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FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2018

COSTUME DEPOSITS

Thank you to everyone for returning your costume deposits. For those of you who have not yet returned these, they were due on FEBRUARY 5th. PLEASE SEND THESE IN RIGHT AWAY! We will be measuring the dancers over the next few weeks - info will be sent to you by email as necessary- in some cases you may need to come in at a time different from your regular class to be measured. Please watch for details.

3rd TERM FEES

We would like to remind everyone that the 3rd term begins on Monday, March 19th and concludes with our year end performance. Please make note that all post dated cheques for 3rd term will deposited on March 19th.

SUMMER CAMP

Information about our summer camp programs is now being sent home. Camps for ages 4 and up are available in JULY – offering students the opportunity to experience all forms of dance, acting, singing and crafts! **DO NOT DELAY IN SENDING IN YOUR REGISTRATION –PLACES FILL UP VERY QUICKLY**

LOST AND FOUND

Please remember to check the change room for any clothing items that you may have misplaced. There are a large number of sweatshirts, socks and mittens and WATER BOTTLES that have been left behind. All items that have been in the change room for more than a month and are not claimed by the end of March will be given to charity.

EXAMINATIONS

Congratulations to all of our dancers who are participating in examinations with the ISTD on February 19th and 20th! We are extremely proud of all of you and your achievements!

HOLIDAYS

If your dancer will be missing class on any date other than those listed below as cancelled, please inform us as soon as possible.

ALL CLASSES WILL BECOME REHEARSALS FOR THE YEAR END PERFORMANCE BEGINNING ON MARCH 19th. REGULAR **ATTENDANCE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!!!** If your dancer will be absent from class for any reason during the 3rd term please let us know immediately (ex. family holiday). As always, we ask that you phone the school if your dancer is to be absent due to illness.

<u>FAMILY DAY</u> – THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON FEBRUARY 17th- 19th INCLUSIVE (with the exception of scheduled examinations)

MARCH BREAK -THE SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED FROM MARCH 10th-18th INCLUSIVE

EASTER WEEKEND

FRIDAY, MARCH 30TH – CLASSES WILL BE CANCELLED SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST – CLASSES **WILL RUN AS USUAL** MONDAY, APRIL 2ND – CLASSES WILL BE CANCELLED

MAY LONG WEEKEND

CLASSES **WILL BE HELD AS USUAL** DURING THE LONG WEEKEND IN MAY THIS YEAR (MAY 19th-21st). **THIS INCLUDES THE HOLIDAY MONDAY!!**

This weekend falls very close to our year end performance. **Please plan to attend all regular classes** – and let us know immediately if you will be away

YEAR END PERFORMANCE

REMINDER – OUR PERFORMANCE WEEK IS MAY 27^{TH} – JUNE 2nd INCLUSIVE. PLEASE BE SURE THAT YOU HAVE MARKED YOUR CALENDAR © DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER THE BREAK

We are currently in the process of organizing which junior classes (nursery, pre-primary, primary 1st and 2nd year and grade 1 1st year ballet, primary, grade 1 and 2 modern, primary and grade 1 tap) will perform each night – trying to make this fit for the many siblings and students who participate in more than one class weekly. More detailed information will follow after the March Break. At that time you will be given the specific show date(s) that your dancer will perform. **ALL OTHER CLASSES WILL PERFORM IN ALL 5 SHOWS**

In some cases, classes will be combined to create one show dance (usually our older dancers). A newsletter detailing which classes will be combined and when classes will rehearse together will be sent home shortly. As always, we work very hard to keep to our regular timetable and only ask students to attend a small number of extra rehearsals when combining groups.

As we head into "show season" a great deal of information will be sent home. Please read all newsletters carefully (we suggest keeping a binder of all information :) Newsletters are also posted on our bulletin board and website.

PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US WITH ANY QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE!

A NIGHT WITH PURE GRACE! - MARCH 4TH

On March 4th our performing company PURE GRACE will present a showcase of many of the pieces they have worked on this year. This will take place at <u>film.ca</u> Cinemas at 7:15pm. Tickets will be limited, but we do encourage you to come out to support our dancers! You will be highly entertained by their talents! If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please email Miss Knapp.

THE SPIRIT MOVES CHRISTIAN DANCE COMPANY- EVENING OF DANCE

On Sunday, April 8th at 7:30pm, our very own Spirit Moves Christian Dance Company will present a Spring Evening of Dance at Maple Grove United Church. We will also be joined by students from Spurrell Singing Studio and by members of PURE GRACE. It promises to be a wonderful evening!

Tickets are sold at the door for \$10 – ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO ERINOAK KIDS CENTRE FOR TREATMENT AND DEVELOPMENT this year. Please plan to join us! Enjoy some beautiful dancing and support children and families in need of our support.

ANNUAL LEMONADE PARTY – SATURDAY JUNE 9TH

Please mark your calendar now ! On Saturday, June 9TH we would like to invite all families to join us for a 'drop in' gathering at the studio. Lemonade and cookies will be served! You will have the opportunity to watch a preview of the DVD of our year end performance, pre-register for the fall and visit with friends. It is always a fun day! The party will take place between 11am and 1pm.