

Starz Dancer

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Welcome

We have had lots of new faces join us during the month of January. Welcome to all of you. Please feel free to check with our front desk staff if you have any questions or if there's something we can help you with.

Reminder

Parents of young children are reminded that they must come into the studio and pick up their dancer. Parents of older dancers are reminded that they should wait inside the studio until you arrive to pick them up. We know that parking is often a challenge, however, for the safety of all our dancers, we ask that you follow these procedures.

Recital Costumes

Thank-you all for getting your dancer in to have their costume measurements. The costumes will be ordered on February 2 and will take approximately 3 months to arrive. In the event that your dancer decides NOT to dance during the next 3 months, please remember we CANNOT refund costumes. We are required by the companies to pre-pay for costumes and they are non-refundable, therefore, we cannot refund them to you. However, if a new dancer joins the class, they may be able to buy the costume from you.

Music

Teachers have finalized their recital music selections and we are currently making copies of this music for all dancers. We hope to have it all complete by the middle of February. Once music is complete, dancers will be receiving a copy of their recital music so they can practice their dances at home. This will not only help them learn the dances, but it will help them become more comfortable with the dances so they will feel more at ease when they perform in the recital. Both music selections will be on the CD. If your dancer is in more than one class, you will need to get a separate CD for EACH class.

KAR Kids Fundraisers

DDS is proud to have 9 dancers participate in the 2009 KAR Kids Dance Convention in New York City. This convention is by invitation only and dancers receive this invitation based on their performance at KAR regional competitions.

The 2009 KAR Kids participants have several greatly appreciate your support in two fundraisers:

- Hoodies
- Parent's Night Out

All dancers, ages 5 and up will receive information on the Parent's Night Out fundraiser during show and tell this week. The Hoodie fundraiser information is attached to this newsletter.

Recital Info

The annual DDS Summer Recital has been scheduled for Saturday, June 6 at Horizon High School. There will be 2 shows at 1:00 and 4:30. Each class will perform in ONE show. We are in the process of finalizing the schedule of which classes will perform in each show, as well as the rehearsal schedule. We will be sending this information out in March.

In the Know

The next 5 months will fly by and there will be a lot of information coming out regarding the recital, including ticket sales, memorabilia orders, yearbook ads, rehearsal schedules and pictures. We do our best to keep parents informed of ALL information in a timely manner, however, **parents are reminded that it's YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to stay informed on ALL the latest info regarding studio happenings.** Please do NOT rely on your dancer (no matter how old they are) as they do not always communicate information.

It is important that you attend Show & Tell and/or stop into the studio on a weekly basis to find out what's going on.

- March 23-30 STUDIO CLOSED - Spring Break
- May 27 STUDIO CLOSED - Memorial Day
- June 12-13 Recital Dress Rehearsals
- June 14 Annual Recital

Shoes

Denver Dance Starz does have required shoes for all of our dance classes. All required shoes are available from the studio. We do not require you to purchase your shoes from us, however, we do require your dancer to have the correct shoes for class AND for the recital. The DDS required shoes are as follows:

Tap/Jazz Classes (Ages 3-7)

- BLACK patent leather button tap
- BLACK leather-sole* ballet

Tap/Jazz Classes (Ages 8+)

- BLACK synthetic tie tap
- BLACK jazz shoes

Hip Hop Classes (All ages)

- BLACK jazz shoes

Ballet Classes (Beginning & Level 1)

- PINK leather-sole* ballet

Ballet Classes (Level 2 & 3)

- Bloch PINK split sole ballet

*ALL ballet shoes MUST be leather soled. Satin ballet slippers may NOT be worn.

If you have questions regarding the correct shoes for your dancer, please consult the staff at the front desk. They will be more than happy to answer your questions or assist you in any way they can.

Recreation Coordinators

Denver Dance Starz is proud to have two highly qualified Recreation Level Coordinators. Trish Mestas and Christy Monson have been with Denver Dance Starz for 10 years and have a tremendous amount of knowledge about the dance studio. They are available to ALL our recreation parents to answer questions you may have regarding ANYTHING! Please take advantage of their expertise in the coming months. They are more than happy to help out.

You can reach the Rec Coordinators at the studio on Wednesday or Thursday evenings. They also have their OWN E-mail, listed below in the contact information.

Contact Information

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Have a GREAT month!

Important Dates