

LTRC Tap/ Jazz Dance Program

Newsletter #5

February 2012

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Costume/registration balances due by February 24, 2012:

Notices will be sent home the week of January 31 - February 4 to collect the balances due.

As a reminder, ALL COSTUME BALANCES and OUTSTANDING REGISTRATION MONEY must be received in hand or must be postmarked no later than February 24, 2012. 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 or Assistant Treasurer no later than Friday, March 9, 2012.

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 or Assistant Treasurer's hands by no later than Friday, March 9, 2012 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.*

Dress Rehearsal/Recital Update:

Is my dancer in Recital A or B on Sunday, May 27?

Classes marked as "Recital A" on the 2011-2012 Class Schedule are in the 12:00 Recital:

Monday 4:00 Jazz (L), Wednesday 4:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop, Wednesday 5:00 Tap, Thursday 4:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop (L), Thursday 5:00 Lyrical (L), Friday 4:00 Jazz, Friday 6:45 Lyrical and...

Tuesday 6:30 Tap/Jazz (BACK Line only) and Friday 6:30 Tap/Jazz (FRONT Line only)

Classes marked as "Recital B" on the 2011-2012 Class Schedule are in the 4:30 Recital:

Monday 5:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop (L), Monday 6:00 Tap (L), Monday 7:00 Jazz/Hip-Hop (L), Tuesday 6:00 Tap (L), Tuesday 7:00 Jazz (L), Wednesday 6:30 (T), Wednesday 7:15 Jazz (T), Thursday 6:00 Jazz (L), Thursday 6:45 Tap (L), Thursday 6:30 Jazz (T), Thursday 6:30 Lyrical (P), Thursday 7:30 Jazz/Hip-Hop (P) and

Tuesday 6:30 Tap/Jazz (FRONT Line only) and Friday 6:30 Tap/Jazz (BACK Line only)

L = class held at Lutherville

T = class held at Timonium

P = class held at Pinewood

Classes not listed above are in BOTH recitals.

Last Chance to Submit Recital & Rehearsal Conflicts

If you have conflicts that have developed for Friday, May 25, Saturday, May 26 or Sunday, May 27 (Memorial Day weekend) and you have not notified me, please email me asap at Val.Wagner-Hippen@opm.gov. Dulaney and Towson's Proms are both that weekend. If you haven't already, please EMAIL me if your dancer is attending the prom as dress rehearsal is mandatory.

Complete recital packets with dress rehearsal times will be given out in March/April based on requests I received. As always, we will do our best to honor as many requests as possible.

Dress and Tech Rehearsals are MANDATORY:

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that your dancer's **Dress Rehearsal will be scheduled on Friday, May 25, 2012 AND/OR Saturday, May 26, 2012**. All Company classes and several other older classes may also have a Tech rehearsal on Friday, May 25, 2012 AND/OR Saturday, May 26, 2012. Attending Dress and Tech Rehearsals are MANDATORY.

In years past, we have had several dancers who were unable to perform in the recital because they missed dress rehearsal or tech rehearsal. We are sorry but there are absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS to this rule. We will be working around any conflicts that were given to Miss Val up till now.

Please keep both days open for your dancer's rehearsal. Rehearsals on Friday, May 25 will be scheduled between 4:30 pm – 11:00 pm. Rehearsals on Saturday, May 26 will be scheduled between 9:00 am and 10:30 pm. Your dancer will have a rehearsal for every routine they are in- including KIDS Production (for PreK to 4th grade dancers) and Grand Finale Production (for 5th grade through Adult dancers). Dancers who have both a tech AND dress rehearsal MUST ATTEND BOTH rehearsals in order to perform in that number in the recitals.

We appreciate your flexibility.

KIDS Production: (This involves ALL dancers in PreK – 4th grade)

These special productions will be performed in the recitals held on May 27, 2012. Even though a KIDS Production will be in both recitals, your dancer will only participate in the recital that their regular classes are scheduled to perform. No additional class fees will be charged.

The KIDS Production (ALL Pre - K through 4th grade dancers) will involve the following rehearsals. The main purpose is to get the younger dancers used to dancing on a stage and to make our *dress* rehearsals run as smooth and quickly as possible. We are limited as to the time we can use Pinewood so we have more frequent, shorter rehearsals-- as opposed to fewer yet longer rehearsals. We appreciate your efforts to bring your dancers to these rehearsals.

