

## April 1, 2024

Dear Parents and Students:

Costumes have arrived already and this week we will begin any alterations if they are needed. They will **NOT** go home with you until the week of April 29, 2024. For costumes to go home that week of your account must be PAID IN FULL including May & Recital Fee. There will be NO exceptions. Group and Quick Individual Pictures will be FRIDAY & SATURDAY, May 3&4. This is to avoid doing picture on Mother's Day weekend. Everyone must attend, regardless of if you are planning to purchase a picture or not. At that time we will also be taking a picture of each person individually for buttons or 5x7's that can be purchased online and picked up at recital. See the attached schedule as to when your class(es) pictures will be taken. The last week of classes will be May 20, 2023. There are no classes on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2024 or that week.

Along with your May lesson fees there will be an additional RECITAL FEE of \$60.00 per family. This is what we charge instead of charging per ticket at the door. You will be able to bring as many people as you would like to recital. Dress Rehearsal will be THURDAY, MAY 30, 2024 and Recital will be SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2024 at the Greenville High School Auditorium. For Rehearsal, the Combination class students need to arrive at 4:00 PM and will start promptly at 4:30 PM. We will rehearse all of the pre-school students and then they will be able to leave. ALL other students will need to arrive at 5:00 pm and we will start at 5:30 pm. Everyone MUST attend Dress Rehearsal to perform at Recital. After you are done with your routine(s) at Dress Rehearsal you may leave. Recital will start at approximately 1:00 PM. All students must be there for the entire show the day of recital. For both Dress Rehearsal and Recital, if students only wear one costume they should arrive in that costume with their hair and make-up already done. Make sure that they have all the parts to their costumes and all their dance shoes they need. Hair for girl ballet students will need to be in either a bun or French braid. Students in other classes need to wear their hair as discussed in class. If you are unsure as to how it should be, please check with Miss Dee. For make-up please follow the same guide that I gave you for the Holiday Program. If you need this information see Miss Dee or the web site. There will be more recital information following in the next newsletter. The early release forms are now available at the studio if you need them. Please understand that dancers will not be released early from recital unless you have filled out one of these forms, with no exceptions. This is for the safety of your child. Forms must be filled out and returned by May 16, 2024

This month's students of the month are Emmalyne Olejnik & Nyla Schnautz. Congratulations to both of you.

Would you like to send a special message to your favorite dancer for recital? This year you can have a special message printed in the program for the cost of \$20.00. Each message will be scaled to approximately 2 inches in height. It is a great way to give your favorite dancer extra encouragement and praise. Order forms are available in the lobby on the glass cabinet. Payment is due when the order is placed. Proceeds go to help our Dancimation Dancers. Orders must be submitted by April 18, 2024.

This is a very exciting time of year in the studio with many preparations for recital happening. Please make sure that your child is practicing their routine(s) at home. By practicing for family & friends it helps them to become accustom to dancing in front of others. This will help with the nervousness that can come with recital. Students 6 and under should rehearse their dance(s) 2-3 times 3-4 days per week. Students 7 and up should practice each routine at least 20 minutes, 3-4 times per week or more. If you need a copy of the music, please bring a flash drive to the studio and I can make one for you. Rehearsal videos are also available on the FB messenger chats groups.

Please also check the spelling of your dancers name as it appears on the top of this letter. If it is not correct, please contact Miss Dee right away as this is how it is going to be spelled in the program and on all awards.

See you in class! Miss Dee