# Studio Information Package

2025-2026 Season Weyburn



## Welcome!

Whether you are a current student, returning post dancer or brand new to the world of dance, we are SO EXCITED that you're taking the time to get to know us!

Here at Marley's Dance Effex we believe in a supportive, structured and caring environment where students can learn not only to dance, but to respect themselves, their teammates, and teachers as well as develop self-discipline and commitment. Our studio believes in offering quality qualified dance instruction to all students, regardless of their age and skill level.

We are proud to offer our students a variety of opportunities outside of regular classes, including workshops, competitions, exams and a year end recital. We believe in offering a well-rounded dance education that accounts for each child's emotional and mental development along with physical.

We are excited to have your child joining us this season and excited for a great year.

# Studio Schedule 2025-2026 Season



#### **September**

8th ~ Classes Begin!

#### **October**

13th ~ Thanksgiving-NO CLASSES

15th ~ Class Add/Registration

Deadline

15th - Costume Deposits are Due

15th - Solo/Duo Deadline

31st ~ Halloween-NO CLASSES

#### **November**

 $11 \sim Remembrance \ Day$  - No Regular Classes

#### **December**

18th ~ Last Day of Classes 18th-January 4th ~ Christmas Break-NO CLASSES

#### January

5th ~ Classes Resume!

12-15th - Competition Fees are Due

#### **February**

6th-9th ~ Costume Try-On 16th-22nd ~ February Break

#### March

12th-15th - Weyburn Inspirations of Dance (All Students)
26th-29th - Yorkton Vibe Dance Comp (Beg, PreJr, Jr, Inter & Sr Students)

#### **April**

3-12th Easter Break - No Regular Classes 16-19th - Glam Dance (Pre Jr, Jr, Inter & Sr Dancers) 25th - Recital (all students)

#### May

May 7-10 - Abstract Competition - Medicine Hat (Pre Jr, Jr, Inter, Sr Dancesrs)

# Dress Code

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Having your dancer in the appropriate dress and hair helps us see body alignment, brings

the class together as a group, and helps dancers get focussed for class!

#### Proper Dance Attire

It is very important for students to properly dress for dance class. The instructors need to be able to see the dancer's bodies in order to correct their technique and help them improve. We hope these guidelines help to determine what dancers should wear to class. Marley's Dance Effex will be enforcing the 'proper dance attire' dress code for all students. Please note that your dancer may not be able to participate in class if they do not have proper dance clothes or shoes.

#### Appropriate Clothing Items:

✓- Bodysuits ✓- Spandex Shorts ✓- Tank Tops ✓- Leggings ✓- Dance skirts (any form-fitting yoga wear is acceptable)

#### Inappropriate Clothing Items:

**★-** Jeggings **★-** Sweatpants **★-** T-Shirts/Long sleeves **★-** Sweaters/Hoodies (any loose/baggy items that prevent the instructor from seeing the dancers body positioning are not permitted)

# Policies & Procedures

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#### **Fees**

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Payments: All payments must be made to "Marley's Dance Effex". Cash, cheque, email transfer, credit card and PayPal are accepted. Class fees can be found on your parent portal, as well as email transfer instructions..

Creative Kids Fees: Families are welcome to apply for Creative Kids funding to help with the cost of dance lessons. The application form can be found on their website. Parents should apply for \$500 if their dancer is in one class, and \$750 if their dancer is in 2+ classes. Please note that if your dancer misses 3 or more lessons your funding will be revoked. If you have any questions regarding Creative Kids services please contact us. Receipts: Individual receipts will not be given for all transactions. Please save a copy of your invoice/bill for your records. Contact the office for specific receipts.

Late fee: A \$25 per week fee will be applied to all late payments. All NSF cheques will be charged \$25.00.

Refunds: Refunds are not given for lessons missed for any reason of your own accord, ie: illness, holiday, etc. If your dancer withdraws after November 30th, 2025 you will NOT be reimbursed and will be responsible for the remainder of the seasons fees. FEES ARE BASED ON A YEARLY AMOUNT, NOT MONTHLY. FEES ARE BROKEN DOWN INTO MONTHLY PAYMENTS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE. Monthly fees are due for the first of every month.

#### Classes

Each class will be held once a week. Our lobby is currently closed and will only be available to our tiny tot parents at this time.

The teachers and the teachers only will decide student designation into various classes. Dancers will be placed in the class that best suits their abilities, in order for each child to receive the best dance education he or she can.

#### **Dance Attire:**

Dancers are expected to dress appropriately for each class. This means no street wear – no baggy T-shirts, sweatpants or jeans (this includes hip hop classes). Please wear lycra pants/ shorts and tank tops or body suits with appropriate shoes. Visit our website to see the Proper Dance Attire document.

Please have hair pulled off the face in a ponytail or bun. No chewing gum as it is a choking hazard.

