

As we head into February, we have lots of fun things happening at HOTVDA!

First, each year at Heart of the Valley Dance Academy, we invite our dancers to participate in recital production numbers. Production numbers are large group dances, usually based on a theme, that are performed in all three recitals. We invite dancers from all HOTVDA classes to come together to perform in these numbers. This year, we are doing two productions.

The first is a ballet/ lyrical dance from The Nutcracker Ballet. All dancers who are currently enrolled in ballet, lyrical, ballet technique, and PBT / prepointe recital and competition classes are invited to participate in this dance. The cost for the Nutcracker production number is \$45.00 per dancer, which includes a tutu for the costume. Dancers will also need a black leotard, prima pink tights, and ballet or lyrical shoes.

The second is a Zootopia-themed jazz/tap/musical theatre number. All dancers are invited to participate in this production number. The cost for the Zootopia production number is \$55.00 and includes a costume. Costumes will be in a variety of bright colors with fringe.

Practice dates:

Saturday, March 14: Zootopia will meet 9:00-10:30 and The Nutcracker will meet 10:30-12:00AM. Saturday, March 28, April 11, April 25: Zootopia will meet 9:00- 10:00am and The Nutcracker will meet 10:15-11:15am.

Wednesday, May 6: Zootopia will meet 6:00-6:30 pm, and The Nutcracker will meet 6:45-7:15pm.

These dances will also have practice time scheduled at dress rehearsal.

Students who participate must be at one of the first 2 practices. Dancers are allowed only one missed class. Because of the short time we have to learn the routine, attendance is IMPORTANT. If you are not able to make one of the first two practices, or if you will miss more than one practice, you are not able to participate. Please return the bottom portion of this letter with your class fee/costume payment by March 5th.

Next, Picture week is right around the corner! Picture Week is March 2-5. Classes will have pictures taken during regular class times at the studio. Dancers should come to class in costume this week – including tights and dance shoes. No fees need to be paid up front, and the purchase of photos online is optional. We do ask that all dancers participate in the photos, as we post these at the recital. A link to the online page for ordering will be available during picture week!

Tights are needed for most classes for picture week and the recital. Tights can be purchased at the front desk for all classes. Please check the required tights document (attached), which lists what tights are needed for your dancer's class. Tights range in price from \$7.50 - \$16.00 depending on size and style. We have shipments arriving weekly to keep all sizes in stock for you.

Looking Ahead: Recital tickets will be available through an online system starting March 23. All seats will be reserved, and ticket limits will be in effect for the initial week of sales. Remaining tickets will then be made available for unlimited purchase. You will be able to choose your seats from those available and have several options for printing your tickets. Parent emails will be used as access codes - so please be sure the studio has your correct email on file. More details will be available in the upcoming weeks!

Be sure to mark your calendars for our upcoming spring break week, March 30-April 5th, when there are no classes. Also, mark our recital dates, May 8th and 9th. All these dates can be found on our website [CALENDAR](#).

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