

# Keepin' On Your Toes

April 12th, 2010

Here is the newsletter you have been waiting for! This newsletter will walk you through the Spring rehearsals and shows, and anything and everything until the end of our dance school year, including our Summer dance opportunities. When you read this, if you still have questions, please ask someone at the desk. They will find an answer for you. Getting ready for our performance is exciting! It is time to sit back, relax and enjoy your child's accomplishments. As we conclude this dance school year, we want to thank you for choosing Dance In The Light for your child's dance education. We were thankful for the opportunity to work with your child, and we appreciate your patronage. God Bless you!

## *"God's Top 10"*

### **Petite Performance**

(all Pre-Dancers)

You need to have your child in the gym at least 30 minutes before show or rehearsal start time. We need ONE person to bring the dancer to the gym. You will receive a name tag with your dancer's name. Please, then take a seat in the auditorium and enjoy the show! After the show, we will exchange the child for the name tag. This is a safety measure. Please, only one person per child in the gym to drop off and pick up your child. It makes it faster to move the children in and out. Our teachers, performance company and older dance students will watch your children. There are 2 to 3 people assigned to each class. The gym door remains shut and monitored (no one in or out) when children are in the gym. Your children will be well cared for. The show will last about 1 hour to

1 hour and 15 minutes. The rehearsal will last longer. The children will be kept busy the whole time. This is the procedure for both dress rehearsal and for the show. Our rehearsals and shows start on time!

## *"Set Free"*

(All other dancers)

### **Rehearsal**

You need to be in the gym at least 30 minutes before show or rehearsal start time.

Each show has one rehearsal. The rehearsal consists of a technical rehearsal first and then dress rehearsal. Come dressed in your first costume of the show. **DO NOT LEAVE** after the technical rehearsal part. You will not do your dance for tech. You will get comfortable on stage, run through spots, spacing, beginning and ending pose, etc... We then begin dress rehearsal. It will run quickly and smoothly. Parents, please be prepared to stay for a 3 hour rehearsal. When the dancer has rehearsed the last number that she/he is in, she/he may leave. The doors will be kept shut and monitored during rehearsal and show. Younger classes will have adults or older students assigned to them. Please note: our rehearsals and shows start on time! Proper color tights and shoes are required.

## **Dates at a Glance**

Make sure you know which show you are in! (See list below)

### **Rehearsals:**

Thurs May 13 Last day of regular classes at the studio.

No regular classes at the studio on these dates!

Mon May 17 5:30 pm Rehearsal for Petite show (All Pre-Dancers)

Wed May 19 5:30 pm Rehearsal for the 6:30 pm Friday show (Mon, Wed)

Thurs May 20 5:30 pm Rehearsal for the 6:30 pm Saturday night show (Tue, Thu classes)

All tuition needs to be up to date before rehearsal! Since costume fees were due at time of enrollment, and tuition is due the first week of the month, everyone should have a zero balance by rehearsal time. IF NOT, YOU MUST TALK TO JACK; or your child will not be allowed to dance in the show!

### **Shows**

Friday May 21 6:30 pm *Set Free* - Mon, Wed classes

Saturday May 22 3:00 pm *God's Top 10* - Petite Performance show

Saturday May 22 6:30 pm *Set Free* - Tue, Thurs classes

All rehearsals and All shows are at Lincoln Cultural Center, 240 Warren Ave, Kankakee, Il. Directions to LCC (Lincoln Cultural Center). Take I-57 to exit 312, go west on Illinois Route 17 (also known as Court Street) to Nelson Avenue. Turn left (south) onto Nelson, go to Maple Street (stoplight). Turn right (west) onto Maple, go about one block to Warren Avenue. Turn right (north), this goes past the front door of LCC. At the end of the block turn right or left to go to parking lots.

Rehearsal attendance is required! We want all the children to have a good performance experience. This is only possible if they are prepared. Remember that your child's absence affects not only your child, but all the other children in the class! Reminder: We are not running on a regular studio class schedule the week of rehearsals. Your child will attend the appropriate rehearsal that week instead of class at the studio.

