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“KEEPING IN STEP”

October 2022

Academy Closings:

Halloween: Monday, October 31

Thanksgiving break: Wednesday, November 23 thru Sunday, November 27

Winter break: Friday, December 23 thru Monday, January 2

Spring Break: Friday, April 7 thru Sunday, April 16

Memorial Weekend: Saturday, May 27 thru Monday, May 29

Dear Students and Parents,

The LDAD staff and I welcome each one of you to our 46th year of Sharing our Love of Dance. It is heartwarming to feel normalcy again as families can enter the academy to observe our students at will as the students share their love of dance with each other. Our 45th recital “Gotta Dance” is scheduled for Saturday, June 10, 2023 at West Milford High School. Our PK and Kinder ballet/tap combo classes and 1st grade triplet (ballet, tap, Jazz) class will perform in only one showcase. All other classes will perform in both performances. You will be notified in the near future which performance is assigned to your dancer. Important details for all will also be given soon.

It is my pleasure to introduce are talented and dedicated staff. Cathy Giuffre, office manager and Pk/Kinder teacher, Janine Dayson, director of The Dance Project (our prestigious competition team), and master teachers, Joy Giuffre, Gina Giuffre, Victoria Strata, Stacie Dorrielan, Sydney DeStefano, and Jenna Walter.

Our assistant teacher program has grown! We are very proud of these enthusiastic, aspiring assistants, Sophie Hart, Olivia DeFreitas, Julia Barnard, Kaitlin Oroszlany, Taylor Cooper, Sara Torelli, Anna Smid, and Olivia Osuchowski under the direction of Joy Giuffre and Gina Giuffre.

Because email is the most convenient way of communication, you will receive your statements and special information through email along with our **Keeping In Step** newsletter periodically through the season. We ask that you please answer our emails asap as many of the emails are time sensitive.

If you have not submitted your signed Registration Policy Notice, please do so. Please don't forget to reply yes or no to social media for your child at the end of the notice.

I wish I could commit to the digital recital issue during this Keeping In Step, but I have not been given everyone's approval or disapproval as of yet. As soon as it is finalized, I will be in touch. Please respond by email if you have not responded yet, to commit to the \$25 fee charged for a digital copy of the

recital. If we commit to the digital copy of the recital, you will be billed the \$25 in the near future. We need most everyone on board for this commitment. Thank you for your responses.

We are now preparing for our Christmas Showcase performance at the Atrium Nursing Home in Wayne on Sunday, December 11. Performance is at 2pm. This is a special performance giving our Christmas cheer and love to those less fortunate than we are. You will be notified if your child's class will perform asking if your child is able to perform. Dances will be learned during class time. Masks must be worn at the event.

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

Reminder, tuition payments may be made through the website, Venmo (click business, LDAD @ldadancers), check or cash which can be placed in the silver money box on the inside of the academy office. A late fee of \$10 will be charged for payments not received by the 10th of each month. If there is a problem with payment, please notify Mrs. D. If anyone is interested in having your charge card on file for payment please email the academy and we will try to accommodate.

To ensure the most progress during our dancers' education, we encourage our students to strive for perfect attendance and practicing at home. If your child is unable to attend 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. If your child does not feel well, please do not attend class and notify the academy of their absence please.

Recital costumes will be ordered for each student during the month of December. He or she will be measured in class. Each costume costs between \$85 to \$100. A different costume is ordered for each class. The 1st and 2nd grade triplet classes will receive a 3 in 1 costume which might cost a bit more. We try very hard to keep costs down. There is a deposit due for each costume of \$70. Your child's costume or costumes cannot be ordered without the deposit paid for each costume by November 10th. The balance will be due by February 15th. Order forms for tights and required dance shoes for each class will be confirmed in the January Keeping In Step newsletter. All PK, Kinder and Triplet classes require pink ballet shoes, black tyette tap shoes, and caramel jazz boots if jazz is in your child's curriculum. Dance shoes for all other classes will be confirmed by your teacher. Thank you for your cooperation.

LDAD Apparel will be available to purchase for Christmas gifts if desired. The online store will be available a few weeks in November. Definite dates to follow.

Our Christmas Party will be celebrated this year on Saturday December 10th. 3-4:30pm. Our celebration is filled with song, crafts, games, and SANTA! A permission slip will be attached to this newsletter. We ask each parent to bring either cookies or a few juice boxes. We are finally back to celebrating Christmas together!! Thank you in advance.

Please keep this **Keeping In Step** Newsletter handy for reference. If you have any questions, we are here to help. Stay healthy, happy, and dancing! Keep in mind our closing dates mention above.

Dancingly yours,

Mrs. D and Staff