

LTRC Tap/Jazz Dance Program

Newsletter #4

January 2010

All classes are now working on choreography for their recital pieces. All recital costumes have been purchased and stage, sound and lighting technicians have been secured for this year's performance at Dulaney High School the weekend of May 21-23, 2010.

Costume balances and all other outstanding fees:

By December 4, 2009, all dancers paid a \$40 costume deposit per registered class. Costumes average \$65 to \$80 per class. Notices will be sent home to collect the balance due the week of February 8th – 12th.

As a reminder, ALL COSTUME BALANCES and OUTSTANDING REGISTRATION MONEY must be received in hand or must be postmarked no later than February 26, 2010. You can give a check or cash to your dancer's instructor or mail a check to the Treasurers.

For a \$20.00 late fee, 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 payment. All outstanding balances must be paid however in order for your dancer to participate in the recital, ALL money due must be in received no later than Friday, March 12th.

NOTE: Any outstanding registration or costume 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.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO LTRC AND MAIL TO:

Joe & Lisa Colburn
LTRC Tap/Jazz
3936 Forest Valley Rd
Baltimore, MD 21234

To reiterate, ALL outstanding registration, costume money and \$20.00 late fee must be paid and in the Treasurer's hands by no later than Friday, March 12, 2010 in order for your dancer to participate in the recital(s). There cannot be any exceptions to this deadline as we must finalize the budget for year end recital expenses and pay all bills due at this time.

KIDS Production:

As mentioned previously, we will again have a KIDS Production that will involve ALL dancers in Pre K through 4th grade. These special productions will be performed in the recitals held on May 23, 2010.

The choreography is based on the number of dancers in each grade. The instructors will be verifying your dancer's grade during the week of January 4th.

More information including the dates for KIDS Production rehearsals will be distributed in the February and March newsletters.

Grand Finale Production:

As mentioned previously, we will again have a GRAND FINALE Production that will involve all dancers in 5th grade through Adults. These special productions will be performed in the recitals held on May 23, 2010.

The Grand Finale Production (ALL 5th grade through Adult dancers) will involve the following:

- The dancers will learn the recital routine for Grand Finale Production during the rehearsals shown below. NOTE: Dates and times are subject to change:
 - Part 1 ~ Thursday, November 5th ~ notification was in the October newsletter
 - Part 2 ~ Thursday, January 7th ~ notification was in the December newsletter
 - Part 3 ~ Thursday, February 4th
 - Part 4 ~ Thursday, March 11th
- Most rehearsals will be held at Pinewood Elementary in the cafeteria but when possible we will have rehearsal at Lutherville Elementary in the gym. Rehearsals will be somewhere between 6:00 and 10:00 pm to avoid a long rehearsal during our recital weekend. The specific times will be given under the "Important Dates" section of the newsletters
- Participation in the Production number is required not optional. If you have a conflict with a rehearsal, please call me 410-733-2188
- No additional class fees will be charged
- This year's Grand Finale Production will be "S.O.S (Let the Music Play)" by Jordin Sparks
- For the recital, dancers will wear the last costume they performed in.
- Male and female jazz dancers will wear jazz shoes. Lyrical dancers will wear Ghillies, Capezio Freeform shoes, dance paws or Foot Undeez. For dancers who take only tap, females can wear white tennis shoes and males can wear black tennis shoes. Any questions, ask me please.
- Even though a Grand Finale Production will be in both recitals, your dancer will only participate in the recital that their regular classes are scheduled to perform. For those dancers in both recitals, they will perform in the Grand Finale Production in both recitals.
- Please make every effort to attend each rehearsal. The dancers will learn a great deal of choreography at each rehearsal. If your dancer needs to miss, please have them get with another dancer to learn the choreography ~ usually 12 counts of 8 at each rehearsal. We will only have time to review in class not re-teach the material.
- You will be notified if DVDs of the material for each part is made available. We still have a few DVD copies of the choreography of Part 1 available. Send me an email.
- Recital line order (Staging) will be done based on grade and number of rehearsals attended. Instructors will be verifying the grades of the dancers during the week of January 4th.

