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"KEEPING IN STEP"

October 2021

## Academy Closings:

**Thanksgiving break:** Wednesday, November 24 thru Sunday, November 28

**Winter break:** Thursday, December 23 thru Sunday, January 2

**Spring Break:** Friday, April 15 thru Sunday, April 24

**Memorial Weekend:** Saturday, May 28 thru Monday, May 30

## Observer Days:

October 28 thru November 3

January 13 thru January 19

March 10 thru March 16

May 12 thru May 18

Dear Students and Parents:

The LDAD Staff and I welcome each of you to our 45<sup>th</sup> Season sharing our love of dance with one another. It is refreshing to welcome back those who were unable to dance with us last season and so grateful for those who have returned from last year's challenges. We also welcome with open hearts our new students.

Though we are celebrating our 45<sup>th</sup> season, we are preparing for our 44<sup>th</sup> recital, titled, "Destined to Dance". Recital date is Saturday, June 11, 2022. Dress rehearsal is tentatively, Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Recital and dress rehearsal will take place at West Milford High School. Schedules and times will be given as rehearsals approach.

We are now preparing for our virtual Christmas showcase for The Atrium Nursing Home. Being that this will be a video of our performance, instead of a live performance at the nursing home, we plan on sharing the Christmas Showcase Video with other nursing home facilities if possible. Those classes which will share in our video will be notified very soon. All choreography and video will be done during your child's class time. This is a beautiful way to share our talents with those less fortunate than us. The joy each student will experience through this performance will remain with them always.

I am grateful for our dedicated and talented staff beginning with Cathy Giuffre, office manager and Pk teacher, competition director of The Dance Project, Janine Dayson, and competition assistant director, Meagan Salma. Our devoted master teachers are Sydney DeStefano, Stacie Dorriellan, Gina Giuffre, Joy Giuffre, Ginny Germakian, Adam Houston, Hayley Presti, Taylor Redmond, Summer Sheldrick, and Victoria Stratta.

Alumni teacher, Jenna Walter, internship assistants Brionna Bock and Emily Bogush, assistant teachers, Allie Donohue, Emily Rose Frio, Kaitlyn MacSweeney, and Jenn Schiffel. We are so proud of these aspiring dancers.

If you have not yet returned the Policy/Registration Agreement, please do so this week. The agreement is found on the website [www.lindadance.com](http://www.lindadance.com). The periodic *Keeping In Step* newsletter will inform you of any changes or additions made during the year pertaining to our policies, schedule and recital info.

“LIKE” our Facebook and Instagram for important updates, photos and fun! We post all our breaks, news, and unexpected closings due to weather or on our social media pages. Facebook – [www.facebook.com/LDADancers](http://www.facebook.com/LDADancers), Instagram@ldadancers.

Regarding tuition payment, tuition is due the first week of every 4-week session. There are 9 session payments. You will be billed accordingly for each session through email. There is a \$10 late fee implemented if your payment is not submitted within the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the session due. If you choose to make payment by check or cash, please place your payment in the payment box clearly marked for payment at the inside front office window and clarify the reason for payment, (tuition, costume etc.) You may pay by credit card or cash in the office through Ms. Cathy or Mrs. D or by credit card through the website. You may also pay through Venmo accessing, Venmo, click Business, click LDAD, click Ldadancers.

To ensure the most progress during our dancers’ education, we encourage our students to strive for perfect attendance and practicing at home when time allows. If your child is unable to attend their class due to illness, injury etc., he or she may make up the class by attending another class made available to your child. No credit will be given for missed classes. Remember, if you do not feel well, please do not attend class.

Recital costumes will be ordered for each class. Each class costume will cost between \$85 to \$100. A different costume will be ordered for each class. The triplet class (Wednesday 5:00-6:30-1) will have a 3 in 1 costume and is the only class of that nature. A deposit of \$70 is due for each costume your child will be wearing. Costume deposits are due by November 15<sup>th</sup> and will be billed accordingly. The triplet class will require only one \$70 deposit. Again, if your child is in more than one class, other than the triplet class, each class costume will require a \$70 deposit. Your child’s costumes cannot be ordered without the deposit paid. Costumes may be exchanged for size at an additional \$10 exchange fee if necessary. Once you have committed to a costume there will be no refunds. Tights required for the recital will be ordered and billed separate from the costumes in February along with the costume balance required by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Order forms for tights will be emailed in January. Required dance shoes for each class will be confirmed in the January Keeping In Step. All PK, Kinder and Triplet classes need pink ballet shoes, black tette tap shoes, and caramel jazz boot if jazz is in your child’s curriculum. Thank you for your cooperation.

LDAD apparel will be available to purchase for Christmas gifts. As soon as our apparel store is online you will be notified.

Each class will have its own Christmas party during the week of December 13<sup>th</sup> thru December 18<sup>th</sup>. Caution remains our concern with Covid still hanging about. We feel avoiding a large gathering in our dance rooms for our student body is best at this time.

Thank you for reading our “Keeping In Step”. Please keep it available for your reference and convenience. If you have any questions, we are here to answer them. May you all stay safe, healthy, and dancing!

Dancingly yours,

Mrs. D & Staff