

FUN 'N' DANCE LTD. - OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2017

Here is our October newsletter, please read it *carefully* and keep checking the Fun 'n' Dance Ltd. notice board. Thank you!



THANKSGIVING WEEKEND

ALL classes will be *cancelled* on **Saturday, October 7 and Monday, October 9** i.e. 'Thanksgiving Weekend'.

Miss Julie, Miss Natasha, Miss Dehla, Miss Amanda and Miss Rene would like to wish all of their students and their families a *safe and happy* 'Thanksgiving'.

REGISTRATION & OCTOBER FEES

September is always a busy month with students trying out different dance classes. Everybody should now be settled into their dance class/classes and if you have not completed registration for your child, we would appreciate you doing so *as soon as possible*. It is *very* important that ALL students registering for classes submit the following:

- a completed registration form
- medical/waiver of liability form with a parent or guardian's signature
- consent to receive emails form with a parent or guardian's signature.

Parents can find all 3 forms on our website at **funndance.com/ funndance.ca** and hard copies of these forms can also be picked up at the studio.

October fees are now due and all cheques should be made payable to **Fun 'n' Dance Ltd.** A reminder that to simplify our banking:

- **ALL FEES MUST BE PAID BY POSTDATED CHEQUES** (i.e. 10 postdated cheques dated the first of each month from Sept. 2017 to June 2018 **OR** 3 postdated cheques dated **Sept. 1, 2017** (for Sept., Oct., Nov. & Dec. fees), **Jan. 1, 2018** (for Jan., Feb. & March fees) and **April 1, 2018** (for April, May & June fees) **AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION WITHOUT EXCEPTION**;
- There is a **\$25.00** registration fee charged per student registering *or* **\$40.00** per family registering;
- There will be a **\$25.00 fee** charged for all **NSF cheques**.

If you need information on monthly fees, please refer to the fee list on our notice board or visit our website at **funndance.com/funndance.ca** or you can contact **Miss Julie** at **403-289-9240** or by e-mail. Thank you.

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PARENT VIEWING

During parent viewing, parents are invited to sit in and watch their child's class. It is an ideal opportunity to view your child's progress and to ask any questions you may have. Parent viewing will take place for each teacher on the following dates:

October 16, 18, 19 & 21

Miss Julie's classes

October 17 & 19

Miss Dehla's classes

October 24

Miss Rene & Miss Amanda's classes

October 23, 25 & 28

Miss Natasha's classes

A reminder that viewing week is a very important time for **all** of our students and they require our full attention. Therefore, ALL talking and noise should be kept to an absolute **minimum** and cell phones put on silent mode. We would ask that parents be *mindful* of younger siblings in attendance and be prepared to take them out of the class should they become restless. Your understanding and co-operation are *greatly* appreciated.

CHARACTER SKIRTS AND SHOES

All students in **Grade 1** to **Grade 7** ballet should now be organized with character shoes and skirts. If you wish to have a character skirt custom-made for your child, then please pick up an order form from Miss Julie and return it with payment ***promptly***. It will take Mrs. Linney a few weeks to have the 'new' character skirts made, so we thank you for your patience. Also, since Miss Julie and Miss Natasha have started teaching the character work in all of their ballet classes, as long as students have the correct character shoes, they can learn the work initially without the skirt.

LABELING DANCE ATTIRE & GROOMING

Just a *friendly* reminder that all dance attire should be **clearly labeled** with the student's name, this will help us in returning lost items to their owner more easily.

A reminder that it is **VERY IMPORTANT** that all students arrive for class *neatly groomed*. This is an integral part of their training and allows their teacher to observe them clearly during class without loose clothing and hair getting in the way. Ballet students in Grade 1 and higher should wear their hair in a bun with ***pins*** and a ***hair net***. Miss Julie and Miss Natasha are encouraging the younger students to put their hair up on their own and are happy to assist as long as students bring their own hair supplies. Poor grooming will not be tolerated.

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WATER BOTTLES

We would recommend that all students bring their *own*, **clearly labeled** water bottle to class, it is important that students stay hydrated while they are dancing. A reminder that the water bottle should only contain water. Thank you.

DANCER'S DIARY FOR BALLET

All students in Grade 2 to Advanced 2 ballet should be bringing a small notebook and pencil to ballet class. The notebook will be known as the '*dancer's diary*', it should be clearly labeled with the student's name and level of ballet class. The diary will be used to write down ballet terminology and homework. Thank you!

'SPIDERS' ON BALLET SHOES & USING THE WASHROOM BEFORE CLASS

Miss Julie would ask all parents and students to please check the elastic drawstrings on ballet slippers (i.e. 'spiders') before the start of class. The 'spiders' should be securely tied and tucked inside the front of the ballet slipper so that they do not come undone and become a hazard. Unfortunately Miss Julie and her assistant teachers spend quite a lot of time tying up 'spiders' that have come loose in the younger classes which takes away from valuable learning time. Thanks so much for your help in this matter.

For our younger students, we would encourage them to please use the washroom before the start of class. Teachers will always allow students to use the washroom during class time, but if students can go to the washroom prior to their class starting, that would be greatly appreciated.

PHOTOS & DVD'S FOR RECITAL

We still have a few recital photos and recital DVD's at the studio that haven't been picked up. If you ordered a recital photo or DVD back in May and haven't yet received it, please talk to Miss Julie or your child's teacher at the end of class or email Miss Julie at prattrj@telus.net.

*A reminder that the recital DVD's are specifically designed to be played in a **DVD player** for optimum results. Playing the DVD on a computer or laptop may compromise the quality of the picture.

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2ND HAND SALE

Our 2nd hand sale was held on Friday, September 22 and we managed to sell approximately **\$510.00** worth of used dance clothing and footwear. All the money is returned *directly* to the original owners. While Miss Julie considers the recycling of 2nd hand dance wear a *valuable* service to our students, we are currently collecting more items than we are managing to sell and consequently are rapidly running out of storage space in the studio! Therefore, Miss Julie would ask parents to consider taking home those items that haven't been sold or she will try to sell them throughout the school year, bearing in mind, that older items will be taken to the 'Goodwill' periodically.

In particular, since we have switched to the lavender colour bodysuit for Grade 1 and Grade 2 Ballet plus beige coloured jazz shoes, there are some pale blue bodysuits and black jazz shoes that can now be returned to their owners. If you wish to take items home, please speak to the teacher at the end of your child's class.

Miss Julie would like to say a *BIG* 'thank you' to *Leanne McDougall and Christopher Pratt* for all of their patient and enthusiastic help organizing items before the sale and helping during the sale itself.

CLASSES ON OCTOBER 31 - HALLOWEEN

ALL of our classes will be *CANCELLED* on **Tuesday, October 31 i.e. Halloween.**

WE HOPE THAT EVERYONE HAS A SAFE, 'SPOOKY' AND FUN HALLOWEEN!!!

