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“KEEPING IN STEP”

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ACADEMY CLOSINGS

Teacher Convention: Thursday, November 5

Thanksgiving break: Wednesday, November 25 – Saturday, November 28

Winter break: Wednesday, December 23–Saturday, January 2

Dear Students & Parents:

Welcome to our 44th season of dance at Linda D’Amico’s Academy of Dance. Welcoming with open arms, all our students and staff, who are forging on to share our love of dance with each other as much as we possibly can during this unusual challenging time. The preparations for our 43rd recital, A Year in the Life, as you all know, was put to an abrupt halt because of the pandemic. Intentions for the 44th year is to create a new performance for A Year In The Life. We are unable to give you any definitive details at this point except I am hoping for the recital date, June 12th, if possible. If we put our positive but cautious dance shoes on, our dream may be fulfilled.

Our staff has grown as our needs have grown. Cathy Giuffre remains our faithful and devoted office manager. Janine Dayson and Meagan Salma are now co-directors of the competition team boasting a new name The Dance Project. Already they have instituted inspiring adventures and classes for the team with more inspiration to come. Our recreational division is flourishing as our staff is very excited to share their talents with these enthusiastic and hard-working dancers.

Most parents have signed and returned our Policy/Registration Agreement and I thank you very much for your cooperation. The agreement is found on the website www.lindadance.com. If you were unable to sign it or have forgotten to do so please submit it asap. 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. Already there is a change in our closing for Christmas holiday. We will be closed from Wednesday, December 23 thru Saturday, January 2nd, instead of closing Thursday, December 24th as posted at the top of this newsletter.

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

Regarding tuition payments, tuition is due the first week of every session (not monthly). There are 9 session payments. You will be billed accordingly for each session. There is \$10 late fee if your payment is not submitted within the 1st week of the session due. If you choose to make payment by check or cash, please place your payment in the payment box on the wall clearly marked for payments underneath the front office inside window and clarify if the payment is for anything other than monthly tuition. If paying by credit card, please see Cathy or Mrs. D in the office. You may pay by credit card online through our website, www.lindadance.com. Click on the PAY NOW tab in the upper right corner and proceed. This is the preferred way of payment.

To ensure the most progress during our dancers’ education, we try to encourage our students to strive for perfect attendance. If you are unable to attend your designated class due to illness, injury, etc., you may make up that class

by attending another class made available to you. No credit will be given for missed classes. Remember, if you do not feel well, do not attend class. Be safe, not sorry.

Recital costumes are another challenge this year. The following **WAS** the usual procedure. A deposit of \$70 per costume would be due by November 19th. Each costume costs between \$85 - \$100. The balance would be due February 15th. If your child had two, three or four separate classes; two, three or four separate deposits are required for each costume. Those children taking a combo class, the PKI, PKII, PK/Kinder (Ballet & Tap), the Acro/Hip Hop Combo, Jazz/Acro, or 1st/2nd/3rd grade Combo/Triplet (Ballet & Tap & Jazz) only needed to send a \$70 deposit for one costume for the class. The triplet class costumes may cost between \$90 - \$100. Your costume deposits confirmed you allowed your child to participate in the recital. Remember, if you wished to exchange your child's costume for a different size, a \$10 exchange fee would be charged to you.

WITH THAT EXPLANATION, THE FOLLOWING WILL BE OUR PROCEDURE THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF THE COSTUMES ALREADY PURCHASED FROM LAST YEAR AND NOT ABLE TO BE USED. IF AND WHEN OUR RECITAL HAPPENS, EACH STUDENT WILL ONLY BE REQUIRED TO WEAR THE COSTUMES PURCHASED LAST YEAR. MEANING THERE MIGHT BE SEVERAL DIFFERENT COSTUMES ON STAGE AT THE SAME TIME. REASON BEING, SOME STUDENTS HAVE COMBINED WITH OTHERS AND EACH HAVING DIFFERENT COSTUMES. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A COSTUME, WE WILL ORDER ONE FOR YOU AT THE SAME PRICES OF LAST YEAR. PLEASE BE AWARE, IF YOUR CHILD HAS OUTGROWN THEIR COSTUME FROM LAST SEASON, WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO EXCHANGE THE SIZE AS THE COSTUME HOUSE MAY NOT HAVE SIZES AVAILABLE. THIS WILL REQUIRE YOU TO PURCHASE ANOTHER COSTUME. IN THE COMING WEEKS WE WILL BE CONFIRMING THAT YOU STILL HAVE YOUR CHILD'S COSTUME FROM LAST SEASON AND WHETHER OR NOT IT STILL FITS. WE ARE TRYING TO CUT COSTS FOR PARENTS THIS YEAR. THIS WILL BE OUR NEW NORMAL FOR HOPEFULLY ONLY THIS YEAR! NEW NORMAL REQUIRES A LOT OF PATIENCE, UNDERSTANDING AND CREATIVITY.

Our annual Christmas Party will not take place this year, but teachers will be celebrating in each class the week before our Christmas break.

Our Christmas Showcase usually shared at The Atrium Nursing Home in Wayne will be replaced by a stream of Christmas dances videoed by each teacher if the teacher has chosen to enter a dance, The videos will be collectively streamed and emailed to the nursing home for their Christmas entertainment. The director of the nursing home was thrilled when I explained our plan.

Thank you for reading our "Keeping in Step". Please keep it available for your reference. If you have any questions, please feel free to call at any time for assistance.

Dancingly yours with gratitude,

The LDAD Staff