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The Newsletter of the Miami Valley Dance Center
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WELCOME!

Dear Parents and Students,

We would once again like to welcome all new and returning students to the 2020-2021 dance year! The "first day of class" photos show how excited our dancers are to be back to dance. A great start!

Classes resumed October 12 after delays and rescheduling made necessary by COVID. There's no point in saying that 2020 has been a most unusual year, a year that challenged the MVDC staff, students, and parents, but we said it anyway.

Before we go any further, here's our heartfelt congratulations to all our dancers who participated in the virtual recital. It was not how we had originally envisioned our big 40th anniversary performance, but we got creative and presented a one-of-a-kind show. A huge thank you is due all our dancers who hung in there with us and through our shut down and were able to come back and finish

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MVDC 2020-2021 Calendar

October 26-31.....Break Dress Code Week
November 1.....Onyx Halloween Concert
November 23-28.....Thanksgiving Break
December 12.....Tent. WCD Dress Rehearsal
December 18.....Tent. WCD Performance
December 21-Jan 2.....Winter Break
March 29-Apr 3.....Spring Break
May 31.....Memorial Day-Studio Closed
June 5.....Accounts Must Be Paid In Full



SPECIAL FALL 2020 "WELCOME BACK TO DANCE" ISSUE!

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the season.

COVID is still lurking and may yet impact us further, but the Miami Valley Dance Center faculty and staff are optimistic, thrilled, and delighted and looking forward to working with all the 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!

Due to our delayed recital date, we got a little back-logged with the distribution of our monthly newsletters (which will normally publish at the first of the month) as well as the running of our October autopay (which will normally happen

on the 5th of each month). October's charges were processed on Saturday, October 24th. We will be back on schedule for November 5th when your November charges will be processed. Don't forget, a \$35.00 costume deposit will be coming out for each class your child is participating in along with your November tuition.

The hard-working MVDC secretaries are available to answer any questions or discuss any concerns you might have. They'll be at the front desk from 4-7 p.m. You can contact us at the studio 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.

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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. The online account link can be found on our homepage of our website, www.miamivalleydancecenter.com. In the red box that says "Dancer Information", simply click on the button that says "Student Login".

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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Finally, mark your 2021 calendars! The 41st edition of our annual MVDC recital is set for **June 19, 2021!**

Miss Kelly

DANCE!

The MVDC newsletter, DANCE!, is published monthly. You're reading the special Fall "Back to Dance" October-November issue right now, our first double issue a result of COVID schedule shuffling. 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.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

The 2020-2021 student handbook is on our website under "registration information". Please be sure to download your copy. On the last page is a student/parent agreement that we need signed and turned into the front desk by October 31.

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! We'll be sending you your login information in the next few days.

Please visit us at WWW.MIAMIVALLEYDANCECENTER.COM and don't forget that we are on facebook and Instagram (mvdc_ohio).

By the way, the website is where you

will log into your dancer account. Simply click the button that says "Student Login" in the red box labeled "Dancer Information."

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. For Junior and Senior levels black shorts are optional.

No skirts (either attached or separate) are allowed to be worn in Pre-dance, Kinderdance or Ballet classes.

All students must wear the proper shoes. Please be sure to write your child's name inside each shoe. **No T-shirts or sweatshirts are permitted until the weather becomes colder. 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 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, this year divided into nine equal payments - one for each month your child comes to class. Your final installment is due no later than June 5, 2021.

Autopay drafts on the 5th of each month. You will receive an email reminder on or about the 28th of each month letting

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your 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!

We require all dancer accounts have a valid credit card on file and tuition, costume, and recital fees will draft on the 5th of each month that the fee is due.

As a reminder, a \$35.00 costume deposit for each class your dancer is in will be due with the November 5 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.

NOTE:

We will be sending information out soon about connecting to our communication platform with the Remind App.

This will allow you the most up to date way to receive important messages and reminders that are going on at MVDC.



