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MARSHALLTOWN YMCA-YWCA

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YMCA-YWCA SCHOOL OF DANCE: THE DANCE KONNECTION 2019-2020 NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2019 SOUTE NEWS

Some holiday films with great dancers are Holiday Inn and White Christmas. These are great shows for your dancers to watch. Enjoy!!

NEW STUDIO EMAIL ADDRESS... Please make sure that you have our new studio email thedancekonnection@gmail.com You may also still use kimi.kups-benson@ymca-ywca.org.

Remember to check our web site. www.thedancekonnection.com. We will be updating it regularly. You can also check us out on Facebook if you are registered. Just search for The Dance Konnection! And The Dance Konnection business page, Twitter The Dance Konnection @TheDKdance & on Instagram DKdance1. Please use our hashtags on your social media #cheerstosthirtyyears #DK30

****In case of bad weather, you should listen to KIX101.1 or you may call the Horne-Henry Center after 2:00 p.m. to see if dance classes have been cancelled. I will try to post on our Facebook page and/or send out an email -- If I Can!!**

Christmas Party- our annual Christmas parties are the week of Dec. 16-19. Dancers need to come ready for dance as usual. But bring a ½ dozen of something yummy to share. Remember to bring a baggie to take extras home in. I will provide beverages. **Don't forget to wear your pajamas!!!!**

Please remember to call or email if your child will not be in class. If they miss 2 weeks in a row without a call we will be contacting you to see where they are!

December Statements -- December statements will be emailed to you on December 1st. Please note that the full amount of your costume has been posted to your account. If you paid your first recital deposit it has been subtracted. The remaining balance for your costume is due **On Or Before January 15, 2020**. On January 16, 2020 a late fee will be added to your costume balance if not paid in full. If you have questions please contact the dance office. Please make checks payable to The Dance Konnection and turn payment into the dance office.

Christmas break is December 20- January 5. Classes resume on January 6th. Please have a happy and safe Holiday season.

Everyone had such a great time, we are doing this again this year. Bring a grown up to dance week! This will be the week of December 2nd-5th for the following classes: Monday 4:00, Monday 4:45, Monday 6:30, Tuesday 4:00, Tuesday 4:45, Tuesday 5:30, Wednesday 4:45, Wednesday 5:30, Thursday 4:00, Thursday 4:45 ,

Dates To Remember:

December 1-Christmas Extravaganza

December 2-5- Bring A Grown Up To Dance Week

December 16-19 -Christmas Parties in Class

December 20-Jan 5- No Dance - Merry Christmas

January 6-Classes Resume

January 15-Final Costume Payment DUE

February 7- Tights/Accessories Forms and Money DUE

April 17-Dance Pictures

May 2-Tentatively- KaMotion Recital & Acro Demonstration

May 8 & 9- Recital

Thursday 5:00, Thursday 5:45, Jazz 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8, Ballet 1,2,3,4,5,6, and KaMotion 1 & 2 classes. Join your dancers in a fun night of dance. Come do what we do each week. Lots of fun, laughs and sweet dance moves to be had by everyone!!!

Parent/Tot Class: This class is geared towards toddlers, 18 months to 3 year olds, and the special adult in his or her life. It is designed to help students feel comfortable learning in a group setting. Activities will include dance games, playing instruments, and singing songs while having fun together. Learn new and creative ways to enjoy music and dance. This class will be in three 6 week sessions.

Classes are offered on Thursdays from 6:30-7:00pm

Session 2 January 9-February 13

Session 3 March 5- April 9

***\$35.00 per session for those registering for all three sessions up front.**

Dance Objective of the month- Expressing emotions through movement

Dance Rule of the month - Waiting quietly while others take their turn and while the teacher is giving instruction

Looking for Christmas gift ideas for your dancer, here are some that should be on every dancers Christmas List:

Foot Stretcher- Improve and strengthen your foot!

Turnboards- Practice makes perfect

Booty shorts- The wilder the better!! But a pair of solid black are absolutely a dancer MUST!

Ballet Bun Kits- All you need to make a perfect bun!!!!

Tu-Tu's- Their back!!! But with more fluff & more color!!!

Dance Bags: Please remember that all dancers need to have dance bags for their dance shoes



Volunteers Needed!!

