

KDC JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

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HELLO AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope everyone had a happy holiday! We are looking forward to a fantastic new year at KDC! ☺

KDC HOLIDAY BREAK (DECEMBER 20- JANUARY 4)

KDC will be closed in observance of Holiday Break from Saturday, December 20th- Sunday, January 4th. We hope that you enjoy this special time with your families!

JANUARY TUITION DUE (JANUARY 1)

Just a friendly reminder that January Tuition is due on Thursday, January 1st. Please pay on time to avoid any late fees. Thank you for your prompt payment!

CLASSES RESUME (JANUARY 5)

All classes will resume on Monday, January 5th. We hope that you enjoyed your Holiday Break with your family!

WINTER CLASSES BEGIN (JANUARY 5-9)

Our new Winter classes will begin the week of January 5th-9th. We look forward to meeting all of our new KDC students, and welcoming back our returning dancers who have joined new classes!

OPEN WINDOW WEEK (JANUARY 5-9)

The windows to each classroom will be open from Monday, January 5th- Friday, January 9th. We invite you to take advantage of this, as the windows to the classrooms will only be open on the first lesson of each month, and will be closed on the other weeks to allow everyone to focus, and grow as dancers, without distractions. NO EXCEPTIONS!

KDC COMPETITION TEAM MAKEUP KIT FEES DUE (JANUARY 10)

The fees for our KDC Competition Team's makeup kits (or replacement pieces) will be due on Saturday, January 10th. Information regarding pricing, what the kit includes, and additional order information was already sent in an email to all competition team families.

KDC COMPETITION TEAM HAIR/MAKEUP CLASS (JANUARY 10)

All dancers who are new to our competition team this season will be required to attend the hair and makeup class, which will take place on Saturday, January 10th from 8:00-9:30 am. Dancers 12 and older can attend the class on their own, and dancers 11 and under will be required to have a parent attend with them. Dancers will need to bring all of the required makeup that is not included in the kit with them (noted in your email), along with makeup brushes and hair supplies- you'll learn the hairstyles for our competition team dances this day as well. Your makeup kit/team jewelry will be ready for you this day.

MANDATORY KDC COMPETITION TEAM REHEARSAL (JANUARY 10)

We will be having a mandatory competition team rehearsal at the studio on Saturday, January 10th (*please see your emails for the schedule).

NHSDA MEETING (JANUARY 10)

We will be holding an NHSDA meeting at the studio, during our break time, for all current NHSDA members on Saturday, January 10th.

KAR COMPETITION FEES DUE (JANUARY 13)

Competition Team fees for KAR Dance Competition will be due by Tuesday, January 13th. (These fees have already been added to your accounts.)

KDC COMPETITION TEAM COSTUME FEES DUE- 2ND HALF (JANUARY 15)

The second half of Competition Team costumes (per dancer/per costume/per class) will be due on January 15th. Any costume fees not paid until after January 15th will accrue late fee of \$15 each, no exceptions. The balance will cover the remaining costume cost. If you have any questions regarding this, please email me directly.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR WINTER CLASSES (JANUARY 16)

The last day to register for our winter session of classes will be on Friday, January 16th.

APPLAUSE COMPETITION FEES DUE (JANUARY 20)

Competition Team fees for Applause Dance Competition will be due by Tuesday, January 20th. (These fees have already been added to your accounts.)

ACRO WORKSHOP FOR KDC COMPETITION TEAM DANCERS (JANUARY 24)

Miss Bri will be running acro workshops throughout the day for our pre-registered competition team dancers.

RECITAL COSTUMES AND SONGS

All of our beautiful costumes for the 2025-26 dance season have been added to a costume book available to view at the front desk. As costumes arrive, we will be trying them on in class to ensure a proper fit. **Costumes will not go home until the full balance has been paid, all pieces are ready to go home, and necessary alterations have been made.** Once we have the correct version of the song fully edited, it will be made available to you for your child to practice with at home.

MID-WINTER BREAK

KDC will be closed for all classes during mid-winter break from February 13-20. *Classes will resume on Monday, February 21st.

BEGINNING OUR DANCES

All of our recital classes will be beginning/continuing on with their dances right after the holiday break (some may have started before). Recital music will be made available to you shortly thereafter. Our plan is to have all of our dances finished by the end of April so we have time to “clean” them before recital.

SKILLS WE ARE WORKING ON

From September through December, we have been working on both technique and combinations that you will probably see in our recital dances. Attendance is just as important for the next part of our dance season. Every week, we will be adding new steps and combinations to our dances. **Every class your child misses can put them further behind in their learning.**

WATER BOTTLES

We encourage all of our students to bring a water bottle to class. We also have water bottles available at the front desk for \$1.00.

