

News and Views

Welcome and Welcome Back!

I would like to welcome all of our returning families to our new dance home, and welcome all of our new dancers to the MCDA dance family. I am so glad you have chosen MCDA for your child's dance education. During the past 26 years, one thing has remained consistent for me as a dance teacher, guiding the next generations in developing a love for the art of dance. Finding creative and fun ways to push and stretch dancers to reach their goals and achieve milestones in their dance training while building self esteem, confidence is what being a dance teacher is all about.

The staff and I will work hard to be sure you and your dancer have a positive and rewarding experience here at MCDA. I encourage you to help us. Consistent attendance, staying informed and being involved in studio activities is key. Respecting dress code, being prepared and having a bit of confidence to make new friends and step outside your comfort zone will help unlock success as a growing and improving dancer. So, let's leap into another great year of DANCE!

Love and Plies,

Miss Kelly

Parking Parking Parking!

"Where do I park?," you ask!

There is a limited number of spots at the end of Bishop Court, (behind the houses). Parking is also available ;
 In the municipal lot next to Sully's
 In the city hall lot after 5:00
 Across Court St in the community lots

Most of our neighbors have been gracious enough to extend us the privilege to use their lots **AFTER 5:00!** Please be respectful of their businesses. NO Parking in front of the white garage next door!

Lastly, you will notice a big change in the next few weeks. When the signs are ready, we will be reversing the traffic flow on Bishop Ct. The one way will be turned around and you will enter from Friendship St (next to the police station) and exit on Court St. (right turn only). This will help us create a drop off/pick up lane next to the building. Dancers will not have to cross into traffic or walk between parked cars to load and unload from Mom/Dad's taxi.

Lastly, dancers need to wait in the building for their own safety!

Nutcracker info

The Idea Centre at Playhouse Square will be holding auditions for the Nutcracker Ballet on Saturday November 12th at 10am. These auditions are for ages 8 and up. The performances are on December 8th thru December 11th, stop at the desk if you would like more information.

Important Dates

Oct 6	Ballet Magnificat Performance
Oct 8	Studio Spirit Wear Orders Due
Oct 15	Recital Costume Deposits Due
Oct 24-29	Watch Week
Oct 30	Trick or Treat Street Performance @ IX Center
Oct 31	No classes– Trick or Treat
Nov 12	Nutcracker Auditions –Winnipeg Ballet @ Playhouse Square
Nov 18	Spotlight Showcase Performance
Nov 19	Candle Light Walk Parade
Nov 25-27	Red Shoes Ballet—Nutcracker Performance

**** Save the Dates****

Our end of the year Recital is Scheduled for **June 4-9, 2012 @ Highland High School** Monday—Thursday will be the rehearsals, and the performances will be on Friday and Saturday.

Everyone will **not** need to be there everyday. We will divide up the rehearsal days & times and some classes MAY perform in only one of the shows.

MCDA has always produced a top notch classy show that is highly entertaining. Rehearsals insure each dance is prepared to do their best. We work hard to keep rehearsals organized and to a minimum for our younger dancers. More details will be in the next news letter.

All dancers work hard and look forward to the opportunity to dress up in amazing costumes, put on a little make-up and glitter, and become "Stars" for a few days. They work hard all year and this is their chance to show it off.

Spirit Wear and Winner for Dinner

Attached is the order forms for Studio Spirit wear. Order forms and payment is due by October 5th.

Also, if you are new to the studio, stop at the desk and pick up your MCDA car window decal. (1st one is free for each family. Additional ones are \$5.00)

Once a month, we give away a \$50.00 gift card to a local restaurant. When the staff is out and about town, they record the license plate numbers of cars that are tagged with the MCDA decal. We put all the numbers in a hat and draw a winner once a month. Read your emails to find out the monthly "**Winner for Dinner**". Our way of thanking you for supporting MCDA.

Dress Code

A dress code ensures that a teacher will be able to see a dancer's alignment and positioning. The teacher needs to be able to see a dancer's mistakes. Baggy clothing can mask bad habits, making corrections impossible. We require students to wear a leotard and tights for ballet. Preferably pink or black tights (no sun-tan) in order to make the lines of the legs visible. Form-fitting dancewear is also a requirement in jazz, tap and modern/contemporary classes.

A dress code will also teach students discipline, helping with overall focus and energy. By "dressing the part," dancers feel like dancers. Our dress code also creates unity among the dancers instead of causing a few dancers to stand out, much like a school uniform policy. Dress codes go a long way in minimizing distractions, and help give classes a unified look and focus.

MCDA's dress code is not as strict as it could be, so please be respectful and follow the rules. Proper shoes, hair and attire are just one more key to a dancer's success in dance.

Have you ever seen a dancer with messy hair? Unfortunately I have, too much!

When dancing, a neat appearance will make your technique look cleaner and help you keep your mind on your dancing, not your hair falling and you fixing it while dancing. Most dancers prefer to wear their hair in a tight bun, a simple hairstyle that is easy to create and fun to wear, but secure braids and twists will be acceptable as well.

It is very important that dancers take a few minutes to PREPARE for class. Dance is a discipline and the discipline of dance helps us grow into confident, strong, well prepared dancers and young ladies.

Please help your dancers respect the dress code and come to class PROPERLY PREPARED!

Congratulations! to Kaley Kralovic and Dinah Sammon for receiving roles in the Red Shoe Ballet Theatres production of Nutcracker.

Performances will be over Thanksgiving weekend. More show details will be available soon.

We are so proud of both of you girls!

Ballet Magnificat Performance

Thursday October 6, 2011 @ 7:00 p.m.
Journey Auditorium
6941 Columbia Road, Olmsted Falls

This amazing Christian Ballet Company will be in the area for a one day performance. I highly recommend all our dancers, grab a date and come spend the night watching some beautiful dancers using their talents for the Lord!

Check out the promo video at
<http://www.youtube.com/balletmagnificat#p/u/11/yTDviZLxEDI>

All seats are reserved/ \$15

Please call: [440-777-7542](tel:440-777-7542) for mail order/SASE or will call

(Checks payable to: "Friends of Ballet Magnificat")
4548 Ashbury Park Drive
North Olmsted, OH 44070

Make Up Classes

If you miss a dance class due to illness, a family obligation or a school related activity, you can do a make up in a similar level and style class at your convenience.

Be sure to talk to your teacher about what classes would be best for you to make up in and remember to sign the "Make Up" book at the lobby desk when you come in.

Make up classes are not a substitute for regular class, or meant as a long term replacement because of "over scheduling" conflicts. Good attendance in regular classes is important to a dancer's success.

Medina Dance Supply

We are pleased to be able to offer you the opportunity for one stop shopping here at MCDA. However, Medina Dance Supply is a community store. We service dancers, athletes and performers from different dance schools, gymnastic schools, theaters and more.

Please handle your studio business in the MCDA lobby and not in the store. The store staff is not permitted to service your studio needs in the boutique. Please understand.

Hours are posted and no exceptions will be made. In these crazy economic times, we have to establish policies and procedures that will ensure the best customer service and success for the store.

Thank you for your understanding and patronage.