It takes a lot of parent volunteers to help put on these fantastic recitals, parades, Christmas shows, etc. This year we are going to start getting our volunteer lists started early. Here is a list of volunteers that we will be needing throughout the year, we may need additional volunteers at some point, but this is a good starting point. If you are interested in volunteering for any job/jobs please send us an email stating what you would like to be signed up for so we can put your name on that list.

Volunteers for Christmas Extravaganza- planning, set up, costume removal, front table, prop building, etc. If interested in helping please attend the November 2nd meeting.

KaMotion Recital: We will be sending out a sign up sheet very soon. It will come through a website called Sign Up Genius

Provide Lunch

Hand out Programs

Help dancers get ready

December Birthdays:

Maci Sanders

Aurora Tiller

Bella Gard

Zoe Boydston

Kayla Dingman

Lucas Hagen

Erandy Ibarra

Cash Keefer

Clare Veren

Lonica Ferneau

Annika Freiberg

Anna Deeter

Dominic Deeter

Savannah Jones

Caley Wilson

Neve Long

Frankie Long

Daisy Dvorak

Hallie Kuhlers

Sophia Alvarez

Holly McKibben

Emma Fincher

Sariah Witzke

Henley Webber

Alexis Woehlke

Madelyn Butler

Summer Noid

Laura Van Holland

Recital:

Prop Building– this will start in January

Backstage Helpers with Little Girls & Boys Classes

Take Tickets– Friday & Saturday

Programs– Friday & Saturday

Flowers– Friday & Saturday

Auditorium Ushers– Friday & Saturday

Iowa Wild Performance- KaMotion 1 & KaMotion 2 will be performing at halftime for the Iowa Wild on Friday January 3rd. NIGHT WITH THE IOWA WILD. FRIENDS & FAMILY ARE WELCOME! **Friday, January 3rd• 7 PM VS. Rockford Ice Hogs.** Come support The Dance Konnection as they perform live on the ice in front of every fan! **Discounted Defense Preferred Tickets \$17.00 each!!!** Ticket orders are due to the dance office Friday December 20th!!! Please fill out the order form located in the black bins just outside the studio and return it to the dance office with a check made payable to the Iowa Wild by **Friday December 20th!**

RHYTHM WORKS INTEGRATIVE DANCE MARSHALLTOWN YMCA-YWCA SCHOOL OF DANCE

A Chance to Dance is a rhythm and dance program designed for those with individual learning differences and other special needs. This clinically based hip hop dance program utilizes sensory processing, kinesiology, and behavioral analysis as a foundation to build customizable classes. A Chance to Dance focuses on skill development, self empowerment and celebrating our differences. Curriculum Miss Kimi Kups-Benson, a certified RHYTHM WORKS Integrative Dance instructor will lead all classes, following a curriculum that is completely customizable to fit the needs of each student and is appropriate for boys and girls ages 4 through adult of all ability levels. The program requires a parent, therapist, sibling or friend to accompany for FREE as the student's buddy. This person should be able to assist the student to ensure that classes run smoothly.

Schedule & Cost A Chance to Dance is offered in 10-class sessions that offers individual and group classes. If needed, individual classes will be scheduled with the instructor to comfortably introduce dancers to the program and allow a smooth transition to group classes. Students should wear clothes/shoes that are comfortable for movement.

Session Dates: Ages 4-12: Mondays 6:30-7 p.m. *November 4, 11,18, 25 December 2, 9, 16 January 6, 13, 20

Ages 12-Adult: Thursdays 7-7:30 p.m. *November 7, 14, 21 December 5, 12, 19 January 9, 16, February 6,13

Ten-class session: \$180 due at registration

Registration To request a registration packet, contact Ashley Nelson at (641)752-8658 or ashley.nelson@ymca-ywca.org. For questions regarding students or to set up individual classes, contact Kimi Kups-Benson at kimi.kups-benson@ymca-ywca.org.

Due to there being no dance classes on October 31st the following classes have make Up classes they are as follows:

5:45-6:30– 4-5 year old– TBA

6:15-7:00– Jazz 2– TBA

7:00-8:00– Jazz 6– TBA

7:00-7:45– Tap 2– TBA