

Dance Factory

October, 2009

Welcome back! We would like to thank you for choosing the Dance Factory for your child's dance education. We are very excited about our program, and anxious to begin a new year!

A special welcome to two new programs this year, including the new Apple Creek YMCA and an extension dance program in Sherwood.

This newsletter contains several important information points for both parents and dancers.

Dress Code

Proper attire is required for all classes. Leotards and white or pink tights are preferred for all classes, but are required for Ballet and Lyrical classes. Leotards, jazz pants, leggings, sweatpants/exercise pants, and shorts are suitable for Tap, Jazz, and Hip Hop classes. Absolutely NO jeans, dresses, or pajama pants will be allowed. All dance pants should be the appropriate length and

Shoes

Tap: Black Tap Shoes. If you have not purchased shoes, please confirm with your class instructor as to verify shoe style.

Ballet: Students ages 4-7 should have full sole, pink leather ballet shoes. Students 8 years and older should have split sole, pink leather ballet shoes.

Jazz: Black, split sole jazz shoes.

Lyrical: Students may wear ballet or jazz shoes for class. Instructor will tell you what shoe you will need for the Dance Review.

Hip Hop: White, street tennis shoes.

It is important to note that Dance Factory communication is distributed through several different outlets, including these monthly newsletters. However, most notifications, reminders, and alerts are distributed email. Please make sure the YMCA has your family's updated email address. **Additional contact phone numbers include:**
HOTV Front Desk: 830-0414
Fox West Front Desk: 757-9820
Dance Desk: 830-5712
Apple Creek Front Desk: 733.9622

should not touch the ground or cover shoes. Dance shorts, or "short" shorts should be worn with leggings or tights. Tap students should not wear their shoes outdoors. Dance shoes will not wear well if you walk on concrete in them. It also damages the dance floor.

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Micro-Mini's

Micro-Mini FCDA Team
Classes begin the week of
November 2 for students ages
4 to 6. If you are interested in
having your child participate,
or to learn more information,
please contact the Dance Desk
at 830-5712.



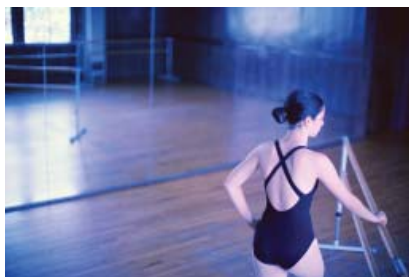
Attendance Policy

Good attendance is vital to the outcome of the group's dance. If your child is unable to attend class, please call your location's front desk and leave a message for your instructor. If a student accumulates more than 4 absences, we will want to discuss what is needed to get the student to the level where his/her performance will not hinder the overall performance of the group. Your child may be asked to take private lessons at a fee. We appreciate your help in enforcing this policy.

To contact the dance coordinator directly, please email
Toni Rockow at trockow@ymcafoxcities.org

General Rules of Conduct

Please remember these key rules to ensure a great foundation for a successful dance year!



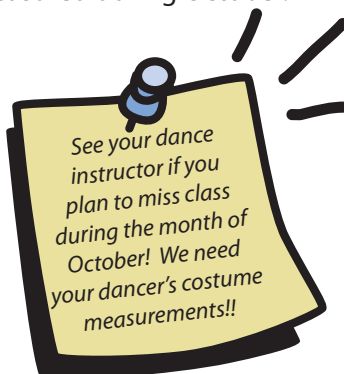
- *No chewing gum or candy during class
- *Please see to it that your child goes to the bathroom before class
- *Students will be expected to be prepared and ready for class to start on time. No coats, shoes, etc. will be allowed in the dance studio.
- *Hair shoulder length or longer must be tied back.
- *Please write your child's name in

their dance shoes. If they are left behind or accidentally switched, it will be easier to find them.
 *We expect all students to practice outside of their class time. This will reinforce what is learned in class.
 *Please be prompt to class. This maximizes our instruction time.

Costume Information

Dance teachers will start measuring your children for their costumes during the month of October. It is very important we have all our students in class consistently during the month of October. If your child has missed class, please make sure to talk to your instructor and make arrangements to be measured. Costumes are ordered in early December, so it is extremely

important that everyone is measured during October.



Attention Fox Cities Dance Academy Team Members: Please continue to monitor the FCDA website at :

<http://ymcafcda.org>

Calendar of Events (all dates are subject to change)

Classes Begin.....	Week of September 21, 2009
All Class Tuition due by First Class.....	September, 2009
"Face to Face" Registration in Sherwood.....	October 5, 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Measure for costumes.....	Month of October
Sherwood Classes Begin.....	November 2
Thanksgiving Break.....	November 23 - November 27
Christmas Break.....	December 21 - January 1
Last day of Class for Sherwood.....	March 15
Sherwood Dance Revue.....	March 19, 6 p.m.
Spring Break.....	March 22 - April 2
Apple Creek Photos.....	April 13 (No regular class)
Fox West Photos.....	April 15 (No regular class)
HOTV Photos.....	April 19 - April 23 (No regular class)
Healthy Kids Day FCDA Performance.....	May 1
Dress Rehearsal.....	Week of May 10
Dance Revue Performances.....	Weekend of May 14-May 16

*Show times will be confirmed at a later date