click on "Current Classes" at the bottom of the page. We plan to post the photos near the end of December. Check it out!

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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BIRTHDAY GANG!

Lots of the MVDC dancers have November birthdays. They were probably all anxious to get here in time for that Thanksgiving turkey.

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 November:

MacKenzie Ary, Aubrey Asbury, Sada Bricker, Marleigh Clingner, Annabelle Courtney-Myers, Leanna Dixon, Amelia

Doyle, Esther Gates, Hannah Leach, Lilla Mossing, Cydnie Rigato, Leah Snow, and Alicia Sylvester.

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

THANK YOU!

MVDC raised \$500 for the American Red Cross through donations from "Break Dress Code Week" during students' last class in October. You can see all the fairies, super heroines, pirates, and such in the photos on page 3.

Our thanks to everyone who made this effort such a success!

NEW DANCEWEAR!

That Jolly Old Elf will soon begin his annual trip around the world filling stockings and leaving wonderful gifts under those Christmas trees. Santa's helpers should consider gifting MVDC dancewear, the Christmas gift that lasts throughout the year. And new items have been added to the MVDC dancewear closet.

By the way, if you intend to surprise a certain someone with MVDC dancewear for the holiday season you should contact Tawna at Gem City Dancewear, (937) 754-5436, during the month of November and get some ideas or make any special orders. The holiday season has been known to cause back orders, so place your orders early. And look for an all new MVDC design coming soon!

Santa will appreciate your help!



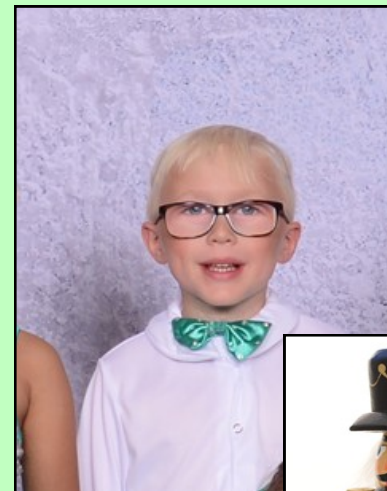
NUTCRACKER BALLET!



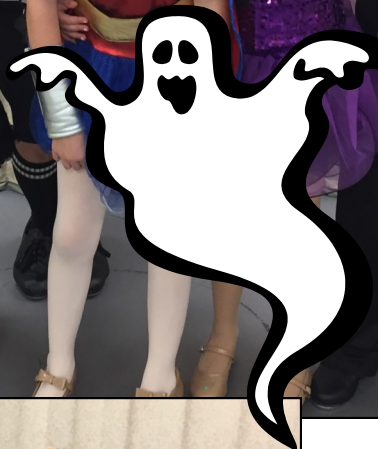
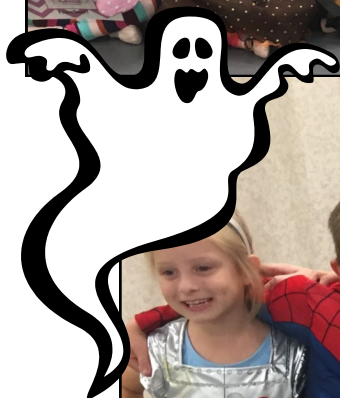
We are happy to announce that MVDC dancers Athena Rosengarten (left) and Dain Lourens (right) have been chosen to appear in this year's Dayton Ballet production of the Nutcracker!

The silver production is December 15-17, and the gold production will be December 20-23. As of press time we haven't learned which of the productions Athena and Dain will be in, but we do know that Athena snagged the role of a soldier that she was hoping for, and Dain will be a rat.

We know both dancers will represent MVDC well. Break a leg!



GOBLINS, GHOULS, FAERIES, & SUPER HEROES INVADE MVDC!



Here's just a sampling of the amazing creatures who descended upon MVDC during Break Dance Code week!

"The Art of Dancing stands at the source of all the arts that express themselves..."

Havelick Ellis

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DANCERS OF THE MONTH NAMED

The Miami Valley Dance Center Dancers of the Month for November, 2017, are **Kylee Hampshire** and **Mallory Wardle**.

Kylee Hampshire is a 10 year old fifth grader at New Carlisle Elementary, in the Tecumseh Local School system.



Purple is her favorite color but we would recommend that if she ever receives a Hot Fudge Brownie Sundae (her all-time favorite food) that's purple she should probably send it back!

