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Dance!

The Newsletter of the Miami Valley Dance Center

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THANK YOU!

All of the teachers, assistants, and secretaries would like to thank everyone for the wonderful gifts and cards we received. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated!

We hope that everyone had a wonderful and enjoyable holiday season.

27TH WINTER CARNIVAL OF DANCE

Our annual Winter Carnival of Dance was a terrific success thanks to all the students, families, and friends who lent their support to our charity event.

The Dance Center stages this show each holiday season to raise money for Fairborn FISH, an organization designed to help the less fortunate people of Fairborn. This year, we are proud to report, the Winter Carnival raised a whopping \$3500 and hundreds of food items for FISH.

Beth Player, the FISH Coordinator, sent MVDC a letter of thanks addressed to Miss Kelly, Teachers, and Students that read, in part, "You are wonderful! Every year FISH Fairborn benefits from your generous donation of money and canned goods... This year the need for our services has gone up again. We are serving between 600 - 650 families each month... You achieved another new high this year. Your donation of \$3500 in cash and 918 canned goods was outstanding. We

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MVDC 2017 Calendar

April 17-22	Spring Break
May 29 Memorial Day.....	(Studio Closed)
June 5.....	Accounts must be paid in full
June 16.....	Annual Dance Extravaganza Dress Rehearsal
June 17.....	ANNUAL DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA!



Happy New Year from the MVDC Staff!

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usually estimate each canned good as \$1 spent. So in total your donation equals \$4418. WOW! So many families helped because your staff and students work hard and help celebrate with the Christmas spirit.”

Winter Carnival dvds are available for \$15 - \$20 (depending on format). Please contact Tawna at tawna@gemcitydancewear.com to order.

Again, thanks to our MVDC dancers who did a great job, and to everyone who supported our 27th annual Winter Carnival!

RECITAL COSTUMES

Costume balances have been entered into your dancer's account and were included with the January 5th autopay. Late charges will be applied to any costume balances not paid by the 10th.

You can also view a picture of your child's costume by logging into your account. Simply click on the drop-down menu for "Current Classes" and a photo will appear next to each class your child is enrolled in. You can click on the picture for an enlarged view.



Please note that tights are included in the price of the costume.

As a reminder, costume alteration is each dancer's responsibility. If alterations are beyond parents' capability, the studio will be glad to refer local seamstresses who can provide the service.

UGLY WEATHER WARNING

It's that time of year again; ugly winter weather can fall on us without warning at anytime.

If we feel the need to cancel classes due to bad weather we will leave an announcement on the studio answering machine (878-6488) or you can check the MVDC website, Facebook page or Insta-

gram page for the latest news on studio closing. Weather announcements will be made by 2 p.m.

Remember, the studio might still be open even if local schools are closed, and vice versa.

BIRTHDAY GANG!

Ah, January, and while the rest of us are celebrating a brand new year, some of our MVDC dance family members are celebrating another birthday.

As is our practice, since we are not sure how old each of these dancers is, we'll just use an average age of, say, 38, and wish each of them a happy 38th birthday with lots of cake and ice cream!

Our best January birthday wishes go out to : Sarah Atha, Emma Colley, Livi Gordon, Aubrey Gray, Haley Harris, Samantha Helper, Quinn Lamb, Riley Lynn, Rylie Mangin, Allyson Meder, Olivia Mogenberg, Jaiden Newsome, Ria Pournara, Athena Rosengarten, Ginger Salyers, Taylor Sisco, Rachel Smith, Audrey Stultz, Carleen Thacker, Kayleigh Tolar, Andrea Williams, and Savannah Williams. .

Happy Birthday!

CALLING ALL MEN!

MVDC is looking for some real manly men to participate in this year's Man Dance. Participation in the fabled annual Man Dance is open to dads of MVDC dancers, and we will begin taking sign-ups on Monday, January 30 at the front desk.

