Parents,

I can’t believe that recital is less than 3 months away!! Your dancers are doing great and we have been very busy learning our recital routines. We are learning new steps for our dances each week so please make every effort to get your dancers to class each week. I know this is a busy time of year and that there has been a lot of sickness going around as well. Please keep this letter on hand, as it contains some important dates and information.

**Costumes/Tights**

Costumes will begin to arrive in March. As they come in, I will be bringing them up to the studio for the girls to try on during class. When they come home, please take them out of the bags and hang them up (if your account is not paid in full we will hold costumes at the studio until it is caught up). Make sure you keep track of any accessories that come with costumes. Also, costumes are not to be worn until picture day as they are not replaceable if something happens to them. We will have recital tights available to purchase at the studio for picture week. Please make checks for tights payable to ***DOWNPATT***. **All ballet classes will be required to have pink tights and tap and jazz classes will wear suntan.**  (**Cheer Classes** do not need tights). Please do not purchase your recital tights somewhere else as they will not match.

**Picture Week**

**Picture week will be April 6thth – 9thth. Pictures will be the same day as your regular class. We will send home picture times next month.**  McCoy’s Photography will be doing our pictures again this year and they will be set up at the studio all week. I will send home more detailed information about pictures at the beginning of April as well as the picture schedule.

**Recital/Rehearsal**

**Just a reminder that the REHERSAL is on Saturday, May 16th and RECITAL is Sunday, May 17th.** **Please note that we will be at Red Oak High School Auditorium this year.** There will be three shows on Sunday, one at 12:30 p.m., one at 3:30 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. The list for the shows is in the lobby as well as on the website (otmdance.com). We will have rehearsal on Saturday, May 16th. **Each class will have a 30-minute time slot and then you are free to go.** For those of you that are new to OTM, we do not have a dress rehearsal, just a rehearsal on the stage. It goes very quickly. I will send home a rehearsal schedule at the first of May. Also, look for information coming home soon about Dad’s dance practices, summer camps, and pre-enrollment for the fall.

Just a reminder that if MISD closes for bad weather, OTM will also be closed. This includes early release for bad weather or if MISD cancels after school activities because of weather.

Don’t forget that we will be closed the week of MISD spring break. (We will be closed Monday March, 9th through Friday March 13th). Also, remember that the recital fee of $40 per dancer is due by April 1st. This goes directly to the cost of the auditorium rental. If you have questions about your account, please see the front desk or email us at [staff.otmdance@gmail.com](mailto:staff.otmdance@gmail.com). All accounts must be paid IN FULL for dancers to participate in the recital. Please feel free to email me with any questions at [onthemovedance@gmail.com](mailto:onthemovedance@gmail.com).

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