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Dear Parents and Students:

Costumes have arrived already, and most of them have been tried on during classes. They will **NOT** go home with you until the week of May 13, 2019. Group Pictures will be SATURDAY, May 18. Everyone must attend, regardless of if you are planning to purchase a picture or not. At that time we will also be taking a picture of each person individually for buttons or 5x7's that can be purchased at recital. You will receive your time to have these pictures taken in next month's newsletter. If you are interested, we will be having the individual photographs taken on Friday, May 17. The sign-up sheet will be in the lobby for the individual pictures soon. Look for it on the glass cabinet. The last week of classes will be May 28 - 30 (May 20 for Monday students), 2019. **For costumes to go home the week of May 13, your account must be PAID IN FULL. There will be NO exceptions.** There are no classes on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2019.

Along with your May lesson fees there will be an additional RECITAL FEE of \$40.00 per family. This is what we charge instead of charging for tickets at the door. (Some studios charge \$22 per person) This fee covers everyone that you will bring whether it is 1 or 31 people. We will have open admission for all available seats. I would like to remind everyone that there is NO reserved seating except for MDS staff.

Dress Rehearsal will be THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2019 and Recital will be SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019 at the Greenville High School Auditorium. For Rehearsal, Pre-school students need to arrive at 4:00 PM and will start promptly at 4:30 PM. All other students need to arrive at 4:30 PM and rehearsal will start at 5:00 PM. Everyone **MUST** attend Dress Rehearsal to perform in Recital. After you are done with your routine(s) at Dress Rehearsal you may leave. Recital will start promptly at 2:00 PM Students will need to arrive at the High School between 1-1:30 PM to warm-up. All students must be there for the entire recital. It will last approximately 2 1/2 hours. For both Dress Rehearsal and Recital, if students only wear one costume they should arrive in that costume with their hair and make-up already done. Make sure that they have all the parts to their costumes and all their dance shoes they need. Hair for girl ballet students will need to be in either a bun or French braid. Students in other classes need to wear their hair as discussed in class. If you are unsure as to how it should be, please check with Miss Dee. For make-up please follow the same guide that I gave you for the Holiday Program. If you need this see Miss Dee or the web site. Everyone **MUST** wear make-up darker than what you would apply for an evening out because of the high intensity lighting that is used on the stage. Without make-up, faces look washed out and pale. There will be more recital information following in the next newsletter.

This month's students of the month are Sawyer Petersen & Olivia Turner. Congratulations to both of you.

Would you like to send a special message to your favorite dancer for recital? This year you can have a special message printed in the program for the cost of \$20.00. Each message will be scaled to approximately 2 inches in height. It is a great way to give your favorite dancer extra encouragement and praise. Order forms are available in the lobby on the glass cabinet. Payment is due when the order is placed. Proceeds go to help our Dancimation Dancers. Orders must be submitted by April 18, 2019.

This is a very exciting time of year in the studio with many preparations for recital happening. Please make sure that your child is practicing their routine(s) at home. By practicing for family & friends it helps them to become accustomed to dancing in front of others. This will help with the nervousness that can come with recital. Students 6 and under should rehearse their dance(s) 2-3 times 3-4 days per week. Students 7 and up should practice each routine at least 20 minutes, 3-4 times per week or more. If you need a copy of the music, please bring a blank CD-R or flash drive to the studio and I can make one for you. For students in the opening number next month we will be having group rehearsals for the dance. The schedule is on the back of this letter. **PLEASE REMEMBER students in opening number need black bike shorts/booty short.** If you need to order this it needs to be done right away. This year's opening number is "Dancin' Through Time". We are doing different period style dances and so they will need some "Found" items that you or someone in your family may have at home. I have chosen to do it this way rather than have you buy another costume. The opening number tank and shorts will be the base for all costumes. For the lyrical and Ballet/tap/or Jazz/tap portions we will have the items all set, For the Hip hop/Jazz portions

they need some sort of white button up shirt that they can tie at their waist (Brittney Spears style). It can be over sized but I would prefer it not to be way to big. For the finale part we are doing Rock around the clock so we are looking for fifties style outfits. I.E.: Poodle skirts or jeans with a rolled up cuff to wear with their tank top, "Pink Lady" or "Lettermen" style jackets or sweaters to wear with black leggings, jeans or poodle skirts & and their tank top. I have a limited amount of poodle skirts on hand for borrowing and they can be check out based on first ask first use basis. These will need to be return to the studio. If you don't have any of these items at home check with family members or at Goodwill or one of the many other thrift stores available. If you still cannot find something, please let me know.

See you in class!

Miss Dee