

# IMPORTANT RECITAL/FINALE INFORMATION

Due to past safety concerns on the part of both MWHS and Terpsichore, we have implemented the following guidelines for our recital.

For everyone's convenience, there will be one intermission during our show. In the past, there has been too much confusion in the audience with the retrieval of children from the cafeteria being taken into the auditorium during the show and therefore, will no longer be permitted. Below you will find further information on how to pick-up your child at the conclusion of our show.

We are excited to announce that we will again be having a studio wide finale this year which ALL DANCERS are invited to participate in. Our youngest dancers will be walked out on stage by their teacher for a final bow and placed at the front of the stage. Our older dancers will also be walked out on stage for a final bow. Again, EVERY dancer is invited to participate.

Below you will find further information on how to proceed with participating in the finale on the day of the show.

## **If your child is ONLY in ACT I:**

They must remain backstage and in the cafeteria for all of Act I. There will be no exceptions to this! The children will be taken care of by a class mom, brought backstage by someone on our staff, taken care of on stage by their teacher, taken back to the cafeteria by someone on our staff and then looked after again by a class mom. We will line children up in the side hallway for the finale beginning after intermission.

Children 8 & under may be picked up from the front of the stage by ONE PARENT at the end of the show. Children 9 & older may be picked up in the hallway backstage by ONE PARENT at the end of the show.

## **If your child is ONLY in ACT II:**

They must remain backstage and in the cafeteria for all of ACT I & ACT II. There will be no exceptions to this! The children will be taken care of by a class mom, brought backstage by someone on our staff, taken care of on stage by their teacher, taken back to the cafeteria by

someone on our staff and then looked after again by a class mom. After they dance, they will be lined up in the side hallway for the finale.

Children 8 & under may be picked up from the front of the stage by ONE PARENT at the end of the show. Children 9 & older may be picked up in the hallway backstage by ONE PARENT at the end of the show.

**If your child is in BOTH ACT I & ACT II:**

They must remain backstage and in the cafeteria for all of ACT I & ACT II. There will be no exceptions to this! They will be given a dressing room to change in. They may change in the dressing room before the show and walked to the cafeteria to meet their class, leaving their belongings in the dressing room. The children will be taken care of by a class mom, brought backstage by someone on our staff, taken care of on stage by their teacher, taken back to the cafeteria by someone on our staff and then looked after again by a class mom for the remainder of ACT I. They can change in the dressing room after their first dance and return to the cafeteria to sit with the class of their second dance. They will then be walked backstage to begin lining up for the finale after they have finished dancing.

These children may be picked up in the hallway backstage by ONE PARENT at the end of the show.

**If your child is a teenager not needing the assistance of an adult:**

They must remain backstage and in the cafeteria for the entire show. There will be no exceptions to this! Even if they are only in one dance, they will not be permitted to enter & exit the auditorium during the performance.

Any older dancer performing multiple times throughout the show is asked to either utilize the dressing rooms for costume changes or sit in the cafeteria where our staff will walk them to and from the stage for their performance. We feel these children are old enough to perform costume changes on their own and need to stay together with their class.

They will be asked to begin lining up backstage after their final dance is complete.

These children may be picked up in the hallway backstage by ONE PARENT at the end of the show.