Space is limited so don't miss out. Participants will be required to pay the \$25 recital fee, but will also be entitled to all the benefits including tickets to both shows, the Dropbox link to the music, and recital souvenir.

Man Dance rehearsal time is 4 - 5 p.m. beginning March 4. Other dates are March 18 and 25, April 15 and 29, May 13 and 20, and June 3 and 10.

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(Left) Miss Kelly and MVDC Dance Force dancers present a check for \$3500 to Emily Webb and Patti Davis, a Fairborn FISH volunteer. In addition to the cash, MVDC donated hundreds of canned food items.



SHOW YOUR SPIRIT!

The new MVDC hoodies are here! They feature our studio logo and are available in a tangerine (shown near right) or light blue design and are \$30.

We're running a special on our previous style spirit wear (example at far right), \$5.00 off the original price while supplies last!



Bella and Athena Shine in Nutcracker!

(Above) Bella Japs (left) and Athena Rosengarten are congratulated by Miss Kelly after their performance in Dayton Ballet's production of **Nutcracker**.

(Right and right above) The Ugly Christmas Sweater celebration is an annual tradition at MVDC and this year's event produced more ugly sweater candidates than thought possible.

Here are the proud owners of the ugly sweaters arranged as a Christmas tree, though that really doesn't help some of those sweaters.



WINTER CARNIVAL A HUGE SUCCESS!

Rehearsal...



The Winter Carnival Dancers for 2016

MORE WINTER CARNIVAL!



MVDC ALUMNI RETURN!



MVDC alumni Caleb Dicke and Justyne Lyons visited the studio over the winter break to teach classes. It's always great to have our alumni return to visit and both Caleb's and Justyne's sessions were well received.

Our thanks to all those dancers who participated in the sessions, and thanks of course to Caleb and Justyne for sharing part of their holiday with us!



DECEMBER BREAK DRESS CODE WEEK

Break Dress Code week last month was quite a success. The "price" to break the dress code was one non-perishable food item and all those collected were added to the rest of the food items gathered at the Winter Carnival. All the items were donated to Fairborn FISH food pantry. Thanks to all who participated!



JANUARY DANCERS OF THE MONTH

The first MVDC dancers chosen as Dancers of the Month for 2017 are **AMELIA DOYLE** and **SAVANNAH LYNN JOHNSON**.



Six-year-old **Amelia Doyle** spends her days in Kindergarten at Fairborn's Wright Campus where she is likely to be dressed in something pink. It's her favorite color.

On the way home Amelia is probably hoping that there will be a stop for chicken nuggets, one food that she cannot live without.

Waiting at home for Amelia will be her dog named Sadie and we're betting that Sadie is more likely to come when called than Mya, Amelia's goldfish. Amelia lists her hobbies, besides dance, as playing outside and drawing.

Amelia loves dancing at MVDC particularly when her favorite style, tap, is on the schedule. And as to why she likes to

dance? "Because it's fun and we get to be a little silly," she told us.

Savannah Lynn Johnson is 8 years old and is homeschooled, a third grader. Like Amelia, her favorite color is pink and when it's dinnertime she is always hoping that lasagna is on the menu. It's her favorite food..

Pets? Savannah has plenty! There are two dogs, (Lady and Giselle), six fish, and...a first among all the Dancers of the Month to date...a "Bearded Dragon" named Puff! (Nope, we have no idea what a "bearded dragon" looks like. Please check with Savannah for more information.)