LABEL SHOES/BRING A DANCE BAG

ALL dancers' shoes should be labeled with their name/initials (**on the inside of the shoe**). We would also prefer if the students brought their shoes into the classroom in a bag (it doesn't have to be a dance bag necessarily, just a bag.) For our competition dancers or dancers taking multiple classes, this would be especially helpful to save time between classes.

ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent due to illness, school events, or for any other reason, please call the front desk and leave a message let us know right away so we may pass on the news to their teacher(s). 248-313-0326. ***Please call rather than emailing, as I could be teaching, and am not always at the studio to pass on the message.**

SNOW DAYS

Winter Weather Policy Reminder:

WE DO NOT FOLLOW ANY SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR SNOW DAYS. In many cases, the roads clear up before classes even begin.

In the event that we must close, notifications will go out to our dance families in the following ways:

- An email will go out to the ENTIRE STUDENT BODY by 2:00 pm. You will still receive this email even if it is not your child's dance night. It's faster that way, and more efficient to make sure no one has been accidentally left off of the list.
- A post will go up on our Facebook page (Kelley's Dance Craze) and our Instagram page (kelleysdancecraze), and a note will be posted at the top of our website home page.

When in doubt, call first before driving in. If we are open, but you are too uncomfortable with driving in the snow, please feel free to stay home and call in an absence. We'll understand 😊

SAVE THE DATE- KDC PICTURE WEEKEND

Picture weekend will take place April 10-12, 2026. **All dancers are required to attend.** We will be using Pamela McIntyre Photography again this year, and she offers an awesome online ordering system. A picture schedule will be emailed out in late February. Please make sure that you read your picture weekend instructions, and pay attention to your time(s) specifically. Please be aware, and make appropriate plans for picture weekend to be on time. **If it helps for planning, all Competition Team class pictures will take place on Friday, April 10th and Saturday, April 11th and all Recital class pictures will be taken on Sunday, April 12th.**

NEW JANUARY CLASSES HAVE BEEN ADDED (*Recital)

Register online or in person before classes begin (Jan. 5th-9th), and be sure to tell your friends/family! *All classes must meet a minimum of 3 students to run. **Winter registration will end on January 16, 2026.

WINTER CLASS OPTIONS FOR THE 2025-2026 DANCE SEASON

***REGISTRATION BEGINS NOVEMBER 15, 2025**

PRESCHOOL CLASSES (AGE 3-4) *MUST MEET MINIMUM AGE BY MARCH 31ST TO QUALIFY

THURSDAY 5:00-5:30 PM- PRESCHOOL TAP WITH MISS AVA, \$52/MONTH

LEVEL 1 CLASSES (AGE 5-6) *MUST MEET MINIMUM AGE BY MARCH 31ST TO QUALIFY

WEDNESDAY 5:30-6:00 PM- JAZZ 1 WITH MISS BRI, \$52/MONTH

THURSDAY 5:30-6:00 PM- BALLET 1 WITH MISS AVA, \$52/MONTH

LEVEL 2 CLASSES (AGE 7-8) *MUST MEET MINIMUM AGE BY MARCH 31ST TO QUALIFY

THURSDAY 6:00-6:30 PM- LYRICAL 2 WITH MISS AVA, \$52/MONTH

LEVEL 3 CLASSES (AGE 9-11) *MUST MEET MINIMUM AGE BY MARCH 31ST TO QUALIFY

THURSDAY 6:30 PM-7:15 PM- JAZZ 3 WITH MISS AVA, \$55/MONTH

LEVEL 4 CLASSES (AGE 12-18) *MUST MEET MINIMUM AGE BY MARCH 31ST TO QUALIFY

WEDNESDAY 4:45-5:30 PM- CONTEMPORARY 4 WITH MISS KYLIE, \$55/MONTH

***PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR REGULAR FALL DANCE SEASON RUNS FROM SEPTEMBER- JUNE EACH SEASON.**

****THE REASON WE HAVE LESS CLASS OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM FOR WINTER CLASSES IS DUE TO LIMITED AVAILABILITY IN THE SCHEDULE, AND TEACHER AVAILABILITY ONCE FALL REGISTRATION HAS ENDED. THESE WILL BE THE ONLY CLASS OPTIONS FOR THE 2026 WINTER CLASS SESSION (JANUARY- JUNE).**

*****OUR WINTER SESSION OF CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH. WINTER CLASS REGISTRATION WILL END ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 16TH.**

JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

All of our KDC Competition Team and Recreational teachers have nominated 1 Competition Team student (if applicable) and 1 Recital student (if applicable) for January Student of the Month. These dancers have gone above and beyond, demonstrating the qualities we are looking for in student of the month (good attendance, great listening skills, ability to apply corrections, and they show an overall love, dedication, and appreciation for dance. Every student who was nominated will receive a special gift (see the front desk). Congratulations to all of you! (*Our bulletin board in the carpeted area of our studio is dedicated to these students- check there to see their names on display!)