Cal Ripkin's Aberdeen IronBirds game & LTRC Tap/Jazz performance:

For the 5th time, LTRC Tap/Jazz has been asked to perform at a pre-game show at Cal Ripkin's IronBirds stadium in Aberdeen, MD. This time it will be on Opening Night on Friday, June 18, 2010 ~ how EXCITING! This year, dancers in the Wednesday 6:30 PM Jazz/Hip-Hop, Thursday 7:00 PM Jazz/Hip-Hop, Company Production and Jazz Company have been selected to perform. We may even be a part of the Opening Ceremony.

All dancers must purchase at least one ticket to perform. Anyone wishing to see the pre-game performance as early as 6:15 pm must also purchase a ticket. Tickets will be \$12.00 each and must be purchased through us. Please make checks payable to LTRC. You can purchase tickets between now and February 26, 2010. After that date, we must purchase the block of tickets we have on reserve.

If your dancer is not performing, you can still come out to support LTRC Tap/Jazz and the Aberdeen IronBirds. Each person will receive a FREE IronBirds hat.

To order tickets, please complete the form distributed in class the week of January 11th.

Important Dates – January 2010:

- Monday, January 4th ~ Dance classes resume
- Week of January 4th – 8th ~ Notification through www.rainedout.com that January newsletter available on Website which includes January/February calendar
- Thursday, January 7th ~ Classes normally held at Pinewood will be held at Lutherville in the Activity Room from 6 – 10 pm.
 - Thurs 6-8 Pinewood classes will be held from 6:00 – 7:45 pm at Lutherville in order to get to Grand Finale Production rehearsal at 8:00 pm at Pinewood ~ see notes under Grand Finale Production rehearsal part 2
 - Thurs 8-10 Pinewood classes will be held from 8:00 – 10:00 pm at Lutherville after Grand Finale Production rehearsal from 6:30 – 7:45 pm at Pinewood
- Thursday, January 7th ~ The 7:45 pm Timonium Lyrical class will be held at Timonium from 8:00 – 9:00 pm in order to attend Grand Finale Production rehearsal from 6:30 – 7:45 pm at Pinewood.
- Thursday, January 7th ~ Grand Finale Production Rehearsal #2 at **Pinewood Elementary in the cafeteria:**
 - 6:15 – 7:30 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, Thursday 7:45 pm Lyrical, Thurs 8:00 Lyrical, Thurs 9:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop and Fri 4:45 Lyrical
 - 7:45 – 9:00 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 6:00 Lyrical, Thurs 7:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop, all Company dancers and all Adult dancers

- Friday, January 8th ~ Friday Company and DCE classes held at Lutherville
- Week of January 11th – 15th ~ IronBird game order form distributed ~ order form and money due no later than February 26, 2010
- Wednesday, January 13th ~ No classes at Timonium ~ Lutherville classes still held
- Friday, January 15th ~ Friday Company and DCE classes held at Lutherville
- Monday, January 18th ~ No dance classes ~ Martin Luther King Holiday
- Friday, January 22nd ~ Friday Company and DCE classes held at Lutherville
- **NEW DATE** ~ Thursday, January 28th ~ **No classes at Pinewood ~ Lutherville and Timonium classes still held**
- **NEW DATE** ~ Thursday, January 28th ~ 7:45 pm – 9:45 pm ~ **Company Production Rehearsal Part 2 at Lutherville in the Activity Room for ALL Company dancers**
 - As always, only those dancers who attend this rehearsal will be in Part 2.
 - Hip-Hop Company dancers can arrive 10 minutes late after their class ends at Timonium at 7:45 pm since they will already be warmed up.
 - Company dancers in Thurs 7:45 Lyrical will be excused from class in order to attend Co Production rehearsal #2.
- **NEW DATE** ~ Friday, January 29th ~ **No dance at Lutherville or Timonium**

Important dates for February through May, 2010 will be provided in future newsletters.

- Friday, May 21st ~ Dress Rehearsal at Dulaney High School
- Saturday, May 22nd ~ Dress Rehearsal at Dulaney High School
- Sunday, May 23rd ~ Recitals at Dulaney High School
- Thursday, May 27th ~ Awards Ceremony at Timonium Elementary

If you have any questions or comments, please let us know. Thank you.