

March 1, 2024

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 three months away and without encouragement from family members walking out on that stage the first time can be a little scary. We will be posting rehearsal videos on the face book class chats for them to practice with. If you need them sent you in another format please let us know. Costumes have started to arrive and we will be trying them on over the next couple of weeks to make sure we have time to do any alterations needed. Please remember if you haven't paid the balance on your costumes it is due now.

The date for Dress rehearsal is May 30th and Recital is June 1st.It will be held at the Greenville High School Auditorium. Please mark the dates in your calendars. Look for times and more specifics in the next newsletter. This month we will NOT be having classes March 25- 31, 2024 for Spring Break. Classes will reconvene April 1, 2024.

Students of the month for March are Alexandria Dykstra & Tatum Anderson. Congratulations!

Please remember that if Greenville Public Schools or surrounding area schools are closed, please check our Facebook page to see if we are closed for the 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.

Recital fee will be the \$60 per family. The show will be approximately 3 hours long. Please remember if you need to leave the recital early you may fill out the early release form in May and turn it in before May 25th.We are in need of parents/high school age siblings to help with recital. 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. For helping you will receive a laser engraved keychain with your dancer's portrait on it from group pictures.

Please remember Fundraiser pick up is March 19, 2024 4-7:30 pm

See you in class; Miss Dee