

RECITAL NEWSLETTER

Recital is scheduled for **Sunday, May 19th at 2:00pm and 4:00pm**. The show is the culmination of hard work on the part of your child and the Dance Elements staff. We know you will be proud of each of your children. Your continued support, patience, understanding and encouragement can make this a rewarding experience for your child. The next few weeks will go very smoothly if you **READ ALL THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS NEWSLETTER! MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY WITH ALL THESE IMPORTANT TIMES & DATES**. Please save this newsletter for future reference. Your calendar is probably already full with all kinds of end of school activities. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in adding these dates to your calendar. If you have questions, concerns, or any conflicts, we encourage you to call the office at 990-4700 or email danceelementsstaff@gmail.com.

Admission

Everyone gets 4 tickets per family for the show your dancer is in. These tickets are available at the dance studio. You are welcome to purchase additional tickets for \$10 each. Tickets are available for purchase at the studio and will also be available the day of the event. If your dancer is in both shows you get 4 tickets for both shows. Each show has a different ticket.

Last Day of Classes

The last day of classes will be Friday, May 17th.

Perfect Attendance Awards & 5, 7, 10 year awards

These awards will be given to students who enrolled for the **entire nine month session** and have not missed more than 1 class. These medals will be distributed to dancers starting Saturday, May 11th. If your dancer does not get a perfect attendance medal but you believe they qualify please let the office staff know.

There will also be a listing of dancers that have been part of the Dance Elements Family for 5, 7 and 10 years. These dancers will receive an award the day of rehearsal during the award presentation at 3:00pm. The list will be posted on the Recital Info Page; please reach out to us if you believe your dancer should be on the list and is not.

Account Standing

Accounts must be in good standing for your dancer to participate in recital. Any accounts with balances must be paid prior to rehearsal.

Backstage Policies

Backstage Moms will be receiving an email this week with details. Every backstage mom will have a Badge Pass to enter the dressing room area. Only one parent per dancer is allowed backstage to help dress the dancer. Once your dancer is dressed, Backstage Moms will be in charge of the dancers. There is limited space in the dressing areas and we want the dancers to have plenty of room to dress. Each class will have a designated space in the dressing room to make line-up more efficient.

Passes will also be given to Parents that have a dancer in more than 1 dance. These parents will receive a **Quick-change Bracelet** to help with costume changes.

Dancers will need to stay in the dressing rooms for the ENTIRE SHOW they perform in. This is out of respect for the dancers on stage and the audience. I anticipate each show will be approximately 60 minutes in length.

Cameras (any kind) and Video Cameras MAY NOT be brought into the auditorium during the recital. You may video and take pictures at the rehearsal on Saturday. Remember the recital is your time to enjoy each child's performance. Please respect our policy; those violating our policy will be asked to leave the theater.

Costumes

Please take time to write your child's name **on each piece** of their costume as well as their **dance shoes** to avoid backstage confusion. Check your child's costume form to see if you have additional accessories such as tap shoe bows, hairpieces, etc that need to be included with a costume. Nude camisoles or clear strapped tops are recommended for dancers with quick-changes.

Costumes should be kept in a safe place and used only for Pictures, Dress Rehearsal and Recital performance.

Please remember performers may not wear jewelry with their costumes unless specified on the costume form.

Make up & Hairstyling

Stage make up has been posted online and discussed in each class. We recommend securing buns with hairnets. Please have your performer's make up and hairstyling

done ***prior*** to arriving at dress rehearsal and recital. We suggest even our youngest performers wear make-up. The stage lights will make the dancers look “washed out” without make up, so apply make-up a little heavier than daytime lighting.

Shoes, Tights, & Accessories

Tights are included with your costume along with a Costume Form. Shoe requirements are on the Costume Form handed out in class with your dancer’s costume, please make sure you have the correct shoe color. Also, make sure you have all accessories (hat, gloves, hair clips) in the correct position as mentioned on the Costume Form. Please ask the office staff for a costume form if you did not get one with your dancer’s costume.

Flowers & DVDs

Those that ordered flowers will be able to pick them up in the entrance way of the performing arts center when the doors open for recital. Flowers must be pre-ordered; we have very few extras for purchase that day. Order forms are online and can be found on the Recital Info page of our website.

Sharp Shooters will be videoing the recital again this year; order forms will be available online. We will notify everyone that ordered a DVD when they are available for pick up at the studio; typically 3-4 weeks after the show. Recital Ads will be included on the Recital DVD.

Performing Arts Center use Rules

The Pflugerville Performing Arts Center is allowing Dance Elements to use their facility with several rules in place. No food, drink, or gum is allowed in the auditorium at any time; also no glitter, confetti, or similar decoration is allowed. Please abide by the rules so that we are welcome back next year.

Dress Rehearsal

Date: Saturday, May 18th

2:00pm Show – 12:00pm start time

4:00pm Show – 3:30pm start time

Place: Pflugerville Performing Arts Center
1301 Pecan St. W (Pflugerville H.S.) 78660

This is a **mandatory** rehearsal for all students. PLEASE BE PROMPT. **All performers must be at rehearsal, in costume, to rehearse.** Hairstyling and make-up must be done for rehearsal. Dancers should be stage ready at the specified time.

REHEARSAL ORDER:

2:00pm Show – rehearsal starts at 12:00pm and will be go in a slightly different order than recital.

The actual Rehearsal order can be found on the Recital Info Page of our website.

4:00pm Show – rehearsal starts at 3:30pm and will go in a slightly different order than recital.

Once your dancer has finished rehearsing all of his/her dances they are free to go. You do not have to stay for the entire rehearsal.

REHEARSAL ARRIVAL TIMES:

2:00pm Show – dancers will need to be **“stage ready”** with hair, costume, and make-up on by 12:00pm.

The performing arts center will not open until 11:30am so if your rehearsal start time is 12:00pm you will want to have hair and make-up on when you arrive. That way you only have to put on costume and dance shoes.

4:00pm Show – Dancer will need to be **“stage ready”** with hair, costume, and make-up on by 3:30pm.

BOTH DAD DANCES WILL REHEARSE AT 3:30PM

DRESSING AREA:

Only ONE adult will be allowed to bring and pick up their performer in the dressing area.

We ask that siblings, other adult family members and friends not enter the dressing area at any time because the areas are small and crowd easily.

Each class will have a designated spot in the dressing area so be sure to look for your dancer's class. The signs will list the day and time of class as well as the teacher.

Only performers, backstage moms, and quick-change moms will be allowed backstage during the Dress Rehearsal.

Recital

**Date: Sunday, May 19th
2:00pm & 4:00pm**

Place: Pflugerville High School Performing Arts Center

The recital order is posted online on our website

ARRIVAL TIME:

If your dancer is in the 2:00pm Show, he/she must be backstage by **1:30pm. NO EARLIER than 1:15pm.**

If your dancer is in the 4:00pm Show, he/she must be backstage by **3:30pm. NO EARLIER than 3:15pm.**

Only ONE adult will be allowed to bring and pick up their performer in the dressing room area.

ALL COMBO DANCERS will have a 3 digit code that will need to be known by the adult coming to pick up so that we ensure they are leaving the backstage area with a family member.

Only performers, backstage moms, and quick-change moms will be allowed backstage during the Recital.

Doors will open and seating will begin 30 minutes prior to the start of each the show.

NO PHOTOGRAPHY AND/OR VIDEOTAPING ALLOWED AT RECITAL

Dancer must remain in the dressing rooms for the ENTIRE SHOW they perform in.