

# LTRC Tap/Jazz Dance Program

October 2009 Newsletter

For those dancers and parents who are returning, welcome back! For those new to our program, welcome! Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions or suggestions throughout the upcoming dance season. The 2009-2010 administrative team members are:

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**LTRC Tap/Jazz web page:** [www.ltrc.org/tapandjazz/index.html](http://www.ltrc.org/tapandjazz/index.html)

**We are going “paperless”:** If you have not already done so, please sign up for rainedout.com (FREE registration). This is the ONLY paper newsletter you will receive. After this, you will be notified through rainedout.com when the latest newsletter is posted on our web page above. You will also be notified through rainedout.com regarding class cancellation, changes and important reminders. If you are not registered, you will not receive this important information. You can add as many email addresses and cell phone numbers as you want ~ you’ll just use separate user IDs. You must also update your rainedout.com account(s) if your email address or cell number changes so be sure to remember the user IDs and passwords you create.

**Please go to [www.rainedout.com](http://www.rainedout.com). Search for “LTRC” and follow the instructions to sign-up for e-mail, or cell phone notifications. To sign up, click on “sign up for mobile alerts”. This is how you register for text or email messages. If you have trouble signing up, please let me know.**

**Sick Policy / Flu Season:** While we very much appreciate your efforts to bring your dancers to class each week, it’s important that dancers who are sick not attend class. We want to keep our staff and our dancers as healthy as possible and to avoid the spread of germs especially the flu in our program. If your dancer is ill or stayed home from school, please have them stay home from dance. If your dancer becomes ill in class, we will call as soon as possible for pick up. We are following the guidelines set by Baltimore County Public Schools as well as most schools. Dancers should be fever free for at least 24 hours before returning to dance and if they are still not feeling well, they should stay home. As always, please continue to encourage your dancers to wash their hands frequently or to use a hand sanitizer. We will remind them when possible. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation in helping all of us stay healthy!

**KIDS Production and Grand Finale Production:** ALL dancers in classes from Pre-K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade will perform in an additional routine in their recital – the KIDS Production. ALL dancers in classes from 5<sup>th</sup> grade through Adults will perform in an additional routine in the recital – the Grand Finale Production. The dancers in both groups will learn the routine during three to five SHORT evening rehearsals depending on their age. Portions of the costume for KIDS Production will be created by the dancers; however, there will be an additional costume fee for the KIDS Production of \$20 per dancer. The dancers in Grand Finale Production will not have a costume since they will wear the last costume they performed in however there may be a small charge for accessories. The cost, if any, for dancers in the Grand Finale Production will be determined at a later date. KIDS Production will be performing songs from the movie Grease. Additional details including a schedule for both Productions will be given at a later date however we have one date set for Grand Finale Production already ~ see top of page 2.

**Grand Finale Production Rehearsal #1:** ALL dancers in classes from 5<sup>th</sup> grade through Adults should plan to attend a mandatory rehearsal on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. We cannot use either Timonium Elementary or Pinewood Elementary that evening so normal Timonium and Pinewood classes are cancelled on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Instead ALL 5<sup>th</sup> graders through Adult dancers should plan to come to **Lutherville Elementary in the gym** according to the schedule below in order to learn the first 10-12 counts of 8 of Grand Finale Production. All dancers will be performing in this number in their recital therefore ALL dancers should attend these mandatory Grand Finale Production rehearsals. Grand Finale Production will be reviewed periodically in your dancer's regular class(es) but there is not time to re-teach the choreography since the instructors will be concentrating on technique and their normal recital routine choreography.

**Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:15 pm** ~ ALL dancers in the Tues 4:00 Tap, Tues 5:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop, Wed 4:00 Tap, Wed 5:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop, Wed 7:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop, Thurs 6:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop, Thurs 7:00 Lyrical and Fri 4:45 Lyrical

**Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 – 8:45 pm** ~ ALL dancers in the Mon 8:00 Tap, Wed 8:00 Lyrical, Wed 9:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop, Thurs 4:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop, Thurs 5:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop, Thurs 7:45 Lyrical, Thurs 8:00 Lyrical, Thurs 9:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop, All Company dancers and All Adult dancers

**NOTE: From 7:00 – 7:05 pm and again at 8:30 – 8:35 pm, I will have the instructors walk through the choreography with counts for any parents/dancers who wish to videotape. Please arrive 5 minutes early.**

NOTE: The Thursday 4:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop and Thursday 5:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop normally held at Lutherville will still have their regular class on November 5, 2009 in addition to Grand Finale Production rehearsal.

