

PARENTING A DANCER

Parenting is hard work, often confusing and incredibly rewarding. When your child is a dancer you face new challenges. Try the following ideas to help your child thrive as a dancer and as a person.

- 1. Emphasize and reward the effort rather than results.**
- 2. Encourage and guide your dancer, don't force or pressure them.**
- 3. Emphasize the importance of learning and transferring dance skills into life skills; like hard work, self-discipline, teamwork and commitment.**
- 4. Emphasize the importance of having fun, learning new things developing skills.**
- 5. Give your dancer some space when needed. Allow them to figure things out for themselves.**
- 6. Show interest in their dancing.**
- 7. Keep a sense of humor. If you are having fun, so will your dancer.**
- 8. Give unconditional love and support to your dancer.**
- 9. Avoid comparing your child with other dancers.**
- 10. Enjoy yourself at performances.**
- 11. Take good care of yourself.**

RECITAL UPDATE

The recital dates are June 19th, 20th & June 21st at Hempfield High School.

We began taking costume deposits in October. We ask that you put a \$20.00 per costume deposit down as soon as possible. I know with the holiday season approaching quickly the last thing you want to do is put money down on costumes that are being used for a June performance. This deposit is used to help us get our costume orders processed as soon as possible. We begin ordering costumes over Christmas break and it takes approximately 12 to 14 weeks to get the costumes.

It is very important that we receive deposits as soon as possible. Thank you in advance.



FUNDRAISER INFO

Fundraiser candy order forms due be November 21st.
Please read the candy fundraiser information attached to the newsletter.
Please remember if you over sell candy, there are no refunds or credits.
The extra money will to towards props and scenery.

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STUDIO CLOSING

THANKSGIVING BREAK:

The Studio will be closed Thursday, November 27th through Saturday, November 29th. Studio will reopen Monday December 1st.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

TEACHER TALK

Undoubtedly, there are many questions you would like to ask your teacher. The best way to ask your teachers is to leave a message at the front desk and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Please do not interrupt classes to ask the teacher a question.

Attendance – Attendance is the key to having a well rehearsed number. We encourage you to attend class as much as possible. When you miss class, the entire class suffers.

WOMAN'S WORK PERFORMANCE

On Sunday, October 19th, at the Dutch Apple Dinner Theater, our advanced students performed the routine "Never Alone" along with other local dance companies. This was a benefit performance to raise money for breast cancer. Our dancers did a beautiful job and we want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came to support us!

BRING A FRIEND TO DANCE WEEK

Thank you to everyone who participated in Bring a Friend to Dance Week! We had a wonderful turn out and we hope your friends enjoyed their dance experience as much as we enjoyed having them in class.



HARRISBURG CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

On Dec 6th & 7th, Encore will be performing at the Harrisburg Christmas Craft show. Showtimes are 12:15 and 2:45 both days. Please come and support our dancer's and do a little holiday shopping at the same time!

TEACHER'S WORKSHOP

On the weekend of October 25th, Encore instructors participated in a pre-school training program. We had a wonderful time learning and are so excited to bring some of the new information into our classrooms! We feel futhering our dance education is extremely important and we hope you notice some new activities in class!

