

# Keepin' on Your Toes

September 14, 2009

## Welcome

Welcome to Dance In the Light as we begin our 2009 / 2010 dance year. We would like to begin with a heart felt 'Thank You.' Because you are here, we can be here. In these hard economic times, we are blessed that you have chosen to begin, or continue, your child's dance education. We are blessed that you have chosen to be here at Dance in the Light. You are the backbone of our business and we are dedicated in giving you a great dance education. God has blessed our staff by being connected to the professional dance world in many ways. No matter what the reason is that you have walked through our door, our prayer is that we will meet your needs. Our hope is that with the dance training we offer, our students will become great dancers, have fun, get great exercise, sharpened minds and strengthened faith through the music, teaching methods and choreography. Dance was created by God and our staff is dedicated to honor Him through the art of dance. Again, welcome and thanks for being here!

## Observation Windows

Watch windows are available because we want you to be a part of your child's dance education (see Studio Policy booklet page 8). Please help us stay satisfied with this decision by following the 'whatever rule'. God says: Whatever is true, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things. Philippians 4:10 If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to the person behind the desk. They will answer your question or direct you to someone who can., There is never a reason to have an unanswered concern or question. We are here for you!

## Bring a Friend day

The week of Sep 21 to 24 is bring a friend to class day. If your child has a friend or relative that is considering taking dance class and wants to try a class, here is their opportunity! (or if they just want to come and have fun, welcome)!

## Wear a costume to class day

The week of October 26 is wear a costume to class day (all week). We prefer that the costume be a dance costume so it is easy to dance in, but any God pleasing costume that they can move in is acceptable. So, don't miss out on the fun, remember the day and get some use out of those old costumes.

## Studio Dress Code

Just a reminder of our studio dress code. The studio requires that every dancer wears a leotard. Any color, any kind is fine (express yourself)! It is up to the individual teacher as to how many dance clothes are allowed over the leotard. The leotard allows freedom of movement with discretion, which is an issue with every dance style. Discretion is an extra concern because of our observation windows. We also require that the dancer wear appropriate dance shoes and color for the class being taken. If you start out the year in the wrong color, that is fine, as long as by show time you match the class - (see Studio Policy booklet page 7).

## Christmas Show

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Did I get your attention? We have a studio policy change. The Christmas shows will be on the same day, same times, but changed to Kankakee Jr High School, 2250 Crestwood, Kankakee, IL (Near I-57 exit 312 that intersects with Illinois Route 17).

The auditorium where we were contracted to have the Christmas shows at is being renovated. So, just remember to correct your studio policy with the new location: Kankakee Jr High School, 2250 Crestwood, Kankakee.

It was also brought to our attention that the Petite Christmas Performance has 2 different times listed in the studio policy. The correct time is 3:30 pm. Please make note of this change also. Thanks!

## Fundraiser

Our performance companies, 'in His steps' and Sole to Soul will be doing some fundraisers. They are raising money to be able to attend a dance convention in Indianapolis in February. The studio does not make money on the fundraisers. The members get 100% of the profit for themselves. Please help and support them in their endeavor. They will be selling delicious dip mixes which you will be able to sample the first week of Oct, and also South Bend Chocolates with samples the week before Thanksgiving. All in time for Christmas gifts! By the way, any student at the studio ages 6 or above are encouraged to attend the dance convention. More info on the convention is in the Studio Policy booklet page 11. You can also get more information from the person at the desk.

## Studio Policy booklet change

The date of the convention has been changed to Feb 19 - 21, 2010. Please mark your calendar if this pertains to you.

Thank you.....for supporting our performance companies. If you look at the bulletin boards by studio two, you can see where they

have been performing and where they will be next. Our performance companies are ready with choreography and when the studio is called on for a show, we rely on our companies to do a performance. We thank the performance companies for their fine representation of the studio and also a big thank you to our Dance in the Light families that help support the companies endeavors. Summer performances included: The Strawberry Jazz Festival in Kankakee; The Bourbonnais Friendship Festival; The Spice of Life Variety Show at BBCHS; Cigna Diversity Event in Bourbonnais.

**Sole to Soul Tap Company** will be holding auditions next week on Tuesday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30. Auditions are open to any student at Dance In The Light. We are looking for tappers who are at least 10 years old, at an intermediate to advanced level, who can execute tap steps accurately, with correct and clear sound, can pick up choreography quickly, have performance personality, can take correction, and are at the level of performance we are needing. The student is required to be in at least one tap class and a ballet or jazz class. Dedication to shows, company class attendance and practice time at home is a requirement.

### **Newsletters**

As stated in the Studio Policy booklet, we will have a newsletter periodically. There will be one posted by each studio watch window. To obtain a copy, you need to go to our web site: [www.danceinthelight.com](http://www.danceinthelight.com) where you can sign up to receive one. Once you do that, you will automatically receive newsletters and any thing else we send out in an e-mail. If you do not have access to a computer - to get a newsletter, we will have a limited amount of copies up by the desk. So please read the newsletter, as we are trying to keep you informed!

### **First Week of Class**

Please be patient with us as we settle into the new dance year. It gets a little crazy in here as people are buying shoes, the students are finding the correct studio and everyone is getting accustomed to the new schedule. Sometimes it takes a couple weeks to make sure everyone's level is correct. Please bear with us as we settle in.

**Any Changes**...in classes, (change, drop, add) must be communicated to Jack (office manager) by filling out a pink change form, and putting it in the payment box. Together we can keep errors to a minimum with good communication. If you need to talk to Jack, call him at the office 815/465-6318. The person at the desk **DOES NOT** have access to, nor knowledge of your account. Any changes in classes will have a \$10 change fee. The fee does not apply if we initiate the change. Please remember that tuition is due the first class of each month. Place it in the white payment box at the end of the desk.

### **Apologies**

We apologize for the unexpected delay in getting the DVDs from our May shows. We were not satisfied with the finished product. We are working with the videographer to correct the situation. You will end up with a great DVD. Thanks for your patience.

**Thank you**...again for being here. God has blessed us with your presence and we are thankful that you have chosen Dance in the Light for your dance education. Let's have a great year!