Ella Allison- nominated by Miss Gabi

Ava Barclay- nominated by Miss Chrissy

Camryn Buckley- nominated by Miss Ava

Whitney Burzynski- nominated by Miss Gabi

Amelia Butterfield- nominated by Miss Kylie

Rosie Dupre- nominated by Miss Chrissy

Adelaide Hauk- nominated by Miss Kylie

Parker Moody- nominated by Miss Kelley

Ellie Pierson- nominated by Miss Kelley

Mackenzie Schneider- nominated by Miss Bri

Kymoara Woodman- nominated by Miss Zayda

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

KDC would like to recognize our staff and student's January birthdays:

January 7th- Kendall Kelemen

January 8th- Emerald Medy

January 16th- Stella Rosinski

January 20th- Charlotte Pedygraft

January 21st- Juera Andoni

January 21st- Barbara Fenn

January 23rd- Iris Wyman

January 28th- Ian Hendrian

January 31st- Alexandra Kavinska

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

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

December 20, 2025- January 4, 2026: KDC is Closed in Observance of Holiday Break

January 1, 2026: January Tuition Due

January 1, 2026: January Newsletter Release

January 5, 2026: Classes Resume

January 5, 2026: Winter Classes begin

January 5-9, 2026: Open Window Week

January 10, 2025: Makeup Kit Fees Due (KDC Comp Team)

January 10, 2026: Hair and Make Up Class, Mandatory for all New Team Members, Morning Time, 8:00-9:30 am (KDC Comp Team)

January 10, 2026: Mandatory Comp Team Rehearsal, All Day- Times TBA (KDC Comp Team)

January 10, 2026: NHSDA Meeting During Rehearsal Break

January 13, 2026: KAR Dance Competition Fees Due (KDC Comp Team)

January 15, 2026: Competition Team Costume Fees Due - 2nd Half (KDC Comp Team)

January 16, 2026: Last Day to Register for Winter Classes

January 20, 2026: Applause Dance Competition Fees Due (KDC Comp Team)

January 24, 2026: Acro Workshop for Competition dancers (KDC Comp Team)

February 1, 2026: February Tuition Due

February 1, 2026: February Newsletter Release

February 1, 2026: Winter Recital Class Costume Fees Due in Full

February 2-6, 2026: Open Window Week

February 7, 2026: Mandatory Comp Team Rehearsal, All Day- Times TBA (KDC Comp Team)

February 7, 2026: NHSDA Meeting during Rehearsal Break

February 9-12, 2026: KDC Comp Team Dancers may not miss any classes this week (KDC Comp Team)

February 9-12, 2026: KDC Spirit Week

February 10, 2026: NHSDA Can and Bottle Drive

February 13, 2026: KDC is Closed

February 13-15, 2026: ID Dance Competition, Walled Lake Northern High School (KDC Comp Team)

February 13-20, 2026: KDC is Closed in Observance of Mid- Winter Break

February 21, 2026: Classes Resume

March 1, 2026: March Tuition Due

March 1, 2026: March Newsletter Release

March 1, 2026: Starquest Dance Competition Fees Due (KDC Comp Team)

March 2-6, 2026: Open Window Week

March 7, 2026: NHSDA Meeting, 1:30 pm

March 7, 2026: Acro Workshop for Competition Team dancers (KDC Comp Team)

March 9-12, 2026: KDC Comp Team dancers who are performing their Solos, Duets, or Trios at KAR can't miss any classes this week (KDC Comp Team)

March 9-12, 2026: KDC Spirit Week

March 13, 2026: KDC is Closed

March 13-15, 2026: KAR Dance Competition (Optional Solos, Duets, and Trios), Walled Lake Northern High School (KDC Comp Team)

March 16-19, 2026: KDC Comp Team dancers can't miss any classes this week (KDC Comp Team)

March 16-19, 2026: KDC Spirit Week

March 17, 2026: NHSDA St. Patrick's Day Bake Sale

March 20, 2026: KDC is Closed

March 20-22, 2026: Applause Dance Competition, Walled Lake Northern High School (KDC Comp Team)

March 28- April 5, 2026: KDC is Closed in Observance of Spring Break

April 1, 2026: April Tuition Due

April 1, 2026: April Newsletter Release

April 1-24, 2026: NHSDA Pet Supply Drive

April 6, 2026: Classes Resume

April 6-10, 2026: Open Window Week

April 10-11, 2026: Picture Day Weekend with Pamela MacIntyre Photography (Comp Classes on Friday and Saturday)