COSTUME DEPOSITS

A non-refundable \$35.00 recital costume deposit is due with your November 5th tuition payment. All costume balances will be posted to your dancer's account mid-December and due not later than January 5, 2021.

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. 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.

☒ Please enter through the rear entrance of the Dance Center. This will ensure the safety of everyone since Broad Street is very busy. Exit only through the front door.

☒ **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.**

☒ Predance and Kinderdance students: In order to keep class disruptions to a minimum, a dancer will not be permitted to re-enter their classroom once they leave whether for a behavioral issue or simply wanting to see their parent. We have had some challenges with this in the past and we want to ensure our dancers are getting the quality instruction they are paying for without distractions of dancers exiting and re-entering the dance room. The exception

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would be any dancer needing to use the restroom, but please have your dancer use the restroom before coming into class.

OBSERVATION POLICIES

SPECIAL NOTE: COVID PROTOCOLS PREVENT THE PRESENCE OF ANY OBSERVER AT THIS TIME UNLESS YOUR DANCER IS AGE 5 OR UNDER IN WHICH CASE ONE PARENT IS PERMITTED PER DANCER AND THEY MUST WEAR A MASK AND BE TEMPERATURE CHECKED UPON ENTERING.



NO SIBLINGS ARE PERMITTED DUE TO GOVERNMENT MANDATES ON OCCUPANCY NUMBERS.

PLEASE USE SOCIAL DISTANCING WHILE IN THE STUDIO. WE HAVE MARKED THE HALLWAY WITH BLUE TAPE AT SIX FOOT INTERVALS.

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! Please park in the designated spaces and please no parking or standing by the back door. This creates a hazard for dancers exiting the building. Extra caution is required because we are dismissing our dancers outside now.

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 October:

Miss Kelly, Miss Elissa, Miss Marie, Miss Tammie, Jasmyn Bieszard, Jenna Botkin, Hannah Dillon, Audrey Gernert, Alli Gibson, Sierra Groff, Ava Henterly, Jamie Jacobs, Maisy Johnson, Charleigh Leary, Ellie Lynn, Pete Magee,

Kieran Perks, Caroline Proctor, Evelyn Ream, Morgan Reynolds, Mallory Wardle, Nina Wilson, and Marie Young.

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

DANCE SUPPLIES

Tawna with MVDC Dance Apparel is ready to help you meet all your dance wear needs. Tawna can be reached via email mvdcdancewear@gmail.com

STUDIO WIFI

The password for the studio WIFI is available at the front desk.

MEET OUR SECRETARIES!

Among the most important MVDC staffers are our secretaries, Barb, Tammie, and Marie! Secretaries will be available from 4 - 7 p.m 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.

MVDC BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

The MVDC Booster Club is excited about the 2020-2021 dance season. And we've already got some fundraising plans underway.

The MVDC Booster Club is a non-profit organization who's mission is to support the members of the MVDC Dance Force who have a passion for dance.

Our organization is dedicated to help provide scholarships to all team members throughout the competition season. We promote life skills that support each dancer as they flourish into young adults.

As always, we appreciate your support throughout the season. A couple of easy ways to do this is through the Kroger Community rewards program and Amazon Smile (see details on how to enroll below). If you would like more information about the MVDC Booster club, you can visit our website <http://mvdcbusters.com/>. We are always looking for Sponsors who would like to

make a tax deductible contribution.

Kroger Community Rewards!!!

1. Go to www.Kroger.com. Sign into your account.
(If you do not have one, get your Kroger Plus card and make an account)
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page under About the Company and click on Community
3. Under Community click on Community Rewards
4. Under I'm A customer click on View details
5. Click on Enroll
6. Then search for MVDC Booster Club or KV022
7. Enroll and you are good to go!

Amazon Rewards

1. Sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser.

2. From your desktop, go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to Change your Charity. Or, from your mobile browser, select Change your Charity from the options at the bottom of the page. Search for Miami Valley Dance Center Boosters Inc.

3. Select a new charitable organization to support.

4. Check off that you know you are now supporting Miami Valley Dance Center Boosters Inc. and click Start shopping.

NOTE: You must always go to Smile.amazon.com for the organization to get their percentage.

