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Welcome back!!! Classes begin today, August 5th!! I hope you have all had a safe and healthy summer and have had some time to do something fun!! I know this year will be one of the best ones yet!!! Our amazing staff is excited to be back, and we have a few new amazing teachers to add to our family as well!! Check out their bios on the website! We are looking forward to a full season that will be packed full of growth for all of the dancers!! SO EXCITED TO GET GOING!!! Here we go....25th Season here at DMDA!!!!! This is going to be a year of celebration!!!

- <u>Videos/Links</u>- If you were not able to come to the studio during the summer to pick up your recital DVD's, no problem. You can come in during your class time and pick them up at the front desk. If you didn't order a Downloadable Link and still want one let me know. I can still get you a code through the end of August if you would like. I am no longer able to get the DVD's unfortunately since those are made to order.
- Registration- You can still add any classes to your schedule if you would like. Quite a few of our classes are filling up or full, so if you would like to add one I suggest that you do so sooner than later. Our instructors will be watching class placements the first month or so to make sure that your child is in the correct class for their level and age. Just know that it is our upmost concern that your child gets the most out of their classes so we will make sure their class is a perfect fit.
- Class Size- If after the first couple of weeks a class is too big, we will work on splitting those up for you. If there is a class by the end of August that is too small, we will make sure you are merged in with another that suits your level as well!

Veteran's Day Parade Sign ups!!

Do you want to dance in the Veteran's Day Parade on November 9th and celebrate our veterans? If you do, head to the front desk to sign-up!! This is a wonderful event for all ages. If you have young ones they will ride on the trailer so they will not be walking the whole way!!

Sign up today!!!

Upcoming Dates

August 5th- New Season Begins

September 2nd- Closed for Labor Day

October 31st- Closed for Halloween

November 25th-29th–Thanksgiving Break

December 23rd-January 3rd-Holiday Break

Remember: Tuition is always due the first day of class! You can always sign up for Autopay so you don't have to worry about it!! After the 8th, an automatic late fee will be applied to your account. Let us know if you have any questions about this.

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To all the DMDA dance families:

My journey with this studio started 25 years ago in a 1 room tiny facility with myself and 1 other instructor. I moved the studio from Carefree Highway to Anthem in 2002 hoping that would work out. Here we are all these years later with a staff of 18, a beautiful building for the students to dance in, as well as a mountain of memories and experiences that I could write a book about. This journey has been riddled with blood, sweat, and tears as well as numerous moments of immense joy and appreciation for those around me. I dwell on the realization, which is sometimes overwhelming, of how many lives I have been able to impact over all of these years. To be able to see old students of mine now arrive with their own children to start taking classes is truly a gift that gets me to the core of my being. To have students of mine who have started with me as toddlers and are now in their late twenties work for me is unbelievably gratifying to know that my love for dance was felt and spread so much that their lives took this career path as well. I have numerous other students that are still dancing, teaching, and impacting audiences and students of their own. For all of this I am truly grateful.

At this point in my life as I have been reminiscing about all these things, I have come to the realization that it is time to pass the torch. Lyndsie Clymer, someone who started with me when she was 3, will be taking over after this season. Since she has grown up with me, she understands how I want people treated, the kind of culture and community environment that I want here at DMDA, and she also shares the passion of teaching and impacting lives that I have passed on to her over the years. She will take this and put her spin on it, whatever that will be, but I know it will be something I will be proud of. I will be letting her take the lead on some aspects this year, but I will still be around this whole year!!! While this will be really hard for me to do as well since I have done this half of my life, I feel like the year that I turn 50 and also the 25th Anniversary of the studio is a great time to do so. This year will be a big celebration of all that there is to appreciate and love about this job I created for myself so many years ago. I will cherish all the memories and relationships that have been created over all these years FOREVER.

Let's start this year off as a wonderful dancing family and community trying to make this world a better place!!!

Looking forward to this last season for me.....Forever Grateful.

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