April 12, 2026: Picture Day Weekend with Pamela MacIntyre Photography (Recital Classes on Sunday)

April 12, 2026: NHSDA Picture Day Bake Sale

April 18, 2026: Acro Workshop for Competition dancers (KDC Comp Team)

April 25, 2026: NHSDA Pet Supply Drop Off, Humane Society of Huron Valley, 12:00 pm

April 27-30, 2026: KDC Comp Team dancers can't miss any classes this week (KDC Comp Team)

April 27-30, 2026: KDC Spirit Week

May 1, 2026: May Tuition Due

May 1, 2026: May Newsletter Release

May 1, 2026: Yearbook Fees Due (*Required for all Comp/Recital dancers)

May 1, 2026: KDC is Closed

May 1-3, 2026: Starquest Dance Competition, Walled Lake Northern High School (KDC Comp Team)

May 1-21, 2026: NHSDA Canned Food Drive

May 4, 2026: Yearbook Ads Due (*Required for all Comp families, highly suggested for Rec families)

May 4-8, 2026: Open Window Week

May 15, 2026: Mandatory Finale Rehearsal, Time TBA (KDC Comp Team)

May 16, 2026: NHSDA Meeting, 1:30 pm

May 16, 2026: Acro Workshop for Competition Team Dancers (KDC Comp Team)

May 18, 2026: Recital Tickets go on Sale for all Competition Team Families, 6:00 pm (*a code will be required)

May 19, 2026: Recital Tickets will go on Sale for all Recital families, 6:00 pm (*no code will be required)

May 25, 2026: KDC is Closed in Observance of Memorial Day

May 30, 2026: KDC Dress Rehearsal, All Day Event, Walled Lake Central High School

June 1, 2026: June Tuition Due

June 1, 2026: Last day to Register for our “Storytime Steps” Summer Dance Camp for ages 3-6

June 1, 2026: “Storytime Steps” Summer Dance Camp Fees Due

June 1, 2026: June Newsletter Release

June 1-5, 2026: Open Window Week

June 4, 2026: Last Day of Classes for the 2025-2026 Dance Season

June 5, 2026: Mandatory Finale Rehearsal, Time TBA (KDC Comp Team)

June 7, 2026: KDC's 8th Annual Recital "Heroes Vs. Villains", Walled Lake Central High School, 1:00 pm show

June 12, 2026: NHSDA End of the Year Picnic, 12:00 pm, location TBA

June 15-19, 2026: "Storytime Steps" Summer Camp for ages 3-6

June 19, 2026: Last Day to Register for Summer Private Lessons- Session 1 (KDC Comp Team)

June 19, 2026: Summer Private Lesson Fees Due- Session 1 (KDC Comp Team)

June 22-24, 2026: Week 1 of Summer Private Lessons- Session 1 (KDC Comp Team)

June 29- July 1, 2026: Week 2 of Summer Private Lessons- Session 1 (KDC Comp Team)

June 2026: KDC Competition Team Banquet, Time and Location TBA (KDC Comp Team)

July 10, 2026: Last Day to Register for the KDC Competition Readiness Program

July 10, 2026: KDC Competition Team Readiness Program Fees Due

July 13-16, 2026: KDC Competition Readiness Program for all new dancers auditioning for the 2026-27 KDC Competition Team

July 17, 2026: KDC Summer Intensive/Team Audition Fees Due

July 17, 2026: Last Day to Register for the KDC Summer Intensive/Team Auditions

July 20-23, 2026: Week 1 of the KDC Summer Intensive

July 27-30, 2026: Week 2 of the KDC Summer Intensive

July 31, 2026: KDC 2026-2027 Competition Team Auditions

August 1, 2026: Last Day to Register for Summer Private Lessons- Session 2 (KDC Comp Team)

August 1, 2026: Summer Private Lesson Fees Due- Session 2 (KDC Comp Team)

August 3, 2026: Last Day to Register for our "Dancing Around the Holidays" Summer Dance Camp for ages 7-11

August 3, 2026: "Dancing Around the Holidays" Summer Dance Camp Fees Due

August 3-5, 2026: Week 1 of Summer Private Lessons- Session 2 (KDC Comp Team)

August 10-12, 2026: Week 2 of Summer Private Lessons- Session 2 (KDC Comp Team)

August 17-21, 2026: "Dancing Around the Holidays" Summer Dance Camp for ages 7-11

September 9, 2026: 1st Day of classes for the 2026-27 dance season

We are looking forward to continuing an awesome dance season with you and your child! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me anytime.

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