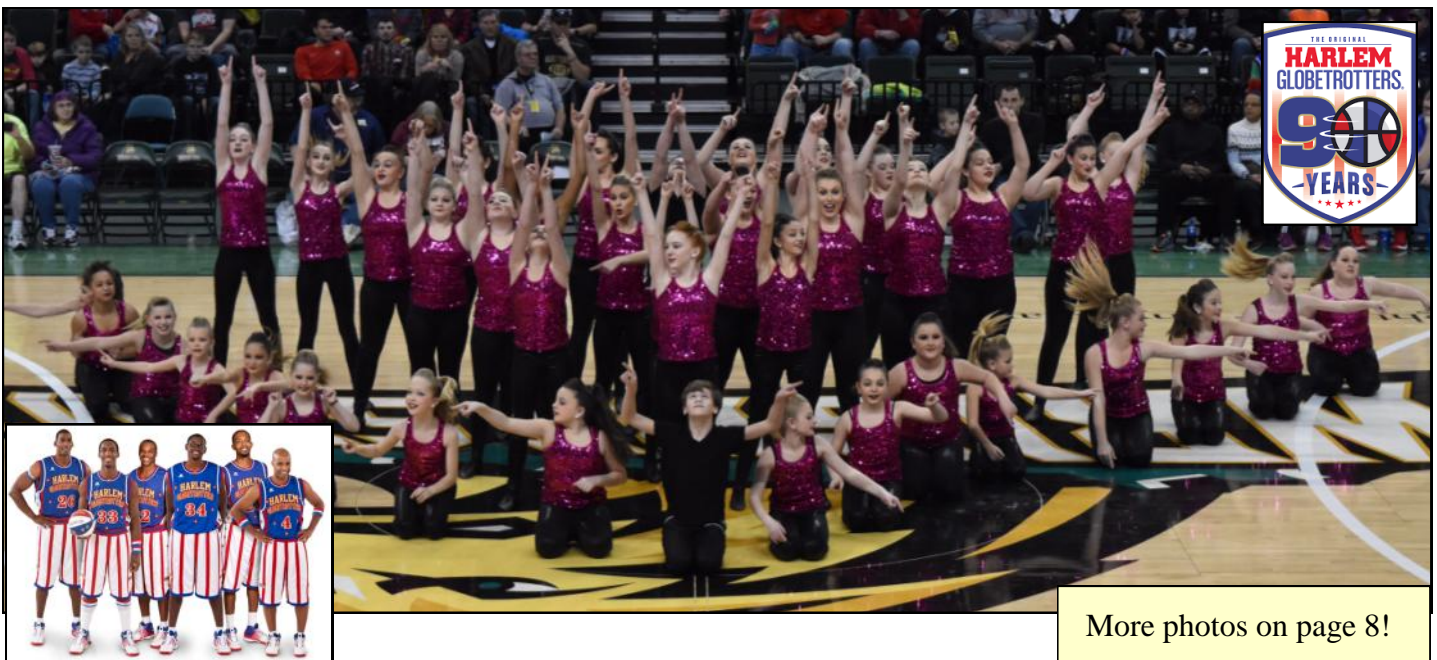
Savannah's hobbies include crochet, reading, and soccer, and of course dance.



Savannah's favorite style of dance is jazz and when we asked her why she liked to dance she told us, "It's really fun and I get to move a lot!"

Congratulations to Amelia and Savannah and their families on being chosen Dancers of the Month for January 2017!

DANCE FORCE WOWS AT GLOBETROTTER SHOW



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MORE PHOTOS FROM THE GLOBETROTTER SHOW



Thanks to all our dancers, parents, and friends who came out to support our amazing Dance Force as they performed at the halftime of the Harlem Globetrotters show at the Nutter Center December 31.

And here's belated applause for the MVDC Dance Force who did an amazing job in front of thousands of spectators. You were wonderful!



THE ORIGINAL
HARLEM
GLOBETROTTERS



(Left) Stella Kinch is just a tad uncertain about sitting on Santa's knee, while Elf Gavin is ready to share a candy cane with Stella.

Once again our Winter Carnival was a huge success. The \$3500 donated from ticket sales was the most we have raised in the 27 editions of the Winter Carnival. Next year is going to be quite a challenge!

Our most sincere thanks to our MVDC dancers, parents, and supporters for helping us make the Winter Carnival such a success!

