



NEWSLETTER

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Enriching Lives Through Dance

We have the best pumpkins in the patch!



Every year we are reminded of how great our families are, and this year is no different. As this time of year calls for reflection, we wanted to take a moment to express our gratitude to our amazing families. We are grateful to have an incredible dance community; from the commitment our families show by providing their child with the best dance training, to our students who are dedicated to not only being great dancers but also great people. ***Everyday our building is filled with kindness, love, and support.*** Words cannot express how thankful we are that your family is a part of our Take Five community.



Interactive Wall Challenge!



Post a picture or video in front of November's Interactive Wall and tell us what you are THANKFUL for.

TAG US on Instagram
@takefivedanceaz!

IMPORTANT DATES

11/25 - 11/28
Studio CLOSED -
Thanksgiving Break

12/14 - 12/19
Winter Wonderland
studio event

“Providing an environment that prioritizes the well-being of our dancers”

a moment with
Ms. Amanda

B.S. IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION,
DANCE TEACHER, TAKE FIVE ALUMNA

With the recent release of Netflix’s “Cuties,” the topic of inappropriate costumes and movements has been on everyone’s minds. Whether you saw the movie or heard about it through social media, the movie took the world by storm and not in a positive way.

In August, I had the privilege of attending the virtual *Sex Abuse in Dance* seminar hosted by Youth Protection Advocates in Dance (YPAD). During this seminar, we discussed a variety of topics including what our students are being exposed to in this digital age, how this is affecting them developmentally and how we can make the dance world a safer community.

One of the topics that was discussed more in detail was the upcoming release of *Cuties*. We broke down how the provocative costumes and movements were hurting young dancers and why that type of media has become successful in the United States. We dug into research that is showing the negative impacts this type of media has on young children and adults; that their self-esteem and self-worth are more than likely going to be negatively impacted because of it. The intended message of the movie was to bring awareness to the world that this is happening with our young children and in the dance community. However, the provocative costuming and movements overshadowed the intended message.

All over social media you saw people outraged, some even cancelling their Netflix subscription because of *Cuties*. An interesting part that I noticed on social media were families who were outraged by this movie but also allowed their child to wear inappropriate costumes and perform risqué movements for years at dance competitions. This has not been a recent shift in the dance community. For over a decade, costumes and movements have progressively been more inappropriate and risqué.

I tell you this because it provides meaning as to why age-appropriate costumes, music and movements are a part of our Take Five culture. Our utmost concern is that we keep our students safe. That we do not put them in situations that could harm them physically, developmentally, or emotionally. We know that by having our costumes, music and movements be age appropriate that we are doing our part to eliminate situations that could negatively impact our students. At every competition our studio attends, at least one of our families points out our costumes and thanks us for prioritizing age-appropriate costumes and movements.

We hope that in time, movies like *Cuties*, will help create an open dialogue within the dance community; one where we can discuss the importance of being age appropriate and creating an environment that is physically, developmentally, and emotionally safe for all involved. Rest assured, Take Five Dance Academy will continue to be an environment that prioritizes the safety, happiness, and well-being of our dancers.





Thanksgiving Break

The studio will be **CLOSED**
November 25-28, 2020.

Classes will resume on
Monday, November 30th.

**Refer Someone
► Today! ◀**

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You will receive **\$50.00 OFF**
of your next month's tuition
for every registered, new
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Safety First. Staying Healthy. Showing kindness.

**Mask up
& Dance on!**



MASKS REQUIRED IN OUR COMMUNITY

(Per Executive Order No. 8 regarding COVID-19)

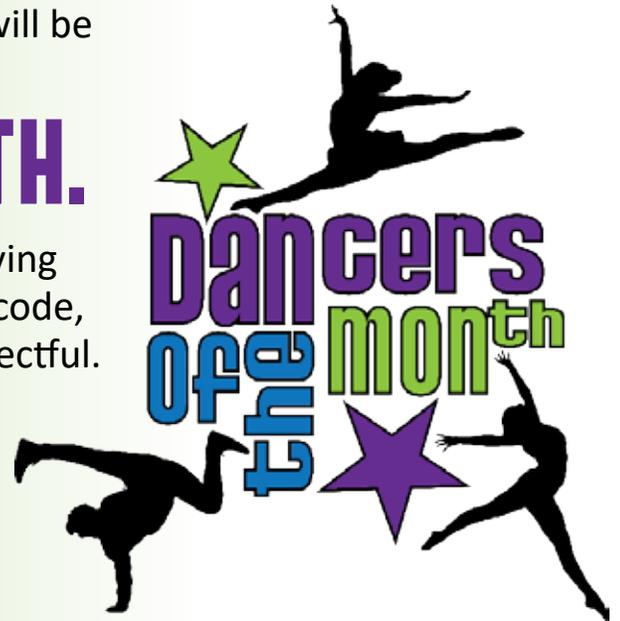


Every month, one dancer from each age level will be chosen, by their dance teachers, for

DANCER OF THE MONTH.

These dancers may achieve this honor by having perfect attendance, wearing the proper dress code, working hard, and being helpful, kind, and respectful.

DANCERS OF THE MONTH will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.



Mia B.

YOUNG CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Member of Fab Fives, Acro Tots
Nominated by: Ms. Heather

I love having Mia in my Acro Tots class. She is always quiet and listening to my instructions. I can tell she really enjoys learning the different skills. She is very determined to perform them correctly. Keep up the great work Mia!

Haylee H.

PRIMARY

Ballet
Nominated by: Ms. Sarah

It has been a pleasure to have Haylee in class! Her hard work shows as she applies corrections and ask questions to get stronger. Haylee has not only developed many new skills this season but is learning the vocabulary to go along with them. Keep up the good work Haylee! I can't wait to see your continued growth throughout the dance season.

Mia S.

ELEMENTARY

Jazz, Acro, Hip Hop
Nominated by: Ms. Elizabeth

I am so proud of Mia's growth in Hip Hop. She used to walk into class a little nervous but now she is rocking it! She always gives me 100% in any skill we are working on and lets her personality shine through in anything she does. Thank you for working so hard Mia!

Savannah A.

SECONDARY

Ballet, Tap
Nominated by: Ms. Nicole

Savannah is a super sweet student. She is kind to those around her and very respectful. Whenever I give her a correction, she has a polite response, and tries to remember those corrections from week to week. Whether she is on zoom or in-person, she works hard and listens to my instructions. I love having Savannah in class and I enjoy watching all the progress she's made!

Makayla G.

PERFORMANCE COMPANY

Member of Mini Ensemble
Nominated by: Ms. CJ

Makayla has proven herself to be a role model to dancers around her. She is extremely responsible, dedicated, and a strong leader. She shows nothing but kindness to her peers and is always willing to help others. Makayla has shown a great amount of growth in maturity and training. Keep up the great work kid!



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Use our hashtags when posting
dance pictures on social media.

**WE LOVE TO
SEE YOUR PICTURES!**

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SOCIAL MEDIA • BULLETIN BOARDS
FLYERS - CHECK THOSE DANCE BAGS :)

We also have morning and evening Office hours.
If you need any assistance, please give us a call.



SAVE THE DATE

Winter Wonderland

holiday event will be at the studio on

December 14th - 19th.

More information will
be available soon.



November
Birthdays

Ms. Suzy 11/19
Mr. Steve 11/25
Ms. CJ 11/28

Take Five Dance

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at the Office*



**LEOTARDS
TIGHTS
SHOES**

TAKE FIVE DANCE ACADEMY

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