#### **Attendance:**

Attendance is mandatory. You must notify the instructors of any necessary absences. If your child has had more than three invalid absences before Christmas, the teachers will determine if they can continue dancing in that particular dance. The same procedure happens from January until the end of dance season. This policy is to ensure students don't hinder the success of the group at competition. It is important to remember that your child's group is a team and team members are expected to make a necessary commitment. If your child needs to miss a few classes, but remains on top of the material taught, there will be no issues.

If your dancer has an injury or illness that prevents them from dancing they are expected to still come to class to watch the lesson. This ensures dancers are ready to participate when they return, as they are familiar with what was taught. If your dancer is too sick to attend class, they

should stay home. If it is an injury that doesn't put them or the other dancers at risk, they should attend class. Please don't hesitate to contact the office with any concerns regarding attendance.

#### **Shoes:**

Students must have the proper shoes to attend class. If your dancer does not have tap shoes by the end of September they will not be permitted to continue in tap class. If your dancer does not have soft shoes (jazz or ballet) by the end of October they will not be permitted to continue taking those classes. It is imperative for all members of the group to have the correct shoes in order to learn the proper technique. Please visit our Parent Network on Facebook to purchase used costumes and shoes.

Shoe requirements can be found on the Documents page of our website.

#### **Communication:**

To reduce classroom interruption, please channel questions and comments through our email account: mdeffex@hotmail.com

You may also TEXT the office at (306) 861-4855. Please note that the office is closed in the evenings as the staff are all teaching. Text messages will be returned as soon as possible, and will be returned based on urgency.

Teachers are instructed to direct parents to the office for most questions. Please understand that we want our instructors focusing on teaching the students. We are happy to answer any parent questions via office phone or email.

If a class is cancelled due to weather, an email message will be sent out to notify you. Email addresses are a requirement in order for each family to receive all of the information required.

#### Withdrawal:

If your child wishes to withdraw from classes, the office must be notified in writing. Please send an email to the office. The bookkeeper will determine refund amounts issued. If your child withdraws after December 1st, you will **NOT** be reimbursed and will be held responsible for the remainder of the seasons fees. Competition fees and costumes will not be refunded. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL FEES INCURRED UNTIL NOTIFICATION IS GIVEN TO THE INSTRUCTORS.

#### **Heath issues:**

If your child has a medical condition that might affect them during dance class, please make the teachers aware of what needs to be done for your child and please ensure emergency information is up to date. Marley's Dance Effex reserves the right to call 911 at the parent's expense.

#### Costumes

Every child is expected to participate in the local recital as well as competitions, and therefore will require a costume at an approximate cost of \$30.00- \$80.00 including taxes (per class). Costume orders will be placed by the end of October to ensure early delivery from the USA. All costumes will be sized and ordered by the teachers. We order the size that best suits your child according to their measurements. Costume orders must be placed early for delivery before competitions in March. All alterations of costumes are the responsibility of the dancer. Recital costumes cannot be refunded once they have been ordered. Costume fees will be paid to SEW'N ICE.

Solos and duets are responsible for their own costumes; however there are lots of costumes available through other parents and dancers. Please visit our Parent Network on Facebook to purchase used costumes and shoes.

#### **Competition**

#### Attendance:

The number of competitions your child attends will depend on age and location. Dancers will attend between 1-4 competitions.

All students are expected to attend competitions unless otherwise discussed, as Marley's Dance Effex is a competitive studio. When you enrol your child in lessons we expect you to commit to the competitions your child's group is attending. Competition dates are sent out in the Fall and posted on the website for your reference. If you have a conflict (ie. family vacation, school trip, wedding etc.) we expect you to notify the teachers ASAP. If your child will be absent from a competition, **the office must be notified before**December 1st. This is to avoid paying unnecessary competition fees for your child. More importantly, this allows teachers to plan choreography in a way that doesn't affect the routine when your child is absent.

IF YOU ARE CHOOSING TO NOT PARTICIPATE IN COMPETITIONS - PLEASE NOTIFY STAFF AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION. :)

Cost: Competition entry fees are \$25.00- \$30.00/class/competition. These will be collected in January. Solo and Duet fees are extra and vary at each competition. We will also require parent volunteers to help us run our home competition smoothly.

#### **Preparation:**

We recommend that you do your child's hair and make-up before coming to the competition venue. Dressing rooms can be very hot and crowded, which makes it difficult to prepare younger students. Please do not wear costumes anywhere other than in the competition dressing room and on the stage.

#### Hair:

Competition hair will be determined at the time of the costume order. Regardless of style, dancers' hair should be hair sprayed or gelled and look professional. Most students in Junior or under will wear the curly ponytails provided on stage. Hair must be slicked back and put into a proper bun before the hairpiece can be worn.

#### **Underwear:**

Absolutely no underwear is to be worn on the stage. This includes thong underwear. Teachers may check student's waistband before going backstage to ensure this rule is followed. Underwear can be seen under the stage lights and disrupts the clean lines we are striving for with the costumes and tights.