The dancers have been learning the choreography for the recital routine (from "Happy Feet 2") for KIDS Production during their regular class times. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

NOTE: Dates and times are subject to change. More details will be provided in future newsletters.

- Friday, March 2 from 7:15 - 8:15pm at Pinewood in the Cafeteria~ Meeting for ALL Stage Moms (no dancers) of the Tuesday 6:30 Tap/Jazz and Friday 6:30 Tap/Jazz classes.
We ask that you have another person watch your dancer / other children during this time so we may all fully focus during the meeting.
- Thursday, March 8 from 6:30 - 7:15pm ~ KIDS Production Rehearsal in PINEWOOD Cafeteria for the following dancers:
 - Tuesday 6:30 Tap/Jazz BACK line only and their stage moms
 - Friday 6:30 Tap/Jazz FRONT line only and their stage moms
- Thursday, March 15 from 6:30 - 7:15pm ~ KIDS Production Rehearsal in PINEWOOD Cafeteria for the following dancers:
 - Tuesday 6:30 Tap/Jazz FRONT line only and their stage moms
 - Friday 6:30 Tap/Jazz BACK line only and their stage moms
- Thursday, May 3 from 6:30 - 8pm ~ KIDS Production Rehearsal in PINEWOOD Cafeteria for ALL 3rd – 4th graders, including:
 - Monday 4:00 Jazz (L)
 - Tuesday 6:00 Jazz (L)
 - Tuesday 7:00 Tap (L)
 - Wednesday 6:30 Tap (T)
 - Wednesday 7:15 Jazz (T)

NOTE: ALL dancers will also practice performing all of their routines on the stage.
- Thursday, May 10 from 6:30 – 8:00pm ~ KIDS Production Rehearsal in PINEWOOD Cafeteria for ALL 1st – 2nd graders, including:
 - Thursday 6:00 Jazz (L) and Thursday 6:45 Tap (L)
 - Thursday 6:30 Jazz (T)
 - Friday 4:00 Jazz (L)

NOTE: The Thursday dancers will have this rehearsal in lieu of their regular class at Lutherville or Timonium. ALL dancers will also practice performing all of their routines on the stage.
- Thursday, May 17 from 6:30 – 7:30pm ~ KIDS Production Rehearsal in PINEWOOD Cafeteria:
 - All Pre-K, K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade dancers in 12:00 pm recital and their stage moms
- Thursday, May 24 from 6:30 – 7:30pm ~ KIDS Production Rehearsal in PINEWOOD Cafeteria:
 - All Pre-K, K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade dancers in 4:30 pm recital and their stage moms

Other rehearsals will be announced if necessary. The schedule is subject to change.

- ALL PreK - 4th grade dancers will be participating in KIDS Production. If you have a conflict with a rehearsal, please call Miss Val at 410-733-2188.
- KIDS Production requires a small costume fee of \$20.00 per dancer (due February 24).
- Costume:
 - LTRC will provide a t-shirt
 - You will need to supply the bottom:
 - Skirt, shorts or capris.

- All black, all white, or a combo of black & white (patterns, like polka dots, okay). NO other colors, please!
- Dancers will wear their pink ballet shoes or tan jazz shoes. *If your dancer only takes Tap and does not have Pink ballet shoes or tan jazz shoes, they can wear as close to white tennis shoes as possible.*

Company Production: (This involves Company Dancers and Staff only)

Schedule for rehearsals ~ dancers will only be in rehearsal parts they attend:

Monday, February 6 8:00 - 9:30 pm (Lutherville) ~ ALL Company Dancers ~ Part 1
(Beginning)

Tuesday, February 28 7:30 - 8:30 pm (Timonium) ~ Group 1 only
Group 1 ~ Morgan Colburn, Dani DiGiacomo, Ivana Djukic, Nicole Drinkwater, Kali Mason,
Lizzy Peper, Veronica Rider

Monday, March 19 9:00 - 10:00 pm (Lutherville) ~ Group 2 only
Group 2 ~ Katelynn Baseman, Taylor Bensley, Danielle Chandler, Olivia Finckel,
Meredith Harris, Alison Kochesfahani, Ben Miller

Monday, April 9 9:00 - 10:00 pm (Lutherville) ~ Group 3 only
Group 3 ~ Sarah Baker, Danielle Deros, Nia Jones, Alyssa Kornick, Sasha Maraj,
Amy Rivoli, Missi Salter, Taylor Wenzl

Monday, April 30 8:00 – 9:30 pm (Lutherville) ~ ALL Company Dancers and Staff
~ (Ending)

Tuesday, May 22 7:15 – 8:30 pm (Timonium) ~ ALL Company Dancers and Staff ~
Final rehearsal before Dress Rehearsal

NOTE: The schedule is subject to change.