**Petite Performance - 3:00 pm show**  
**"God's Top 10"**

Dress Rehearsal: Mon May 17, 5:30 pm  
Show: Sat May 22, 3:00 pm

The rest of the studio is divided into two. The show is entitled:  
**"Set Free"**

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**Rehearsals and Shows**

Please keep the auditorium quiet. Absolutely no eating or drinking in the auditorium. We try to run smooth & timely rehearsals and shows. Thank you in advance for your patience. Your child must stay for the whole show. For the rehearsal, they may leave after their last number in the show (Set Free shows only). Children must come to rehearsal and shows dressed in costume and ready for their first number. They must come with all costumes. **Make sure** your child has the correct color dance tights and shoes for her / his number. All must have the same color tights and shoes. If you need to take your child out of the gym before the show is over you need to let Ruth know in advance. The door monitors will not allow any child out or any adult in the gym during the show. This is a safety measure for all families. The monitors do not know if you are a child's parent or just someone off the street. Again, dancers will remain in the gym for the whole show. Thank you.

**Costume Note for Parents**

Please have your child try on her / his costume and all costume pieces. Please attach and / or fasten anything that needs attention. Please do not wait until picture day. Also, remember that you can take pictures and video tape the rehearsal. Make sure your child has the correct kind and color of shoes and tights and has on all accessories for the pictures and rehearsal. It's a shame to take pictures of the class and have kids in the picture that do not match.

**Costume Rules**

Girls, no underwear (unless it is not seen) is to be worn under the costume. Underwear is very unattractive when it sticks out of a beautiful costume and it is not very discreet as it draws the eye of the audience to the child's bottom.

\* **Older Girls:** Undergarments will not be seen if they are beige in color. A white undergarment under a white costume is obvious, while beige is

not seen. All older girls are to wear undergarments.

\* **Hair** is to be up off the face and tightly secured in the style that your teacher has specified for your number.

\* **Shoes** must be that which is specified in our studio policies in order to match the class, unless otherwise specified by your teacher.

\* **Tights** must be dance tights and color will be indicated by the teacher. Ask at the desk for correct color for your costume.

Tights must be bought

in our store. This assures that the class will match. Bloch brand please.

\* **Stage make up** is beneficial but not required. Your child's face will show up better if she / he has on some stage make-up.

\* **Never** eat while in costume !!!!!!! Do not bring food with you to the rehearsal nor to the show.

\* **No** chewing gum.

\* Please remove size tag (especially if it shows through the costume).

\* Please put your name in everything of yours.

\* Accessories and props: (gloves, hats, etc) are on loan to the student for the show - make sure they are returned so that the next show can use them.

If you are in the last show, make sure you leave them in the gym.

#### **More Costume Notes**

Please keep track of your headpiece, mitts, sock, arm bands, ribbons, etc...(anything that you received with your costume) and make sure you bring them to rehearsal and show. If one person in the class forgets their ie.. mitts, then, no one gets to wear them. On that note of eye appealing conformity on stage: Please have on the correct color tights. Bloch brand - light tan or pink. Costume corrections will be given during picture week. The day of rehearsal will run much smoothly if the class conformity is correct - hair, tights, shoes, accessories, etc...

#### **Tickets are on Sale**

Tickets go on sale on Tues April 20<sup>th</sup>. They are \$8 per ticket in advance, \$10 per ticket at the door. Your ticket is a numbered seat. It is not general admission. All ticket sales are final. The auditorium has plenty of seating and you can see well from any seat. The school is handicapped accessible. There is an elevator by the north-east door entrance.

#### **Serious Stuff**

##### **Past Due Accounts**

We have many past due accounts. Please have your account up to date, or have arrangements made, before rehearsal. If you have received a statement in the mail, do not ignore this statement. Please take care of the bill or give Jack a call in the office (465-6318). All tuition is due the first class of the month. Please do not put us in the position of having to deny your dancer the opportunity to be in the rehearsal or show.