#### Make up:

It is important for stage make-up to be dark so dancers don't look washed out under the stage lights. Teachers will ask you to apply more make-up if they feel it is necessary. Eyes: All dancers are to wear dark brown eye shadow on the lid of the eye. White eye shadow is to be worn from the crease of the lid to the eyebrow. No coloured eye shadow

will be accepted. Beginner through Junior dancers should wear black eye liner with a two tailed "cat eye" and black mascara. Inter and Senior dancers should wear black mascara and eyeliner but will omit the "cat- eye".

Cheeks and Lips: Dancers should wear noticeable blush and bright red lipstick. Please no pink or peach lipstick.

It is very important for dancers to be uniform on the stage. We hope these guidelines have helped you. When the dancers look professional on the stage, you can see why we have these policies.

#### **Recital:**

Recital will be held at the end of April or early May. Everyone, except dancers and instructors are required to pay admission. Parents will be asked to volunteer to help put on the recital show.

Contact Info:

Website: www.marleysdanceeffex.net Email: mdeffex@hotmail.com

EMT: office.mdeffex@gmail.com Phone: (306) 861-4855

# Payment & Etransfer Instructions

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#### **Email Transfer Instructions for Marley's Dance Effex**

- Please send your email transfer to the correct email address: office.mdeffex@gmail.com
- Please include in the memo what your payment is for ie ."costume payment for [dancer name]"
- ie. "duo fees for [dancer name]"
- Please do not combine payments. We require separate payments for separate order forms. This means if the items are on the same order form (ie. costumes/tights/hairpieces) payments can be combined, as they have already been totalled on one form. If items are on separate order forms (ie. clothing order and solo/duo fees) they must be paid separately.
- Please send the e-transfer by the deadline outlined on the form/calendar. The
  post-dated deadline applies to cheques only. Late payments will be subject to a
  late fee.

You shouldn't need a password for any e-transfer sent to Marley's Dance Effex. Funds will be auto deposited into our account.

Thank you for your co-operation on this matter

Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns about email transfer payments.

# 2025-2026 Dance Programs





# **Find Your Fit!!!**

# **RECREATIONAL**

Weekly classes for dancers aged 18 months -18 yrs.

Opportunity for one competition this season.

# **COMPETITIVE**

Weekly classes for dancers aged 5-18 yrs.

Great for our dancers who want to get the opportunity to perform several times this season.

Opportunity for 3-4 competitions this season.

# **EXAMINATION**

A weekly class focusing on proper technique and strength. Take your dance to the next level.



## Jazz

Jazz is a mixture of rhythm, flexibility and technique Beginner to advanced levels available.. C.D.T.A & ADAPT exam classes offered Ages 5 & Up 30 - 45 minute classes

# Tap

Tap is a technique based class that is a rhythmic art form. Beginner to advanced levels available..
C.D.T.A & ADAPT exam classes offered
Ages 5 & Up
30 - 45 minute classes

## **Ballet**

Ballet is the foundation of all dance styles. It develops proper technique and placement. Beginner to advanced levels available.

30 min - 1 hr classes available,
Ages 5 & up



# Lyrical

Lyrical is a combination of ballet, jazz and modern technique. This style expresses emotion through the story telling of the lyrics of the music. 30 min class

Ages 6 & up. Dancers must be enrolled in ballet.

# **Contemporary**

The new and upcoming style of dance. This style focuses on technique and placement with unpredictable changes in rhythm and speed. 30 minute class. Ages 7 & up.

# **Hip Hop**

A combination of hip hop and street jazz. 30 min class. Ages 6 & up

#### **Musical Theatre**

Musical Theatre is a combination of theatre, song and dance. 30 mins a week . Ages 6 & up

#### Acro

Acro dance is a style of dance that combines classical dance technique with acrobatic elements. Ages 4 & up. 30 min class



# **TinyTot Combo**

An intro to dance for our littlest dancers. Ages 18 months - 3 yrs. A fun combo with ballet, tap and creative movement.

# **Small Fry Combo**

A wonderful intro to dance and one of our most popular combo classes.

One hour per week of Jazz. Tap and Ballet. A perfect little intro to different styles of dance.

# **Hip Hop Tots**

Get groovy in our fun and dynamic intros to Hip Hop. Perfect for dancers aged 4-6 yrs.

# **Beginner Combo**

Geared for dancers 6-8 yrs.

Enjoy any three classes and find the best classes to fit your dancer. Classes Offered

- Jazz
- Tap
- Ballet
- Hip Hop
- Acro
- Musical Theatre

# Why Choose us?

At MDE we strive to offer a professional, fun and qualified dance experience to grow with your dancers.

We know our dancers excel with the support from their families at home and at the studio! We provide a friendly, inclusive and supportive atmosphere for everyone.

Our staff has taken the time to become qualified instructors to ensure proper training and technique,

