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Dance!

The Newsletter of the Miami Valley Dance Center
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RECITAL ROUTINES

Recital routines are shaping up nicely for our June Dance Extravaganza! Good attendance is important to make sure our classes stay on schedule and all of our dancers feel confident with their upcoming performance.

The \$30 recital fee for each dancer will be due with the April 5 autopay. The recital fee covers rehearsal time at the Kuss Auditorium, recital souvenir, and chaperone services. Your dancer's class Dropbox folder will be updated with their recital music as well as video clips of the recital choreography. If you have misplaced the link, please contact Miss Kelly.

Remember, our annual recital this year will be Saturday, June 19 and the mandatory dress rehearsal is Friday, June 18, all at Kuss Auditorium in Springfield.

RECITAL COSTUMES

Recital costumes have started arriving at the studio. We will be checking the fit of each child's costume as soon as they do. Tuition must be up to date and costume balances must be paid in full before we can send the costumes home.

As we have mentioned before, tights are included in the price of the costume.

And, as a reminder, costume alteration is each dancer's responsibility. If alterations are beyond the parents' capability, the studio will be glad to refer several local seamstresses who can do the job.



UGLY WEATHER WARNING

We sincerely hope that this is the very last time this winter that we have to post this Ugly Weather Warning!



But even though we are almost positive that Spring is just around the corner, Old Man Winter has not completely released us from his icy grip. Ugly weather can still 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 Instagram page for the latest news on studio closing. You will also get a notice through the Remind app if you have registered. Closing announcements will be made by 2 p.m.

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

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MVDC 2021 Calendar

March 19-20.....1st Competition
March 29-Apr 3.....Spring Break
May 31.....Memorial Day-Studio Closed
June 5.....Accounts Must Be Paid In Full
June 18-19.....Annual Dance Extravaganza



Our 41st Year!

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SPRING BREAK AHEAD

As this is being typed there is still some winter weather forecast for most of the Miami Valley, so it's a bit difficult to realize that the studio's annual Spring Break is just a few weeks away. But nothing will deter us from closing the studio doors March 29 - April 3 for Spring Break, even if we just have to pretend that it's Springtime!

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COMMENTS

Please feel free to speak with the Secretaries or drop us an e-mail note (you can reach us through the website) if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. We want to ensure you get the best experience MVDC has to offer! Our secretaries are in the office Monday-Thursday from 4-8 p.m..

BIRTHDAY GANG!

It's time to recognize our MVDC March birthday girls and boys, the folks who arrived on Planet Earth during one of the coldest months of the year.

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, 37, and wish each of them a happy 37th birthday with as much cake and ice cream as they can stand.

Our best March birthday wishes go out to:

Miss Lauren, Mrs. Howell, Gigi Baldwin, Anique Brown, Alexis Diltz, Jordyn Gallagher, Katie Hart, Kristen Nosbisch, Nataley Snell, and Sophia Whitt.

Happy Birthday and see the secretary for your gift!



DRESS CODE REMINDER

Here's a reminder for our dancers to dress in the appropriate leotard color and tights, and don't forget to put your hair in a bun.

All preformance, kinderdance and ballet students are not permitted to wear a skirt of any kind whether separate or attached to the leotard.

Hip Hop students must wear their hair back in a ponytail and wear clean street shoes to class.

For further information, please refer to your student handbook.

BREAK DRESS CODE

The final Break Dress Code of the season will be the week of March 22nd. Donations will be given to the Humane Society of Greater Dayton.



MANLY MEN ALERT!

Alright you MVDC manly men: hopefully you are planning on pulling on those tights and scrambling down to the studio for **the first rehearsal, Saturday, March 6, from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.** Masks will need to be worn anytime we are not actively moving.

Space is limited so don't miss out. Participants will be required to pay the \$30 recital fee, but will also be entitled to all the benefits including the Dropbox link to the music and rehearsal videos.

We hope you'll join us! First rehearsal is March 6. Remaining rehearsals are March 13 and 27, April 17, May 1, 5, and 22, June 5, 6, 12 and 13. Contact Miss Kelly if you are interested in participating.

