

KDC SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME!

The entire staff would like to welcome all of our new and returning students to our KDC dance family! We are looking forward to an amazing dance season filled with your child's success! 😊 Bring on Season 9!

UPDATED SCHEDULE AND DRESS CODE

We have updated our dress code for 2026-27 and the fall schedule has been updated multiple times over the last month on our website. *Please make sure to always check there first to ensure that you are always seeing the most up to date information.

REFUNDS AND TRIAL CLASSES

There will be no refunds after the first class, unless the class is cancelled due to low enrollment. KDC does not offer trial classes at this time. *Most dancers don't know whether they truly like a class until they've taken it 3 or 4 times. They need to get used to the routine of the classroom, and the different skills they will attain each week.

CLASSES FOR AGES 3-18

KDC is excited to offer multiple classes for many ages in our schedule: Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Lyrical, Musical Theatre, Pointe, and Preschool classes.

SOME CLASSES ARE NOT RUNNING YET!

In a few cases, classes are not running yet. All classes need to meet a minimum of 3 students to run. If your child's class(es) are in jeopardy of not running, you have already been contacted in regards to this.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The entire KDC Staff would like to congratulate our dancers who made the 2026-27 KDC Competition Team! After a highly successful summer intensive and audition process, we are extremely proud of all our dancers' hard work, and can't wait to watch them all shine on stage during the 2026-27 competition season!

KDC COMPETITION TEAM MEETING/COMMITMENT FEE DUE

We will be holding a mandatory Competition Team Meeting for all team members on Tuesday, September 8th at 6:00 pm. At this meeting, you will be turning in your signed contracts, finding out more about our NHSDA program and KDC Boosters, we will be sizing for our new team jackets, measuring for costumes, and we will be doing a Big/Little Sister reveal!

All dancers on the Competition Team have a commitment fee due of \$145/dancer or \$190/family. This fee helps to off-set the cost of teacher compensation at extra rehearsals and competitions.

CLASSES BEGIN WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th

We are so excited to get started on our fall classes! Your teachers can't wait to meet all of you, and we hope you are all ready and eager to learn!

*Please see the Health and Safety section on our website for details regarding our studio absence and covid/flu procedures. Our goal is to keep our dancers and their families safe and healthy!

OPEN WINDOW WEEK (WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th)

The windows to each classroom will only be open the first lesson of each month (no exceptions, even if your dancer is starting late). It will be closed on the other weeks. This is to help our students focus better in class, and also for you to be able to see the growth in your child's dancing month to month.

KDC COMPETITION TEAM PICTURES- PLAN AHEAD!

Pamela MacIntyre Photography will be taking our annual team pictures on Sunday, October 4th for our 2026-27 KDC Competition Team and Competition Team Staff. Time/Location/Theme was sent in an email!

ADD US ON FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, TIKTOK, AND YOUTUBE

If you are an avid user on social media, please add us on Facebook (Kelley's Dance Craze), Instagram (@kelleysdancecraze), TikTok (@kelleysdancecraze) and/or You Tube (Kelley's Dance Craze). We post a lot of dance related info, pictures, talk about upcoming events, etc. It is also another great way for us to get to know each other outside of the studio ☺ We consider all of you our "dance family"!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

KDC would like to acknowledge our staff/students with birthdays in September, and wish them all a very special day:

September 3rd- Hattie Schmeling

September 5th- Kaydence King

September 7th- Gianna DeGolyer

September 7th- Savreen Kaur

September 9th- Zaeim Cooley

September 12th- Gabriella Cassar

September 13th- Carmen Palma

September 14th- Emma Powers

September 15th- Bianca Pasquino

September 17th- Miss Ava

September 17th- Isla Hendrian

September 18th- Vivienne Dupre

September 25th- Josie Greck

September 29th- Riley McDonald

KDC STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Since so many of our dancers are not here during the summer, we will bring back our Student of the Month program in October 2026, after we've had a month of fall classes.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! (*Highlighted dates are for our comp team only)

Key event dates for Kelley's Dance Craze (some may have been recently added/updated):

August 31- September 1, 2026: Week 2 of Individual Meetings with 2026-27 KDC Competition Team families, *Required for all dancers who made the team (KDC Comp Team)

September 1, 2026: Annual Registration Fee Due

September 1, 2026: September Tuition Due

September 1, 2026: September Newsletter Release

September 2-7, 2026: KDC Will Be Closed in Observance of Labor Day

September 8, 2026: Competition Team Meeting (required for all Comp Team dancers and 1 parent), Team Contract Signing, Commitment Fee Due, Big/Little Sister Reveal, Team Jacket Sizing (KDC Comp Team)

