**World Class Dance November 2024 Newsletter**

Parents & Students,

What a great October we had. Everyone enjoyed their first observation week and we enjoyed all the wonderful costumes during Halloween costume week. Congratulations to our costume contest winners: Funniest – Spencer C as a Banana, Most Colorful- Cat D as a Cat, Most Creative (Original) – Lia F as an DD Employee, Most Artistic – Morgan K as a Monarch Butterfly, Scariest – Autumn A as a Scary Clown & Overall (favorite) Best Costume – Callie & Lulu S as Puppies. These winners will receive a trophy plaque and posted on social media. Please follow us on all our social media to stay connected on our fun, communications and recognitions including our student of the month.

I would like to welcome a new addition to our teaching staff, Miss Lilian. Miss Lilian has danced all throughout her life in several techniques. However, her specialties include classical ballet with the Kansas City Ballet & performing professionally with them. She added to her training a school that focused solely on Horton style Modern dance. She has continued to share her experiences instructing throughout the area. Lilian is dedicated to sharing the joy of dance with her students, helping to find their own uniqueness through the art of movement and dance. Miss Lilian will be instructing an intro to modern class for ages 11-15, during our winter 6-week session (non- recital). \*Our 6-week session will also offer an adult Hip-Hop class with Miss Erin. Please see details below.

Enrollment for our 2024-20245 season ends November 15th. This also includes class add-on/transfers. There will be a $25 drop fee for any drops after November 15th for the remainder of the season. If you need to drop out for the season, please send an email prior to the first of the month to discontinue scheduled monthly tuition.

**SAVE THE DATE! RECITAL: May 31st 2025** at Ballston Spa High School. (WCDs 2025 season will end in May. National Team Dancers will have a modified June schedule) Recital will begin promptly at 2pm (est. to end 4:45pm) Recital Costume forms will be available November 15th – December 15th. The total fee of $155 includes: One class costume, one pair of performance tights, one recital performance shirt (which all dancers wear in our finale’ dance) AND your 2025 digital recital video - which gets emailed to first the email you have on file. All those participating in our annual recital must complete and submit a costume/recital participation form no later then December 15th. $72 Each Additional Class Costume. We will charge the card on file the next morning after you submit your form. No forms accepted after 12/15. \*We must have 1-2 female volunteer chaperones per class in order for the class to participate in our recital. Please indicate on your costume form as well as communicate with our staff if you are willing and able to chaperone. Chaperones need to be scheduled by December 15th so costumes can be ordered. Each volunteer chaperone will receive one of our 2025 recitals shirts for free. Costumes will not be ordered for anyone that does not submit a form by 12/15, and will not be eligible to perform in our recital. Costume order will be placed 12/16. I will measure each student during class the first two weeks in December so it is extremely important that your dancer attends class consistently. I will also place another shoe order over the holiday break, so if anyone does not have the required shoes or needs new shoes, please make sure your dancer is fitted before 12/15.

It is important that all dancers have their names on their shoes. Please be aware of taking the incorrect shoes home by accident. Check dance bags to make sure your dancers have their own shoes and not someone else. Again, names on shoes are SO important.

As the wet weather approaches please make sure all wet shoes are placed on the trays that will be provided. Coats, hats etc. hung up on the wall. We typically follow the Shen school district closings; however, many times roads will be clear by the time dance begins. Any closings due to inclement weather will be posted on all our social media and web by 2pm. There are no make-up classes for unsafe weather conditions.

Toys for Tots: We have a collection bin until about 12/11 to help collect new toys for families in need. Please encourage your dancer to pick out a special toy to give a gift to those less fortunate.

~ Share with us how thankful you are and return your Thanksgiving coloring page, you receive in class, to us to display.

~ November – Registration opens for our 6-week winter session (non-recital) January 6th – February 11th. $100/session, $15 reg fee for non-current dancers. Classes: Adult Hip-Hop Mondays 7:30-8:15. \* Intro to Modern ages 11-15 Tuesdays 6:00-6:45.

~ CLOSED November 27th – 28th – Thanksgiving

~ Miss Erica