**Costumes:** Costume deposits (\$40 per class) are due no later than Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. **Since costume companies have increased their processing times, we can *no longer* give any grace period in order to have costumes by our recitals. We must have the costume deposit(s) by December 4<sup>th</sup> or cannot order your dancer a costume(s).** We suggest you pay the deposit(s) as soon as possible. You can pay the costume deposit(s) anytime between now and December 4, 2009. Costumes usually average between \$65 and \$75 per class. If you wish, you can pay \$65 per class instead of the \$40 deposit per class. The remaining costume balances (if any) will be due by February 26, 2010. If you need help or are not sure of your balance, please contact Mr. Joe and Miss Lisa at 410-665-0357. Please make checks payable to LTRC and mail to our Treasurers, Mr. Joe and Mrs. Lisa, at the following address:

Joe and Lisa Colburn  
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\*\*\* An additional cost of \$20.00 will be required for all dancers in the PreK-K Tap/Jazz combo classes, 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade Tap and Jazz classes and 3<sup>rd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> grade Tap and Jazz classes to cover the cost of part of the costume for KIDS Production. The total cost is \$20.00 no matter how many classes your dancer takes. The additional fee will not be due until February 26, 2010 or you may pay it by December 4, 2009.

A word about costumes ~ Jazz, Tap, Jazz/Hip-Hop, Lyrical and Hip-Hop costumes are more complex and cost more than a simple Ballet leotard with a tutu. We will do everything in our power to keep the costs down and keep the costumes in the range of \$65 to \$75 per class. You will be notified by the beginning of February of the balance due for costumes. Payments of remaining costume balances must be received or postmarked by February 26, 2010.

For a \$20.00 late fee per dancer, you can take an additional 2 weeks to pay your outstanding balance but ALL money must be given to your dancer's instructor or hand delivered to the Treasurers no later than Friday, March 12, 2010. If you are taking advantage of the extension, you should NOT mail your payments. All outstanding balances must be paid however in order for your dancer to participate in the recital(s), all outstanding balances must be received no later than Friday, March 12, 2010.

**NOTE: Any outstanding money not postmarked or received by February 26, 2010 will be subject to the \$20 late fee. We would rather not charge any late fees but are trying to be fair to those who paid on time. As with any business/program, we also have expenses that must be paid on time.**

**Recital Weekend for 2010** ~ As per the rainedout.com message sent on September 30<sup>th</sup>, we just got word that our dress and tech rehearsals and recitals will be at Dulaney High School the weekend of May 21 to 23, 2010. Please save ALL three dates!! Your dancer's **mandatory dress/tech rehearsals** could be on **Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and/or Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Specific dates and times will be distributed no later than March, 2010. The list of which classes will be in the 12:00 recital and which will be in the 4:30 Recital will be distributed no later than January, 2010

To give you a little background, when selecting a date and location for our recitals, many, many factors are considered, such as auditorium size (space available for both the audience and dancers), changing rooms (size and location), stage requirements (can we tap on the stage, front and back curtain options), accessibility to the stage, sound system, lighting capabilities, location and cost to name a few. Most locations do not fit our program needs (especially budget) or are simply not available. Dulaney High School is the absolute best fit so we need to work around their availability. Fortunately this year, we got our first choice of dates.

Since attending tech and dress rehearsals is mandatory for all dancers, I will do my best to work the dress and tech rehearsal schedule around dancers who have notified me by email no later than November 30, 2009 of major conflicts affecting them like the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Ridgley Middle School dance, proms, weddings, communions, etc. Again, please email me any conflicts. Do not inform your dancer's instructor ~ they will only refer you to me.

### **2009-2010 LTRC Tap/Jazz Dance Calendar for October/November:**

It is absolutely imperative that you pay attention to the dance calendar given. We will give you the calendar in installments. There will be several dates when we can't use the schools. Also, on every day but Mondays, we have classes at both Lutherville Elementary and Timonium Elementary. We also have class at Pinewood Elementary on Thursdays. There will be some dates because of school availability when we have class at one school and not the others. There will be other dates when some kids have off school or get out early but we will still have dance. So again, please follow the schedule and read the notes carefully.