September 9, 2026: 1st Day of Classes for the 2026-2027 Dance Season

September 9-15, 2026: Open Window Week

September 15, 2026: Competition Team Jacket Fees Due (KDC Comp Team)

September 18, 2026: Nationals Staff Support Fee Due (KDC Comp Team)

September 19, 2026: NHSDA Introductory Meeting, 12:00 pm

September 20, 2026: All Stars Hip Hop Choreography Fee Due (KDC Comp Team)

September 20, 2026: All Stars Hip Hop Rehearsal #1, 12:00-3:00 pm (KDC Comp Team)

September 25, 2026: Groove Convention Fee due for all those participating (KDC Comp Team-optional)

October 1, 2026: October Tuition Due

October 1, 2026: 1st Half of Competition Team Costume Fees Due (KDC Comp Team)

October 1, 2026: October Newsletter Release

October 1-7, 2026: Open Window Week

October 4, 2026: Competition Team Pictures with Pamela MacIntyre Photography, 1:30 pm,
*Required for all team members (KDC Comp Team)

October 12-16, 2026: Fall Class Recital Costume Measuring Week

October 17, 2026: All Stars Hip Hop Rehearsal #2, 5:00-8:00 pm

October 24, 2026: NHSDA Induction Ceremony (12:00 pm)

October 25, 2026: Groove Dance Convention, Vibe Showplace, Optional (KDC Comp Team)

October 31, 2026: Last Day to Register for Fall Classes

November 1, 2026: November Tuition Due

November 1, 2026: Recital Costume Fees Due- Full Cost

November 1, 2026: November Newsletter Release

November 2-6, 2026: Open Window Week

November 14, 2026: NHSDA Meeting

November 25- November 29, 2026: KDC Will Be Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

November 30, 2026: Classes Resume

December 1, 2026: December Tuition Due

December 1, 2026: December Newsletter Release

December 1-7, 2026: Open Window Week

December 12, 2026: KDC Competition Team Holiday Party and Secret Gift Exchange (KDC Comp Team)

December 19, 2026: NHSDA Meeting/Gift Wrapping Day (12:00 pm)

December 20, 2026- January 3, 2027: KDC Will Be closed for Holiday Break

January 1, 2027: January Tuition Due

January 1, 2027: Winter Half Year Class Registration Due

January 1, 2027: January Newsletter Release

January 4, 2027: Classes Resume

January 4, 2027: Moxie Dance Competition Fees Due (KDC Comp Team)

January 4-8, 2027: Open Window Week

January 12, 2027: Hall of Fame Dance Competition Fees Due (KDC Comp Team)

January 11-15, 2027: Winter Class Recital Costume Measuring Week

January 15, 2027: 2nd Half of Competition Team Costume Fees Due (KDC Comp Team)

January 30, 2027: Makeup Kit Fees Due (KDC Comp Team)

January 30, 2027: Hair/Make Up Class- Required for all NEW Competition Team dancers (KDC Comp Team), Early Morning TBA

January 30, 2027: Mandatory KDC Competition Team Rehearsal (KDC Comp Team), All Day Event

January 30, 2027: NHSDA Meeting (During Rehearsal Break)

February 1, 2027: February Tuition Due

February 1, 2027: Winter Class Recital Costume Fee Due- Full Cost

February 1, 2027: February Newsletter Release

February 1-5, 2027: Open Window Week

February 13-21, 2027: KDC is Closed for Mid-Winter Break

February 22, 2027: Classes Resume

February 23, 2027: Groove Dance Competition Fees Due (KDC Comp Team)

February 27, 2027: Mandatory KDC Competition Team Rehearsal (KDC Comp Team), All Day Event

February 27, 2027: NHSDA Meeting (During Rehearsal Break)

March 1, 2027: March Tuition Due

March 1, 2027: March Newsletter Release

March 1-4, 2027: Competition Dancers performing at Moxie can't miss any classes this week (KDC Comp Team)

March 1-4, 2027: KDC Spirit Week

March 1-4, 2027: Open Window Week

March 5-7, 2027: Moxie Arts Challenge, Berman Center for the Performing Arts, KDC Comp Team (Optional Solos/Duets/Trios)

March 8-11, 2027: Competition Team Dancers can't miss any classes this week (KDC Comp Team)

March 8-11, 2027: KDC Spirit Week

March 12-14, 2027: Hall of Fame Dance Challenge, Vibe Showplace, KDC Comp Team (Full Team)

