

Woodland Dance Center News

October 2023



Happy Fall Y'all,

That is what they say, right? The leaves are beginning to turn colors already, the wind is blowing more, the nights are coming faster, and there is a very brisk chill in the air. Love it or hate it, it sure is beautiful.

What a great start to the new dance season. It feels like many of the students are settling in very nicely to their classes. Some classes we are still promoting, monitoring, shifting and overhauling. If you know someone that would love dance, spread the word. We typically will offer a "try it" class to anyone who is not sure. Please take a moment to read through this newsletter. We want to keep you in the loop with as much information as we can. If you have any questions please feel free to message via Facebook, email us, or give us a call. We have a team of people who monitor all of these communication avenues to respond as promptly as we can. Thank you all for joining us this season and we are so excited to move through this year with all of your dancers. We have lots of fun stuff happening over the next few months so keep your eyes open for emails and postings coming your way. Take care and have a great October.

~ Sincerely WDC Staff and Board

Important Dates

10/1	Coloring Contests Begins
10/23	Coloring Contest Submissions Due
10/ 23-27	Costume Week
10/31	NO CLASS Halloween
11/1	Costume Fees Due
11/1	Christmas Cash Raffle Tickets on Sale
11/10	NO CLASS Veteran's Day
11/22-24	NO CLASS Thanksgiving Break
12/2	Winter Performance & Fundraiser <i>*More details to come</i>
12/22-1/1	NO CLASS Winter Break <i>*Please note this is different than school closure dates</i>
1/2	Return to Class—Tuesday
1/15	NO CLASS MLK Holiday
2/19	NO CLASS President's Day
4/1-5	NO CLASS Spring Break
April	Spring Fundraiser <i>*Date TBA</i>
May	Recital Pictures <i>*Date TBA</i>
5/27	NO CLASS Memorial Day
June	Recital (Rehearsal and Performance) <i>*Date TBA</i>
6/15	Planter's Day Parade

Studio Notes and Reminders

This Section— This part of the newsletter will always have short snippets of reminders or general notes. If there are items that need more details, you will see them in the additional pages of the newsletter.

Weather— As we are heading into a very wet season we want to make sure you are prepared. Please see all the tips and tricks for coming to dance class during the rainy season.

Water Bottles— We encourage all students to bring their own water bottle. We do not have a drinking fountain nor do we supply disposable cups for the kids to use.

Costume Fees— You will begin to notice that costume fees will be added to your accounts. We will need start ordering costumes for our end of the year recital. We typically need to order costumes in November / December to ensure they are here in time for pictures/ recital. Shipping can take up to 5 months sometimes. Payment for costumes is due by November 1st.

October Tuition— October tuition is due on the 1st. If you have selected auto pay, those funds will be drafted the first of the month. If you have any billing questions please be sure to send and email to billingquestions@woodlanddancecenter.com

Parking— Please use extreme caution when parking at WDC. This is a shared parking lot with limited space. Please take note of the following.

- We recommend escorting your children to the door if they are younger.
- Older children can be dropped off quickly at the curb in front of class.
- Parking lot is one way only. Exit is at the end of the parking lot to the left.
- Additional parking can be found on the street or across the street.
- Be courteous to all patrons who use this parking lot as we are not the only business here.

COSTUME WEEK

Join us in wearing your favorite dress up during the week of October 23-27. Make sure you can still dance



in what you wear
and please
no masks.



Wet Weather

As we move into the rainy and wet part of the season we have a couple of tips to help keep our studio as clean as possible.

- ~ Have your student wear shoes that slip on and off easily. Boots are great for this season.
- ~ Be sure to wipe your feet upon entry into the studio.
- ~ When entering the studio, please be sure to walk around the perimeter of the dance floor.
- ~ Shoes used for class **SHOULD NOT** be worn outside.
**Especially important for hip hoppers who tend to use street shoes for class.*

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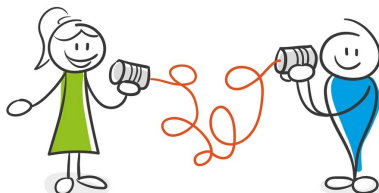
<https://www.facebook.com/WoodlandDanceCenter>

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WDC Coloring Contest 2023



Did you know WDC is hosting a community wide coloring contest?

We will be collecting entries over the next few weeks. One winner in each of the four age categories will receive a prize. All ages welcome.

Pick up your coloring sheet with all the details at the studio.

Deadline for submission is Monday October 23rd, 8pm



Sickness and Substitutes



'Tis the season for cold and flu. As your children start to bring home those seasonal germs from school, we want to review a few studio guidelines.

