

Starz Dancer

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Welcome Back!

We're off to another great start here at Denver Dance Starz. Welcome back to everyone!

Show and Tell

Show and Tell will be the 1st and 3rd weeks of each month this year for all dancers in the 3-4 yr. and 5-7 yr. classes. Dancers in the 8-10 yr. and 11+ yr. classes will continue to have Show and Tell the 1st week of each month, only. Show and Tell is an opportunity for you to better interact with your child's teacher as well as understand what your child is learning in dance throughout the year. Be sure and watch the studio doors for the signs letting you know it's a Show and Tell week.

Studio Newsletter

The Studio Newsletter comes out once a month, at the beginning of each month. Newsletters and most correspondence are sent electronically via e-mail.

If for some reason, you do NOT receive your newsletter, we always have extra copies available at BOTH studios. You can also access it on the studio website: www.denverdancestarz.com We do our best to keep everyone up to date on what's going on at the studio. However, **parents are asked to take some responsibility for making sure that you know what's going on at the studio and when it's going on.** ALL information and correspondence is always available on the website AND at the front desk.

Food Allergies

We know that sometimes, dancers bring treats to celebrate birthdays, etc. Please be aware that we do have children with peanut allergies and we request that you do NOT send anything with peanuts.

Payment Information

All families should have received payment coupons with your registration information. If you did not receive these coupons, please stop by the front desk and let us know, so we can be sure and get you some. **ALL fee payments MUST be accompanied by a payment coupon.** This will enable us to properly credit your account. Please DO NOT just drop off a check. If you forget your coupons, we have extras at the studio that you may fill out. Please use the white coupons on top of the Payment drop box. Please drop all payments off in the PAYMENT DROP BOX at the front desk. If you pay with cash, we request that you have correct change and put your payment in a sealed envelope before dropping it in the box. You may check for your receipt in the receipt box the following week. Please keep your receipts handy so that if there is a question about payment, you will have documentation.

Also, please remember there is a \$25 fee for all returned checks. If we have to send a second notice, the fee will be \$35 and \$50 for a third and final notice before possibly being turned over to a collection agency. Continued problems with returned checks from the same person may result in the loss of check writing privileges. **Full tuition is due on the 15th of each month. It is considered late after the 20th. There is a \$25 late fee at that time.** **If you send a check with your child after the 20th, please include the late fee.** There is no extra charge for months when there are 5 weeks because there are some months when there are holidays and therefore only 3 weeks. **Full tuition is due EVERY month. We do not prorate tuition for missed days or absences.**

Mark Your Calendar

Please mark your calendars with the following studio closures: **Monday, September 1** (Labor Day); **November 26-30** (Thanksgiving); **December 21 - January 4** (Winter Break); **March 22-29** (Spring Break); and **Monday, May 25** (Memorial Day).

Booster Club

The Booster Club is wrapping up its first fundraiser - Little Caesars Pizza Kits. All orders and payments are due to the studio by September 12. Orders will be delivered to Sherry Hammack's house on September 22. Please make arrangements to pick up your order **THAT DAY**, as orders need to be refrigerated and she does not have space to store these orders.

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Reminders

- The front desk is frequently asked to hold merchandise/shoes, etc. for a few days before it is paid for. We will **ONLY** hold merchandise/shoes for **3 days**. At that time, merchandise and shoes will be returned to stock.
- **STUDIO RETURN POLICY:** All returns must be within 30 days of purchase, accompanied by a studio receipt, unworn and in original box, for Studio Credit **ONLY**.
- The studio **CANNOT** dispense medicine to dancers, including aspirin. If your dancer needs to take medication or aspirin, please send it with them and have them take it themselves. Studio staff will not dispense.
- Snack Cards are available for purchase so your dancer can get water or snacks while at dance. They are \$10 each. If you purchase, 2 cards at once, you will receive an extra 2 punches on your card.
- We empty the Lost and Found at the **END** of each month. It's probably a good idea to check it out during the last week of each month, just to make sure there's nothing that belongs to your dancer. It will be gone by the first of the next month!

Flu Season

Flu season is just around the corner and we wanted to pass along some reminders to help keep dancers healthy.

- Please remind your child to practice basic good hygiene including hand washing, covering their mouth and nose with a tissue when they cough or sneeze and using their elbow instead of their hand when a tissue is not available.
- Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (the time it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice) is the best way to keep your hands from spreading a virus.
- You may also consider cleaning surfaces and items in your home that have frequent hand contact.

In addition, while regular attendance at dance class is important, we do not want dancers coming to the studio for classes if they are sick or exhibiting flu like symptoms:

Fever, cough, runny or stuffy nose, sore throat, body aches or fatigue.

Dancers should not return to dance for **24 hours** after fever symptoms end. A general rule of thumb should also be that **IF** dancers did not attend school **OR** were sent home early due to illness, they should **NOT** attend dance classes that night.

Studio staff Clorox the ballet barres and door handles. We also have antibacterial hand sanitizer available in **ALL** studios and we encourage all dancers, parents and teachers to use it **FREQUENTLY**.

Hopefully it will be a **HEALTHY** dance season for **ALL** of us! Don't forget the flu shots!

Health Info

We know that some of our dancers may have health concerns that are important for us to know. We have attached a health info form to fill out **ONLY** in the event that your dancer has a health concern that you would like us to know about. Please leave this at the front desk and we will make sure that all necessary personnel are informed.