

Good Morning,

I hope everyone is enjoying their "Spring Break" at home! I know it's not exactly what we pictured for ourselves and our families this April vacation, but I hope you've been able to relax and enjoy the week some.

I'm reaching out today with an exciting announcement and a few updates I want to share!

First, we have started a **#stilldancing fund** to help dance families who have been severely financially affected, keep their child in dance class during this unfortunate time. Continuing dance at home means children can maintain physical activity, remain socializing with their classmates and teacher, continue their training and of course, enjoy one of the best things in life - dance! And by continuing at home classes, means you are therefore able to participate in our recital. (Because I promise to do everything I can to have a recital - I have Plans A, B, C, D, E... and am just taking it day by day!) It *also* means that you are supporting our studio and keeping our doors open (even if they are currently closed) ensuring there's a home for our dance family to return to.

Please visit dancemoves.us for more information and grab your *Limited Edition* apparel today!! All orders must be placed by **April 30th** so that we may distribute funds for May tuition. Orders can be placed online in your parent portal under our online store!

Speaking of **recital!** Until we feel we can begin to confidently implement one of the above plans, I have held out on sending our recital packet which is usually released in April. Therefore, no orders or submissions are currently due for our recital t-shirt, program messages, or recital dvds. This information and updated deadlines will be shared with you soon. *However*, you can check out all of your recital costumes and details in your parent portals under "costumes."

(*Your parent portals also now have video links directly on your homepage for easier access!)

With the current chatter of opening states back up, I do want to mention that I am also planning for a safe return (*whenever* that may be!) Our first priority is you and your family's health, our next is their happiness! So some of our plans for reopening *could include but are not limited to*: 1 class at a time, hand washing at the door, required use of masks, marks on the floor to enforce social distancing, no student lounge use, limited lobby use (by younger parents only), no lifts/partnerwork, etc.

When we do feel it can be safe to begin the process of slowly opening our doors, we will begin with our oldest dancers first. For instance, I will personally hold a class of just my teen advanced dancers so we can work together on the "flow" and the new space guidelines to ensure all the precautions we would be putting in place can successfully be met.

Again, I am taking this day by day and will continue to pivot, turn, pivot, (kick-ball-change), pivot, turn and pivot again! (#danceteacherjoke 😊) I promise to keep you updated as necessary but as of now, we will continue with our live class schedule again next week until further notice.

I hope you all enjoy a beautiful weekend and I also want to take a moment to personally thank everyone for doing their part to help keep our community healthy and am grateful for your continued support while we do what we can to keep our dancers healthy, happy and #stilldancing!

Health & Happiness,

Michelle