

## Important Information for All Ballet Parents

1. Invite everyone you know to come to the show! Tickets can be bought in advance for discount or the night of the show for \$2 more. It's an enjoyable performance for people of all ages!
2. Girls must arrive at rehearsal with their hair up in a bun. A proper ballet bun starts with a ponytail held with elastic. It often helps to use gel when making the ponytail. Then twist the hair around, cover with a hairnet (usually making several layers with the hairnet or twisting the excess around the bun), and securing tightly with hairpins. Crocheted hairnets should not be worn. The whole head should be sprayed with hairspray so that there are no flyaway's are sticking out. (The exception to the bun rule for this show is Stars. They should have it pulled halfway back with curls down the back.)
3. Unless otherwise told, girls should have pink tights and pink shoes. The ties of the shoes should be tied securely in a square knot. The ends should be cut to about 2", then the ends should be stuck inside the shoe and secured with a piece of tape to the inside of the shoe above the toes. No jewelry should be worn.
4. For performances and rehearsals longer than an hour, it is helpful to send a small snack with the child. It should involve clean foods such as grapes and pretzels – nothing that would stain costumes. Please only send water, no fruit juice or milk.
5. For performances you may want to apply makeup – minimal is better! Just a little blush, lipstick (NOT red as it looks black under stage lights), and maybe a little eye shadow, but no eyeliner. If you put makeup in your child's bag, please tell the backstage mom. And please instruct your child to let the moms apply makeup, not the child.
6. Help is always welcome. It is appropriate to help your child put on their costume when you arrive, if the backstage mom says it's time. When you pick up your child, make sure their costume is hung up, that their area is neat, and that they've taken everything they brought.
7. Please remember theatre etiquette! No videotaping or photography during the performance. No entry or exit from the theatre except at intermission. Be considerate of other audience members.
8. The littlest ones are not expected to stay for the Finale of the Saturday night show. You should plan on retrieving them at the intermission following their dance. We encourage you to take them out to enjoy the rest of the show or go home to bed as needed. They are expected to be in the Finale of the Sunday show. Cast Party will follow! Watch for details.

**Make sure you arrive EARLY so that your dancer is ready to start on time!!!!**