#### **Pictures in studio the week of May 4th**

New Beginnings Photography will be at the studio to take your child's picture and a class photo during your class the week of April 26-29. Your child must wear their costume to class as the photographer will be offering a group picture with the photo packages. There are order envelopes at the counter. Please fill it out with payment if you want individual pictures. The day of pictures, your child will hand it to the photographer. The class will dance in the costume which will give us the chance to make any costume corrections and make sure all costume pieces are secure. Since we just have one rehearsal per show, this will help us be more prepared. Please note that most props and accessories (gloves, hats, etc) belong to the studio and are on loan to the student for the show. Please do not take home accessories or props that you did not purchase.

#### **Professional DVD**

We will have the shows professionally recorded by Zaker Video Productions, Inc of Orland Park, and made available for you to purchase. DVDs must be ordered, and payment must accompany the order. Order forms are available at the desk. Put your order and payment in the drop box at the studio. Orders without payment will not be accepted. Price is \$25 for one show, and a package of 2 different shows is \$40. All three shows available for \$50. Make checks payable to Zaker Video Productions, Inc.

#### **Video Taping and Pictures**

You may take pictures and video tape the dress rehearsals. However, we insist that you do not take pictures nor video tape the performances. We have found it nearly impossible to avoid obstructing the view of those sitting around you in the attempt to 'get a good shot'. Your flash also is a distraction and poses a danger to the dancers. Finally, we want you to relax and enjoy the show.

You worked hard to get your child this far in her / his dance education. You deserve to watch the show with your family and friends in a relaxed atmosphere. Please pass this information on to your family and friends so that they do not bring their cameras and put us in the position of enforcing these rules.

### **Dancers Boutique**

For your convenience we will have a dancers boutique set up at the shows. We will offer fresh flower bouquets, candy bouquets, and gifts. Please take advantage of the boutique and thank you in advance for supporting the studio. To be assured of a bouquet, please order at desk by May 3<sup>rd</sup>. You won't have to hold your bouquet during the show - you can pick it up in the hallway after the show.

Thanks a bunch for your order!

### **Benefit Basket Drawing**

Soon we will begin selling tickets for a drawing to benefit our performance companies. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is one free dance class for the 2010 -2011 dance school year. 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is \$200 in free merchandise at Dance in the Light Dance Apparel Store. 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is free enrollment fee for 2010 - 2011 dance school year and \$100 in free merchandise at Dance in the Light Dance Apparel Store. 4<sup>th</sup> prize is 6 free tickets for the 2010 Christmas show and 6 free tickets for the 2011 Spring show, and a DVD from both your Christmas performance and your Spring performance. Thank you in advance for your ticket purchase(s) and supporting our companies.

### **Class Attendance**

Just a note about attendance. With such a short time remaining before the show, it is extremely important that your child not miss any classes. The teachers are trying to finalize and polish the numbers, and it is very difficult if some of the class members are missing. Please make a more than usual effort to have your child in attendance and on time!

### **Hall and Door Monitors**

We have made arrangements for Boy Scouts to monitor the doors and hallways during the shows. We want to thank the Scouts who have graciously agreed to help people at the doors, help with the elevator, and monitor the hallways, auditorium and gym doors during the performances. Please be respectful to them. Thank you.

### **Volunteers**

Volunteers Needed! We would be grateful for your help in ushering. **Ushers** hand out programs, help people find their seats, monitor the doors during performance, and help people find wash room. Need to be at LCC at least 45 min before show time. Please sign up at the desk. Thank you very much.

### **For Your Information - Purpose of Shows**

Why do we do a show? To honor God with music and movement, to have fun, to learn stage performance, to be part of a production, to invite your friends and relatives to see what you have accomplished, to entertain! Why do we do rehearsals? To decide on lighting, placement on stage, sound level, stage entry and exit, to run the show like the performance, to get used to the costumes and costume changes, to get comfortable with the school facilities and stage area.

### **End of Classes**

The last day of regular classes is Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Please note: *There are no regular classes during the week of rehearsals and shows.* Thank you for being with us this past season. You have been a blessing to us and we thank you for a successful season. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's dance education. God Bless your summer and hopefully we will see you at Summer Dance and in classes for the 2010-2011 dance school year.

