

BACKSTAGE

DANCE STUDIO

March 2010 Newsletter

Parent Viewing –We have our last parent viewing the week of March 7- 13. After March break the curtains will remain closed until recital time. This will help keep the children focused and the parents eager for the recital.

FUNDRAISING – We are presently selling “Simple Delicious” chocolate bars. Remember a portion of all personal fundraising goes directly back to you. If you would like to sell chocolate bars please speak to the office. Our last fundraiser will be McGregor Meats in April. More information will come.

Costumes – We are in the process of making or buying all the costumes for the year-end show. I would like to take this opportunity to explain some of the procedures for the recital.

1. Most people have paid a costume deposit which will be applied towards their child’s costume but a further payment may be required depending on the final cost of the outfit. All parents will receive a notice in April. No one will receive their child’s costumes until all outstanding fees are paid. All fees should be paid by the end of March.
2. Everyone will receive an order form for tights. You will need to order tights for the year-end show. You may order them through the office or from Free Style. They must be Capezio dance tights. Colours and styles to come.
3. Some of the dancers are in one, two or all three shows. This information was in your progress report at Christmas. The show order is also listed in the hall. If you do not know what show your child is in, please ask their teacher or the office staff.
4. Please hang your costume upside down in a closet after you receive it. Your child must wear it to picture day Saturday May 8th (no regular classes this day), dress rehearsals (Tues-Thurs, May 25-27) and the performances (May 29-30). Please do not let the dancers wear the costume except these 3 dates. This will ensure the costumes are all in mint condition for the big day.

Recital- at Ross High School – E.L Fox Auditorium

1. **Schedule-** if your child’s class is dancing with other classes (you can see this on the board listed in the hall), you will be asked to attend extra rehearsals. This schedule will be handed out the first week of April and will affect everyone. I will try to maintain your regular class day and time but I have to arrange over 400 students so please read the schedule carefully.
2. **Shoes-**All dancers must have the proper dance shoes for recital. Ballet shoes must be pink. Tap shoes must be black and Jazz shoes must be beige (foot undeez, foot thongs or beige jazz boots).
3. **Hair-** All dancers must have their hair in a bun or French braid for the recital. No one will be allowed on stage unless their hair is up.

REMINDERS:

1. Winter brings wet boots and shoes. Please take off your shoes and/or boots and put them on the shoe rack or in the change room. This will help keep things dry.
4. Please make sure all dancers are in proper dance attire described in the Registration Agreement. Tights, shorts or spandex pants are required on the girl’s legs. It keeps their muscle warm and helps them slide when doing floor work.

More information to come, please check your child’s bag weekly as well as our bulletin board.