March 14, 2027: Starquest Dance Competition Fees Due (KDC Comp Team)

March 20, 2027: NHSDA Meeting, 12:00 pm

March 27- April 4, 2027: KDC Will Be closed for Spring Break

April 1, 2027: April Tuition Due

April 1, 2027: April Newsletter Release

April 5, 2027: Classes Resume

April 5-8, 2027: Open Window Week

April 9-10, 2027: Picture Day Weekend with Pamela MacIntyre Photography (Comp- Friday and Saturday)

April 11, 2027: Picture Day Weekend with Pamela MacIntyre Photography (Recital Classes- Sunday)

April 19-22, 2027: Competition Team Dancers can't miss any classes this week (KDC Comp Team)

April 19-22, 2027: KDC Spirit Week

April 20, 2027: Groove Nationals Dance Competition Fees Due (KDC Comp Team)

April 23-25, 2027: Groove Dance Competition, Hartland Performing Arts Center, KDC Comp Team (Full Team)

April 30, 2027: Yearbook Ads Due (required for all comp dancers, highly suggested for rec dancers)

May 1, 2027: May Tuition Due

May 1, 2027: Yearbook Fees Due

May 1, 2027: May Newsletter Release

May 1, 2027: NHSDA Pet Supply Drop Off, 12:00 pm

May 2, 2027: Informational Competition Team Meeting for all New/Interested families

May 3-7, 2027: Open Window Week

May 10-13, 2027: Competition Team Dancers can't miss any classes this week (KDC Comp Team)

May 10-13, 2027: KDC Spirit Week

May 14-16, 2027: Starquest Dance Competition, Walled Lake (TBA), KDC Comp Team (Full Team)

May 19, 2027: Recital Tickets Go On Sale for all Competition Team Families, 6:00 pm, *A Code Will Be Required

May 20, 2027: Recital Tickets Go On Sale for all Recital Families, 6:00 pm, *No Code Required

May 21, 2027: Mandatory Competition Team Finale Rehearsal (5:00-7:00 pm)

May 22, 2027: Dress Rehearsal (*Mandatory for all Comp and Recital dancers), Walled Lake Central High School

May 31, 2027: KDC Will Be Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

June 1, 2027: June Tuition Due

June 1, 2027: June Newsletter Release

June 1-7, 2027: Open Window Week

June 10, 2027: Last Day of Classes for the 2026-27 Dance Season

June 11, 2027: Mandatory Competition Team Finale Rehearsal (5:00-6:00 pm)

June 13, 2027: KDC's 9th Annual Recital, Walled Lake Central High School

June 15, 2027: Mandatory Nationals Rehearsal for Solos/Duets/Trios only, KDC Comp Team

June 20-24, 2027: Groove Nationals, Orlando, FL, KDC Comp Team (Full Team)

July 1, 2027: July Newsletter Release

July 2, 2027: Last Day to Register for Summer Private Lessons- Session 1

July 2, 2027: Fees Due for Summer Private Lessons- Session 1

July 6-9, 2027: Week 1 of Summer Private Lessons- Session 1, KDC Comp Team

July 9, 2027: Last Day to Register for the KDC Competition Readiness Program

July 9, 2027: Fees Due for the KDC Competition Readiness Program

July 13-16, 2027: Week 2 of Summer Private Lessons- Session 1, KDC Comp Team

July 13-16, 2027: KDC Competition Readiness Program

July 16, 2027: Last Day to Register for the KDC Summer Intensive/Team Auditions

July 16, 2027: Fees Due for the KDC Summer Intensive/Team Auditions

July 19-22, 2027: Week 1 of the KDC Summer Intensive

July 26-29, 2027: Week 2 of the KDC Summer Intensive

July 30, 2027: 2027-2028 KDC Competition Team Auditions

July 31, 2027: KDC 2027-2028 Team Announcement

August 1, 2027: August Newsletter Release

August 6, 2027: Last Day to Register for Summer Private Lessons- Session 2

August 6, 2027: Fees Due for Summer Private Lessons- Session 2

August 9-11, 2027: Week 1 of Summer Private Lessons- Session 2 (KDC Comp Team)

August 16-18, 2027: Week 2 of Summer Private Lessons- Session 2 (KDC Comp Team)

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August 30- September 2, 2027: Week 2 of Individual Meetings with 2026-2027 KDC Competition Team families, *Required for all dancers who made the team (KDC Comp Team)

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We are so excited to get started on KDC's 9th dance season, and look forward to seeing you in our Fall Classes ☺ If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me anytime.

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