(P.S. Just kidding about the tights. Really. No tights, *please!*)

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DANCERS OF THE MONTH

MVDC is pleased to announce our March Dancers of the Month, **Annabelle White** and **Jake Stultz**, two young individuals who share a love of dance.

Annabelle White is fourteen-years-old, and she is homeschooled and presently in the 9th grade. Normally at this point we would tell you her favorite color, which happens to be not just teal, but “light teal.” (Please note that when some of us were in school this was called “greenish-blue” or similar.)



Annabelle is not the first Dancer of the

Month to claim teal as her favorite color, but she does stand alone when it comes to her favorite food; fried pineapple rice!

Annabelle has one large fluffy tabby cat named Gizmo waiting to spend time with her in between her studies. Annabelle lists her favorite hobbies as drawing, writing, and reading.

Her favorite style of dance is contemporary ballet and when we asked her why she liked to dance she replied, “It lets me forget about everything else; when I’m dancing, I forget about everything but what I’m doing.”

Finally Annabelle revealed that she is really

interested in true crime and she “hopes to go into an investigative field of some sort in the future.”

Jake Stultz is a thirteen-year-old who spends his school days rocking the eighth grade at the Dayton Regional STEM School. His favorite color is teal and he is not the first of our Dancers of the Month series to choose that color as his favorite.

Jake's favorite food is tacos, and we suspect that some of those tacos get shared with his menagerie. Jake has four dogs and three cats. Jake didn't mention their names, but we assume that they all come running when the tacos are served.



Jake is seldom bored. Besides dancing at MVDC, Jake loves to read and play video games.

His favorite style of dance is tap and he told us “I love to dance. I like the exercise, the socialization, and actually leaving my house.”

The pandemic has caused cabin fever for a lot of us Jake.

Congratulations to Annabelle and Jake, the MVDC Dancers of the Month for March. Congratulations go out also to their families.

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5/10/15/20/25 YEAR AWARDS

We've scoured our records and we think that this is the current list of dancers who should be receiving their 5, 10, 15 and 25 Year dance awards at this year's recital. If your name isn't on this list, but should be, please contact Ms. Kelly as soon as possible at Kelly@miamivalleydancecenter.com.

5 Year: Quinn Babb, Elliana Cooper, Leanna Dixon, Madeline Easterling, Elliana Fox, Sierra Groff, Brea Johnson, Karaline Johnson, Savannah Johnson, Riley Lynn, Barb Magee, Pete Magee, Claire Marthaler, Raegan Massie, Gabby McMaster, Charley Minehart, Cydnie Rigato, and Francesco Rigato.

10 Year: Lauren Butler, Kristen Hildebrecht, Bella Japs, and Kate Thacker

15 Year: Dakotah Pollard, Grant Shaffer, and Jolie Stankas

25 Year: Nancy Jacobs

GRADUATING SENIORS

It's that bittersweet time of year when we realize that we will be saying goodbye to some of our graduating seniors.

Here's our dancers who will be picking up their diploma in the next few months. Contact Miss Kelly if you're graduating and your name isn't listed below.

Sierra Groff, Bailee Gutierrez, Dakotah Pollard, Morgan Reynolds, Kayla Ross, Jolie Stankas, McKenna Wagers, Mallory Wardle, and Sophia Whitt.

Dance Force Rehearsal



Yep, we're on face-
book! "Like" us to
keep up with all the
MVDC happenings!
And we're on
Instagram!



The 2021 MVDC Dance Force



FIRST COMPETITION JUST AHEAD!

The Dance Force will be kicking off their competition season in just a few short weeks. We just wrapped up our leotard rehearsal this past Sunday and we will be moving on to our Dress Rehearsal on Sunday, March 7th. Our first competition will be Kids Artistic Revue (KAR) March 19-21 at Memorial Hall in downtown Dayton. Due to COVID restrictions, we will be limited to the number of people we are allowed to have as spectators, but they are now offering a live stream of the competition that we will be providing the link to so you can turn in from home and cheer on your MVDC Dance Force!

JUDGE KELLY

Miss Kelly recently wrapped up her first judging engagement of the season with Rainbow Dance Competition in Warren, OH. She is pictured (right) with fellow judges Erica Barela and Madison Foreman. Miss Kelly will be off again, traveling to Redondo Beach, CA in May.

Welcome back Miss Kelly!