- If your student is not feeling well, we ask that you keep them home to rest.
- Send us a quick message via messenger, email or phone, if your student will be absent.
- Please note that sometimes it is our teachers that are sick. We do our best to find them a substitute teacher for the day, but it is not always possible. If we are unable to find a sub for your class we may have to cancel. In the event we have to do cancel, we will schedule a make up class.
- We will have hand sanitizer in all classrooms, we encourage students to wash hands and/or use sanitizers before and during class.

Help Wanted

Are you a parent who likes to volunteer at your student's school. If so, we could use your help at WDC as well. From small tasks to larger tasks. It could be as simple as organizing, or more intricate like painting, or something hefty like building something. We have needs for all of your skills. If you think you would be a great candidate for helping, please email us at:

woodlanddancecenter@yahoo.com



SAVE THE DATE

Woodland Dance Center Winter Fundraiser

Performances, Bazaar, Raffles

When: Saturday, December 2, 2023

Time: 10am-4:00pm

Where: Woodland High School

Entry Fee: Free

General Raffle Tickets: \$1ea.

Christmas Cash Raffle Tickets: \$10ea.

Many of our classes will be performing a short dance at this event. Although it is not mandatory for your student to attend, we would love to see them there. This is also a great time to shop for gifts that are unique, hand crafted, local business made, holiday themed, etc.

We will have space available for dance students to host a table of items for sale. Many students have sold baked goods, craft items, art, gently used toys in the past. Table cost for students is free. Once dance students have had a chance to secure their spot for the bazaar we will open it up to local vendors.

If interested in having a table at our bazaar, please email April at
Fundraisers@woodlanddancecenter.com



As a Non-Profit organization we do our best to keep costs as low as we can while still maintaining a quality program. Currently our goal is keeping the lights on and growing our dance studio bigger, which doesn't leave a lot of extra room for the fun stuff. Many families have asked for our needs and if there is something they could provide that does not require their time. So we have created an Amazon Wish List that has a few items on there that we could use at our studio. Take a look and see if there is anything you can help with. Also ask yourself some of these questions.

Do I have some of these item that are gently used and sitting around my house I could donate?

Do I have a connection to get something donated from businesses I know?

Do I know where to get items at a less expensive price?

Do I have something that is not on the wish list that I think the studio may like?

If so let us know :)

Link for wish list

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2T1G6TR20D1SJ?ref_=wl_share&fbclid=IwAR3KTdIUmdOG0dcuH-aE8urvvrZfCecfwC5Ut7taeNxjXgmmmbnOOwZ7gto



The Borrow Bin



Did you know WDC has what is called the "Borrow Bin"? It's a bin where parents and students have donated dance shoes and attire that have been outgrown or no longer used. You are welcome to borrow them. Use them for one class or a whole season. When you are done with them, bring them back. (Shoes are sanitized with disinfectant spray and clothing washed).

WDC BUY, SELL, TRADE FB Group

We also have a private Facebook Group for our studio that parents can utilize to Buy, Sell, or Trade Dance stuff. Join us
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/839201843195559>

Did you know that Woodland Dance Center has a Performance Team?

Indeed we do! The WDC PG students tried out for the team back in June. They have committed themselves for the year to represent WDC at dance conventions and competitions. These students are learning skills beyond just learning a dance and performing. They are the face of our studio, they are role models to our students, they help with events held at WDC and for WDC. These dancers will step out of their comfort zones this season and press through many challenges.

If you see these dancers hanging around the studio please feel free to say hi!

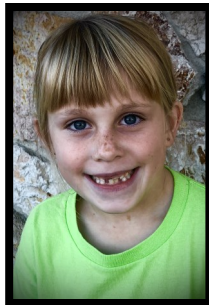
~ Meet The Team ~



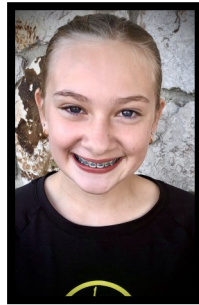
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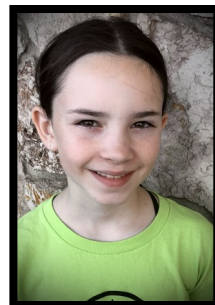
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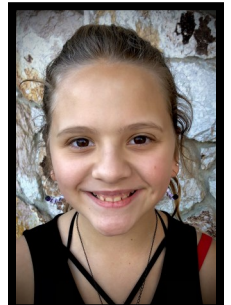
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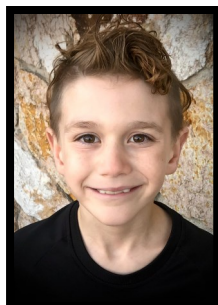
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