### **Summer Dance Session**

You may sign up for Summer Dance now! Summer Dance is June 14 - June 17. Classes offered are: Pre-dance, Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, and Acrobatics. The schedule TBA

### **Ballet Intensive**

June 21<sup>st</sup> through July 10th. Monday through Friday

Beginner through level 4

Beginning at age 7 (no experience required)

All levels will be included in the July 10th performance! See desk for more information.

We did our first ballet intensive last year and the advancement in technical ability of the dancers was awesome! If you want to hone your ability in all dance styles, this ballet intensive is for you!

### **Summer Pre-Dance**

We will have Pre-Dance on Tuesdays, 6:00 - 7:00 beginning June 22 through August 10. Attend any 4 of the 8 classes for a one time fee of \$45

### **Walk In Classes**

No need to register! Just walk in! Beginning Tuesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Schedule TBA  
3:00 Tap            4:00 Hip Hop            5:00 Acrobatics

### **Why come to Summer Dance?**

- \* Training in technique and combinations.
- \* A good time to try a different dance style.
- \* A good way to advance in your level of dance.
  - \* Consistency and concentration.
  - \* Fun! See your dance friends

### **Registration Date for 2010-2011 Dance School Year**

Registration begins on Tuesday August 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 10:00 am at the studio.

### **Sale**

We will have a **HUGE SALE** in the store starting June 2<sup>nd</sup>. 50% - 80% off on discontinued styles, one of a kinds, over stock, etc. Don't miss it!

### **FYI (Performance Companies)**

Our performance companies '*in His steps*' and '*Sole to Soul*' tap company are service organizations organized for the purpose of community service. When they go into the community and do shows, they are not only bringing joy and putting a smile on the residents faces, they are bringing to the residents the Gospel message, the hope of eternal life we have in Jesus. We see tears of joy at most shows. The residents need the hope and joy we bring. We may touch people that the only exposure they get to the Bible is the Jesus they see in the dancers and the words they hear in our songs. Please help support these kids as they are a dedicated and positive representation of Dance in the Light. A good share of their holiday season was spent rehearsing and doing shows. While other kids were going to movies, partying, hanging out, etc... these kids were giving the gift of the Gospel message and happiness to many people. They did 8 shows between Thanksgiving and Christmas!

We have a new Performance Company! As a studio, we realized that we were limited in our ability to offer shows to nursing homes, as a lot of the time nursing homes need a daytime show. This need birthed our Home School Performance Company. (We need a name, any suggestions?) The company consists of 7 dancers (and a few younger siblings thrown in here and there!) We organized late in October and have done shows at The Bickford House (our debut!), Bourbonnais; River Valley Supportive Living, Kankakee; The Veterans Home residence 5, Manteno; and Heritage Village, Bradley. Home School Performance Company is led by Miss Leah. Members are Jacqueline Randolph, Kaylee Kulzeka, Casey Koerner, Logan Velasquez, Molly Steele, Krystal Kadow, and Bailey Testerman, with siblings Davis Testerman, Gage Velasquez, Levi, Tavia and Averum Warner.

Please help support all of our performance companies with your ticket purchases for the basket drawing. They are raising money to go to Dance Revolution Dance Convention in Indianapolis. This is a Christian convention which feeds their soul and makes them stronger Christians as well as stronger dancers.

Along with doing community shows, another one of our performance companies responsibilities is to help with the Petite Performance. Those of you who have Pre-Dancers have seen the company members in the class rooms. They are getting to know your children and learning their dance numbers so they can help the Pre-Dancers on and behind stage. The Petite Performance would be impossible to do if it were not for the Performance company members. A big thank you goes to these students for their love and dedication.

### **Walk for Life**

Where?: Perry Farm

When?: April 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am

Some members of our performance companies along with DITL friends and family are going to help raise money and walk for Living Alternatives Crisis Pregnancy Center in Kankakee. If you have a heart for the unborn and women in a crisis pregnancy, please come walk with us. Pledge information is at the counter. Thank you.

*Thank you for being with us this past year. We pray God's protection to your family for a safe summer. We hope to see you during the summer and / or in September!*