A word on attendance...

Please strive for extremely consistent attendance. We understand that dancers become ill, especially during flu season, or other obligations may stand as an obstacle here and there. If you are unable to attend class, we ask that you kindly call Miss Val as a courtesy (410) 733-2188 or email at Val.Wagner-Hippen@opm.gov and she will notify your dancer's instructor.

Instructors reserve the right to choreograph around students who have missed class or who are consistently late. This means if your dancer is not in class when new choreography is taught, the instructor reserves the right to eliminate him/her from a "chunk" of the routine. When the dancer returns to class, the instructor will bring him/her back into the routine. This is especially the case for the intermediate / advanced level dance classes and Companies. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to let me know.

Attendance Awards

All dancers have an opportunity to receive a "Perfect Attendance Award" or an "Outstanding Attendance Award". **The list of Perfect and Outstanding Attendance as of December 31, 2011 can be found on our website www.ltrc.org/tapandjazz**, along with more information on our attendance award policy.

If you would like to know the exact number of misses for your dancer in any class, please see the total listed on the left hand side of the class attendance sheets. If you have any questions or feel the list is inaccurate, please email me as soon as possible at Val.Wagner-Hippen@opm.gov. We will be ordering awards based on the lists online.

Complimentary CDs for dancers

Because most of the recital songs are edited or mixed, as a courtesy we are providing a CD with your dancer's recital music. To minimize the number of master CDs needed, your dancer may receive an extra song or two. By mid-February all dancers should have their CDs. Please encourage your dancer to practice at home.

Important Dates – February / March 2012:

Week of January 31 - February 4:

**Costume balance due notices distributed
(due February 24, 2012 to avoid \$20 late fee)**

- Monday, February 6 from 8:00 – 9:30pm ~ Company Production Rehearsal for Company Dancers and Staff only at Lutherville
As always, only those dancers who attend this rehearsal will be in this part of Company Production.
- Tuesday, February 7 ~ No Lutherville classes
- Monday, February 20 ~ No dance classes ~ Presidents' Day Holiday

Friday, February 24:

✓ **ALL Costume balances and outstanding registration fee DUE or must be postmarked by 2/24/2012 to avoid \$20 late fee.**

- Tuesday, February 28 from 7:30 – 8:30 pm ~ Company Production Rehearsal (Group 1 *only*) in Timonium Cafeteria ~ no DCE class
As always, only those dancers who attend this rehearsal will be in this part of Company Production.
- Friday, March 2 from 6:30 – 7:15pm ~ Friday Tap/Jazz class will be held at PINewood
- Friday, March 2 from 7:15 – 8:15pm ~ KIDS Production meeting for Tuesday 6:30 Tap/Jazz and Friday 6:30 Tap/Jazz Stage moms only
- Thursday, March 8 from 6:30 - 7:15pm ~ KIDS Production Rehearsal in PINewood Cafeteria for certain dancers (see page 4)
- Thursday, March 15 from 6:30 - 7:15pm ~ KIDS Production Rehearsal in PINewood Cafeteria for certain dancers (see page 4)

Friday, March 9:

Last chance to pay balances, including \$20 late fee, in order to participate in recital(s). Staff will be in Lutherville Elementary Activity Room till 8:00 pm to collect money.

- Week of March 12 - 16 ~ Recital patron messages and recital ad information distributed (due by April 30). *NOTE: No late submissions can be accepted as done in years past.*
- Monday, March 19 from 9-10pm ~ Company Production Rehearsal (Group 2 only) in Lutherville Activity Room
As always, only those dancers who attend this rehearsal will be in this part of Company Production.
- Monday, April 2 through Monday, April 9 ~ SPRING BREAK ~ NO dance classes.
- Tuesday, April 10 ~ Classes resume

Important dates for March through May 2012 will be provided in future newsletters.

- Friday, May 25th ~ Dress Rehearsal at Dulaney High School
- Saturday, May 26th ~ Dress Rehearsal at Dulaney High School
- Sunday, May 27th ~ Recitals at Dulaney High School

If you have any questions or comments, please email me at Val.Wagner-Hippen@opm.gov.

Thank you. Miss Val 410-733-2188