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“KEEPING IN STEP”

October 2023

Academy Closings:

Halloween: Tuesday, October 31

Public School Teacher Convention: - Thursday, November 9th and Friday, November 10th

Thanksgiving break: Wednesday, November 22nd thru Sunday, November 26th

Winter break: Friday, December 22nd thru Monday, January 1st

Spring Break: Friday, March 29th thru Sunday, April 7th

Memorial Weekend: Saturday, May 25th thru Monday, May 27th

Dear Students and Parents,

The LDAD staff and I welcome each one of you to our 47th year of Sharing our Love of Dance. It is heartwarming to feel the energy and enthusiasm as families enter the academy and observe the students students as well as the students making new friends and sharing their love of dance with each other.

It is my pleasure to introduce our talented and dedicated staff: Cathy Giuffre, office manager/teacher, Janine Dayson, director of The Dance Project (our prestigious competition team), and master teachers, Sydney DeStefano, Stacie Dorriellan, Syasia Everett, Gina Giuffre, Joy Giuffre, Taylor Redmond, Meagan Salma, Victoria Strata-Bell, Delaney Tice, and Jenna Walter.

Our assistant teacher program has grown! We are very proud of these enthusiastic, aspiring assistants, Julia Barnard, Olivia DeFreitas, Sophie Hart, Anna Smid, Sara Torelli and Diana VanWingerden under the direction of Joy Giuffre and Gina Giuffre.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Halloween **Spirit Week** – **Tuesday, October 24th- Monday, October 30th**. A flyer with details was sent via email and is posted in the studio.

The LDAD Apparel store will open again the week of **November 12th** for anyone who missed the opportunity. Merchandise will arrive in time for holiday gift giving.

Our **Holiday Party** will be celebrated this year on **Saturday, December 9th** from 3:00- 4:30 PM. We celebrate with song, crafts, games, and SANTA! A permission slip is attached to this newsletter. We ask each parent to bring cookies, a snack, or a few juice boxes. Thank you in advance for supporting this event!

Preparation is underway for our annual **Christmas Showcase** performance at the Atrium Nursing Home in Wayne on **Sunday, December 10th**. Performance is at 2pm. This is a special performance giving our Christmas cheer and love to those less fortunate than we are. If your child's class is performing we will notify you via email which will include a permission slip. Dances will be learned during class time.

Christmas Spirit Week – **Friday, December 15th – Thursday, December 21st**. Details to follow.

RECITAL REMINDERS:

Our 46th recital is scheduled for **Saturday, June 15, 2024 at West Milford High School**. There will be 2 Showcases that day: 12:30 PM performance and a 6:00 PM performance. Our PK and Kinder ballet/tap combo classes and 1st grade combo (ballet, tap, jazz) class will perform in only one showcase. All other classes will perform in both performances. You will be notified in the near future which performance is assigned to your dancer.

In preparation for our recital, please mark your calendars for the following important dates:

Picture Day will be **Saturday, May 18th, 2024**. Please wear your full costume. There will be a class pose as well as individual poses. All are asked to attend. There will be additional information in our January KIS.

Full dress rehearsal in all classes **the week of May 20th**.

In-studio run thru scheduled **Wednesday, May 29th** no regular classes that day. Dancers wear regular dance clothes. **THIS IS NOT A DRESS REHEARSAL**. There will be regular classes the rest of the week. Timelines for the run thru will be announced as time approaches.

Full Dress Rehearsal will be **Thursday, June 6th** at West Milford High School. Costumes, hair and makeup are required as this is practice for the real show. This will help ensure there are no surprises on June 15th which will allow everyone to feel as confident and prepared as possible.

RECITAL COSTUME REMINDER:

Recital costumes will be ordered for each student during the month of December. He or she will be measured in class. Each costume costs between \$85. - \$110. A different costume is ordered for each class. The 1st and 2nd grade triplet classes will receive a 3 in 1 costume which might cost a bit more. We try very hard to keep costs down. There is a deposit due for each costume of \$70.00 which will be due by **November 10th**. Your child's costume or costumes cannot be ordered without the deposit paid. The balance will be due by **February 15th**.

Shoes and Tights: Order forms for tights and required dance shoes for each class will be confirmed in the January Keeping In Step newsletter. All PK, Kinder and Triplet classes require pink ballet shoes, black tette tap shoes, and caramel jazz boots if jazz is in your child's curriculum. Dance shoes for all other classes will be confirmed by your teacher.

Because email is the most convenient way of communication, you will receive your statements and special information through email along with our ***Keeping In Step*** newsletter periodically through the season. We ask that you please answer our emails ASAP as many are time sensitive. Thank you.

If you have not submitted your signed 2023-2024 Policy Agreement, please stop in the office we have extra copies on hand. There is a social media waiver at the end of the notice that requires your acknowledgment.

To ensure the most progress during our dancers' education, we encourage our students to strive for perfect attendance and practicing at home. If your child is unable to attend class due to illness, injury, etc., he or she may make up the class by attending another class made available to your child. No credit will be given for missed classes. If your child does not feel well, please do not attend class and notify the academy of their absence.

Please follow our Facebook and Instagram for important updates, photos and fun! We post our breaks, news and unexpected closings due to inclement weather on our social media pages. Facebook – www.facebook.com/ldadancers, Instagram@ldadancers.

Please keep this **Keeping In Step** Newsletter handy for reference. If you have any questions, we are here to help. Stay healthy, happy, and dancing!

Dancingly yours,

Mrs. D and Staff

Permission Slip for Holiday Party
Saturday, December 9, 2023

I give my child _____ permission to attend the Academy Holiday Party on Saturday, December 9, 2023 from 3:00PM to 4:30PM.

Class Day & Time _____

I am able to bake. Yes ____ No ____ ____ cookies ____ cupcakes ____ brownies
____ other

I am able to bring a package of box drinks. Yes ____ No ____

Parent or Guardian Signature _____