

March 1, 2020

Dear Parents and Students:

Spring is rapidly approaching and so is recital. It is extremely important that students practice their dances just like they would practice an instrument or any other skill they are trying to master. For students under 6 years of age I recommend that they practice their routines two or three times every other day. Students 7 years of age and older should practice for 15 to 20 minutes every other day or MORE. Parental participation is essential to motivate and encourage your child. Encourage them to show family members and visitors their dance(s). This will help them get used to performing in front of an audience and help to build self esteem. Recital is only two and a half months away and without encouragement from family members walking out on that stage the first time can be a little scary. If you bring in a blank CD, or a flash drive I will record your child's music for them to rehearse with. You may purchase a Compact disk for \$5.00.

I will have more information in regards to recital dates soon. Look for times and more specifics in the next newsletter. This month we will NOT be having classes March 30- April 3, 2020 for Spring Break. Classes will reconvene April 6, 2020. Attached to this letter you will also find your recital t-shirt order form. There will be a sample one hanging in the lobby soon for you to see the actual shirt. <u>T-shirts must be pre-ordered</u>, very limited numbers will be available at the recital.

Students of the month for March are Clara Jane Stewart & Lilly Warner. Congratulations!

Please remember that if Greenville Public Schools or surrounding area schools are closed, please check WOOD TV 8 or <u>www.woodtv.com</u> to see if we will be cancelled. You will see Miss Dee's School of Dance listed on the cancellations list if we will not be having classes that day. If you are concerned that there will be not classes, please call the studio 1 hour prior to your class. If no one answers, there will be no class. Also an email will be sent out to everyone on the email list. If we need to close due to illness you will receive an email or a phone call. If you haven't been receiving emails, you are not on my list. Please go to our website <u>www.missdeesdance.net</u> and email me so I can add you to the list.

We are in need of parents/high school age siblings to help with recital. Renting the Auditorium is very expensive and I am trying to keep the costs down so recital fees doesn't have to be increased from last year. I need 1 Adult Parent or Grandparent from each Pre-school or Combination class who would be interested in helping with their child's class in the greenroom at recital and helping at dress rehearsal. You will be in the holding area with the kids, but will still be able to see them dance. We hold special reserved seating for the helpers.

There has been a lot of talk about influenza and respiratory viruses going around and we want you to know we are taking necessary precautions and sanitizing the studio daily. With that being said, if your child is ill, has a fever or is showing symptoms of being sick, please do not bring them to class.

See you in class; Miss Dee