Kylee also happens to like designer dogs, breeds that never used to exist. She presently has two such pooches, Cody who is an Aussiedoodle and a new puppy, Stella, a chocolate Labradoodle, or should I say a Hot Fudge

Brownie Labradoodle?

When Kylee isn't dancing at MVDC she likes to work on crafts, help mom bake, play outside with friends and especially swim.

When it comes to dance, Kylee says that her favorite style is tap.

We asked her why she likes to dance and she told us, "I get to spend time with friends and we have a lot of fun learning new routines and steps. I really

enjoy being a part of the Dance Force team and performing at competitions and recitals."

Mallory Wardle is fifteen years old and in the process of getting used to Fairborn High School where she is in her Freshman year.

Mallory's favorite color is pink, always near the top of the list among the young ladies. When she's hungry, a taco or two, her favorite food, will really hit the spot.

Like Kylee, Mallory favors a dog for a pet, and in her case it is Zuzu who is waiting for her when she comes home from school.

Mallory can be found reading or painting when she is not at school or dancing at the MVDC studio.

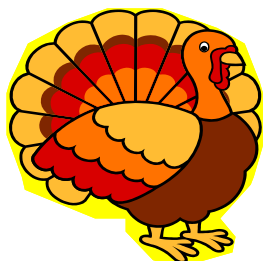


Jazz is Mallory's favorite style of dance and likes to dance because "I like the feeling I get when I know that I have done well, and the way that the teachers are supportive even when I mess up.

Our congratulations go out to Kylee Hampshire and Mallory Wardle and their families and many friends for their selection as Dancers of the Month for November. Take a bow ladies!

PARKING NOTE!

Please be courteous to our fellow dance families and park within the yellow lines in the parking lot. Some nights are very busy and we need all the parking spaces available. Thank you!



**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING
FROM
MVDC!**

NEW MVDC SPIRIT WEAR COMING!

We're excited to announce that new spirit wear featuring the MVDC logo will soon be available just in time for Christmas giving!

Stay tuned for future announcements as to the availability of this new line of clothing!



MVDC TEACHERS VISIT UDMA IN CHICAGO



The United Dance Merchants of America held their Expo in Chicago October 14-15 and many of the MVDC teachers were on hand. MVDC staff who made the trip were Miss Kelly, Mrs. Howell, Miss Renae, Miss Elissa, and Miss Tawna. and they got to spend a day in Downtown Chicago taking in the sights such as the Navy Pier, Millennium Park to see Cloud Gate (aka "the bean"), taking a few quick photos outside the Joffrey Ballet as well as getting some great popcorn from the famous Garrett's.



FASHION SHOW FUN

Our models (right) and our performers (below) helped to make this year's Booster Fashion show a great success!



The MVDC Booster Club along with Mirabella's Boutique held a fashion show October 8, 2017 at the Fairborn United Methodist Church and it was a great success. We were excited to add some dance performances to the show this year. The 2017 Ruby Jazz Team performed and there was a solo from Madelyn Stankas and a duet by McKenna Wager and Kendal Fahl. We so appreciated our Emcee Cathy Petersen, the Director of Communications for Montgomery County who helped add a special touch to the fashion show this year.

UD PERFORMANCE BRINGS APPLAUSE

The sound of applause that you hear is for two of our MVDC Dance Force members, Grant Shaffer and Thaliyah Cools-Lartigue who joined the UD Dance Ensemble in a performance on October 27 & 28 for the UD Dance Ensemble fall dance concert presented by Theatre, Dance, and Performance Technology and the Spectrum student organization.

The Black Box Theatre offered an intimate evening of love in motion, in the realms of Passion, Expression, Equality, and Spirituality explored through movement and dance.

Congratulations to Miss Amy Jones and Miss Lauren Daidone for their hard work on the performances.



PRIEST FAMILY INCREASES BY ONE

Miss Jen and husband John are proud to report that their family has increased by one with the arrival of John Conner named after his grandfathers, born September 17 at 7:43. John Conner was so anxious to meet his parents and his sisters, Jaycee Blake and Jentry Lynn, that he arrived 9 weeks early. Upon arrival he weighed 4 pounds, 5.8 ounces and was 17 inches tall (if he hadn't been so lazy and would have stood up).

Those of you who followed Miss Jen's medical adventure know just how scary it was. Miss Jen was already in the hospital for other issues when it became necessary to welcome John Conner early. Miss Jen reports that there were 22 medical professionals in the room helping her! We're pleased to report that while Miss Jen has a way to go she is definitely on her way to a full recovery. Her husband John may have a longer way to go to completely recover!