Unless indicated below, dance classes will be held as normal:

- Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Thursday classes held at Timonium only begin
- Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ Friday classes begin
  - ~ Used dance shoe sale from 6:30 – 7:30 pm in Lutherville Activity Room
  - ~ Opportunity to sign supplemental waivers from 6:30 – 7:30 pm in Lutherville Activity Room
- Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Monday classes begin
- Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Tuesday classes held at Lutherville only begin
- Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Wednesday classes held at Lutherville only begin
- Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Thursday classes held at Lutherville only begin
  - ~ Thursday Timonium classes continue
- Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> ~ No dance classes at Lutherville ~ Family Fun PTA Night
- Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Some schools/business closed for Columbus Day but we still have dance
- Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> ~ Tuesday classes held at Timonium begin
  - ~ Tuesday Lutherville classes continue
  - ~ Used dance shoe sale in Timonium Elementary lobby from 6:15 – 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Wednesday classes held at Timonium begin
  - ~ Wednesday Lutherville classes continue
- Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> ~ No dance classes at Lutherville ~ Lutherville Open House
  - ~ Thursday classes held at Pinewood begin
  - ~ Thursday Timonium classes continue
- Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Some schools closed for Professional Study Day but we still have dance
- Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> ~ No dance classes at Timonium ~ PTA Safety Night
  - ~ Lutherville classes still held

- Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Company Auditions held at Timonium from 6:30 – 10:00 pm (Part 1 of 2)
- Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Company Auditions held at Timonium from 6:30 – 10:00 pm (Part 2 of 2)
- Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> ~ No dance classes at Pinewood ~ PTA function
  - ~ No dance classes at Timonium ~ Family Whittle Night
  - ~ Lutherville classes still held 4 – 6 pm
  - ~ Grand Finale Production rehearsal for ALL 5<sup>th</sup> graders through Adults at Lutherville in the Gym ~ see page 2 for times
- Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup> ~ By now, all dancers have been placed in the correct class and should have proper dance attire and shoes
- Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> ~ No classes at Pinewood ~ Blood drive. Instead classes normally held at Pinewood will be held at Lutherville in the Activity Room from 6 – 10 pm.
- Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> ~ No classes at Timonium ~ Carabba's Family Night. Instead classes normally held at Timonium will be held at Lutherville in the Activity Room from 6:30 – 8:45 pm.
- Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> ~ No dance classes ~ Happy Thanksgiving

### Recital information:

- Friday, May 21, 2010 and Saturday, May 22, 2010 ~ Mandatory Tech and Dress Rehearsals for all dancers
- Sunday, May 23, 2010 ~ Recitals
- Wednesday, May 26, 2010 ~ Awards Ceremony

Additional calendar dates will be provided in future newsletters.

### Waivers/Registration Forms:

We must have a signed registration form and supplemental waiver form **BEFORE** your dancer will be allowed to participate.

### Dancer Drop-off / Pick-up:

The dancers will be called into class and dismissed by their instructors. Please have the dancers waiting outside the classroom at the appropriate time and remind dancers to use the restroom **BEFORE CLASS** so as not to interrupt the flow of the lesson. Please do not leave your dancer until the instructor has called them into class. You are responsible for the dancer until class begins.

After class, parents will still be required to come into the classroom to pick-up dancers. We are sorry but an **ADULT** must pick up the dancers not a sibling or friend of the dancer. In addition, parents are required to sign next to their dancer's name in the attendance book as well as any other dancer's they are picking up for carpool purposes so we have a record of who picked up each dancer. This is for your dancer's safety. Additionally, please do not park in the pick-up circle outside of the Lutherville Elementary Activity Room. We do not have the staff to run dancers to your car as they do at the end of the school day and we cannot block the driveway. We appreciate your cooperation and apologize for any inconvenience.

We know you will make every effort to pick your dancer up on time especially since some of the instructors will be driving to another school to teach after your dancer's class. If however, you are running late, you **MUST** call me at 410-733-2188 so I can get a message to your dancer's instructor. This way I can make special arrangements to have your dancer cared for until your arrival and have staff coverage at the other school until the instructor can arrive.

Thank you for registering with LTRC Tap/Jazz. As we begin our 10<sup>th</sup> year at LTRC, we are looking forward to another great dance season.

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 LTRC Tap/Jazz