RECITAL VIDEO AVAILABLE

The fabulous MVDC virtual recital is available on flash drive! Simply go to www.mvdclive.com and click on the link to order.

ONYX CONTEMPORARY DANCE COMPANY TO PERFORM HALLOWEEN SHOW

The Onyx Contemporary Dance Company Presents "Haunted" on Sunday November 1st, 2020 at 6:30pm! Join us for a spooky evening of dance! Come out and show your support for the OCDC dancers!

The performance will be held outdoors in the MVDC parking lot. Patrons may park in the Subway parking lot next to the studio. Parking will not be permitted in the MVDC lot. Patrons are responsible for their own seating, so please make sure to bring your favorite chair and blanket.

Halloween Treats, Snacks, and yummy Hot Beverages will be available throughout the performance! Don't miss your chance to bid on our raffle baskets! Costumes are encouraged!! Come dressed to impress in your best Halloween ensemble! A grand prize will be awarded to the individual with the best costume of the evening!

Tickets are \$12 and can be reserved by contacting onyxcontemporary-danceco@gmail.com.

Make sure to get your name on the guest list! Payment can be made through Venmo (@Kelly-Fuller-46) or by check (made payable to OCDC). Only a limited amount of tickets are available so act fast! Social Distancing Measures will be enforced. We can't wait to see you next weekend!



BREAK DRESS CODE

The MVDC Break Dress Code Week will be October 26-31. 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 National Breast Cancer Foundation.

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.

WINTER CARNIVAL

The 2020 edition of the MVDC Winter Carnival of Dance is set tentatively for Friday, December 18, location to be determined.

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 Saturday, December 12 at the studio 3 - 5:30 p.m. Future issues of *DANCE!* will

provide further details. Classes participating are: Monday Ballet 1, Monday Ballet 4, Tuesday Ballet 2, Adult Tap, Adult Jazz, Wed. Hip Hop Poppers, Breakers, Lockers and Adults. Sr. Lyrical, Sr. Jazz, Sr. Tap. Thursday Ballet 3, Jr. Tap, Jr. Lyrical and Jr. Jazz as well as other special guests.

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

THANKSGIVING BREAK COMING

The annual MVDC Thanksgiving break will be November 23 - 28 this year. The studio will be closed. Enjoy turkey and stuffing with family and friends!



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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MORE FIRST DAY PHOTOS!



Dance it out

MVDC WELCOMES NEW INSTRUCTOR

MVDC is happy to welcome Michael Green to the studio staff. Mr. Green will teach the Level 2 and 3 Technique classes on Thursday.

MICHAEL GREEN, has been a company member of Dayton Contemporary Dance Company since 2007 after graduating with a BFA degree from Butler University the same year.

Starting at the age of 4, Mr. Green studied dance at Jessica Morgan's School of Dance, Ingrid's Dance Theater, and Richmond Ballet School. He also trained at the School of American Ballet, the Rimsky-Korsakov in St. Petersburg Russia, the National Taiwan University of the Arts, Ballet Austin, Boston Ballet, and Interlochen Performing Arts School.

In 2016, he performed in Donald McKayle's Rainbow Round My Shoulder at David H. Koch Theatre in Lincoln Center in

New York City. DCDC received a Bessie Award for this performance.

Mr. Green has toured with DCDC to Chile and China.

He credits Donald Byrd as the choreographer who has most influenced him: "Mr. Byrd was influential in changing the way I approach technique. His clarity made me take a look at what is important as an artist."

We welcome Mr. Michael to our MVDC teaching faculty this year!



WEDDING BELLS

Miss Lauren Daidone tied the knot with Adam Snowden on Saturday, October 10th at the beautiful Steam Plant in Downtown Dayton. The 2 newlyweds will be honeymooning in Montana for 2 weeks.

Congratulations from the MVDC dance family!



MVDC 40TH ANNUAL DANCE RECITAL SPECTACULAR

