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KEEPING IN STEP

JANUARY 2010

Student Name

TOTAL COSTUME BALANCE DUE: _____ Due February 8th

A Happy New Year to all with the hope that you had a very Merry Christmas and restful Holiday. Blessings of love, health, and prosperity through the New Year to you and your families.

Thank you to all those who attended our Christmas Party. Our students welcomed Santa with open arms and of course our refreshment table was dressed with so many delicious treats. The students who carried on the traditional craft tables did a great job organizing and helping our visitors. Our Moms and Dads contributed to our sing along with their children to make our traditional Twelve Days of Christmas the best ever. If you missed the party this year, try very hard to attend next year. We have a very festive time. The staff and I thank each of you for your generous gifts. They are truly appreciated.

Though our Christmas Showcase at the Atrium was cancelled twice because of bad weather, we have been invited to perform on Sunday, January 31st at 2:00pm. A special email will go out to all those participating to make sure you can make it. Please respond quickly as possible. Performing for the Atrium is very meaningful. Sure hope you can make it and the weather holds out.

I would like to give special recognition to Rachel Leva, a student of ours. She participated in a trip to Viet Nam to help those children in need of operations involving Operation Smile. We are very proud of her as I know her family is very proud. If any one of our students has accomplished a special activity I would love for you to share it with the rest of our student body. So please come forward with your accomplishments. It is very inspiring for us all.

Our competition team has been getting ready for their 2010 competition season since the summer months. The members and teachers put so much work and time into perfecting the technique and dances of each competitor. The staff wishes you much success and we are very proud of your efforts and achievements. God bless all your efforts and accomplishments.

Recital costumes have been ordered. 2010 is bringing a lot of excitement and anticipation. It's all what makes are dance world go round. Each is an important step in achieving our goals as dancers and strong individuals. As we venture into our new choreography for the recital, remember to practice and try to keep your attendance up for each class is important for your technique to grow. It all makes for a great personal performance which makes the team effort very gratifying.

We now look forward to our 33rd Annual Recital, "**A Dancer's Dream**". The following are important details for you to know.

1. RECITAL DATE & TIME: **Sunday, June 13, 2010, 12:30pm and 6:00pm**

PLACE: Pequannock High School, Pequannock, NJ

Classes performing in the **Sunday Matinee Performance Only:**

Sat 9:30-2 PK/Kinder, Sat 10:30-2 PK, and Wed 6:00-2 1st grade triplet

Classes performing in the **Sunday Evening Performance Only:**

Mon 9:30-2 3yr old, Mon 4:00-2 Kinder, and Wed 4:30-2 2nd grade triplet

All other classes will perform in both performances including Gymnastics.

2. COSTUME BALANCE: Your costume balance is posted at the beginning of this "Keeping In Step" and is due by February 8th. Please be prompt with final costume payment. Thank you for your cooperation.

3. REHEARSALS: First Costume Rehearsal - in each class the week of May 3rd

First Run Through, Tuesday, June 1st, 3:45 PM to 8:00 PM at the Academy.

All classes will be scheduled at specific times for this rehearsal. The schedule will be given at a later date. This is not a costume rehearsal.

Second Costume Rehearsal – Thursday, June 10th, 4:00 pm at Pequannock High School Auditorium. All students are required to attend these rehearsals. More details about rehearsal procedures will be distributed as the time approaches.

4. TICKETS: Tickets will be available by April 30th. There are unlimited tickets on a first come first serve basis for both performances at \$15.00 per ticket. Children under the age of three will not require a ticket but must sit on a parent's lap. **Your account must be paid in full which includes tuition, costume balances and ticket fees prior to receiving your recital tickets.** Please purchase your tickets by May 10th. Tickets will be available at the door if we are not sold out by performance time.

5. VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers are needed to help with the children backstage during the performances and rehearsals and making scenery. Please let us know as soon as possible if you can help at either performance. A smooth performance depends on efficient loving backstage help and support.

6. PICTURES: Due to all the schedule conflicts, our picture date will tentatively be Saturday, **April 17th.** A specific schedule for each class will be distributed at a later date. If you have a conflict with this date please notify Mrs. D'Amico. A makeup date will be arranged for individual pictures. Pictures must be paid for at the time of the sitting. Thank you!

7. TIGHTS: The color tights your child needs for their costume is indicated on the attached schedule by class. An order form for tights is also attached. Please fill it out and return to the office by February 15th.

8. PRACTICE CD's: A music CD of your child's recital music for home practice is available at \$3.00/CD. Please notify your teacher if you want one. We encourage our students to practice at home.

9. VIDEO: **Home videos may be taken at the dress rehearsal only. No home videos can be taken at the recital.** A professional video will be available at \$48.95 a DVD. An order form will be available after April 30th. Please make the check out to R.A.Video.

10. AD JOURNAL: Again this year's recital program will include an ad journal. Ad journal forms will

be available by January 25th. Business and personal ads are welcome. Please submit the form no later than April 1st. Business cards or ready to shoot ads are requested if possible. Booster ads are also available. We are asking each student if possible to please sell one ad for our recital ad journal. It is always a special memory for a student to have a congratulatory ad placed in the recital program.

We wish our competitive team great success during this competition season. We have an energetic and talented competitive team and I know their hard work and dedication will pay off.

Thank you for reading our **KEEPING IN STEP**. Please keep it handy for reference and do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions at all. God bless you, Happy New Year and good health to all.

Dancingly yours,

Linda M. D'Amico

ORDER FORM FOR TIGHTS
Due February 15, 2010

Name: _____ **Class:** _____

Child sizes – one size fits all

Adult sizes – Small/Medium or Large/Extra Large

Tights: Suntan Footed: Child: _____ Adult: S/M _____ L/XL _____
Suntan Convertible: Child: _____ Adult: S/M _____ L/XL _____
Pink Footed: Child: _____ Adult: S/M _____ L/XL _____
Pink Convertible: Child: _____ Adult: S/M _____ L/XL _____

Tights - \$13.00/child _____ \$15.00/adult _____

Total Amount Enclosed: _____

2009-2010 TIGHTS BY CLASS

MONDAY			
ROOM 1		ROOM 2	
4:00 – 5:00 HIP HOP A	SUNTAN	9:30 – 10:15 PKI – 3 YR OLDS	PINK
5:00 – 6:00 GYMNASTICS	SUNTAN	4:00 – 5:00 KINDER	PINK
6:00 – 7:00 CONTEMPORARY	SUNTAN	5:00 – 6:00 TAP BEGINNER	SUNTAN
7:00 – 8:30 BALLET SRII COMP	PINK	6:15 – 7:00 TAP 3 RD /4 TH GRADE	SUNTAN
		7:30 – 8:30 JAZZ JR/SRI COMP	SUNTAN
		8:30 – 9:30 TAP COMP	SUNTAN
TUESDAY			
ROOM 1		ROOM 2	
3:30 – 4:30 LYRICAL III	SUNTAN	3:30 – 4:30 JAZZ 5 TH /6 TH GR REC	SUNTAN
4:30 – 5:30 JAZZ 5 TH /6 TH GR COMP	SUNTAN	4:30 – 5:30 JAZZ 3 RD /4 TH GRADE	SUNTAN
5:30 – 7:00 BALLET SRI COMP	PINK	5:30 – 6:30 BALLET 3 RD /4 TH GRADE	SUNTAN
		6:30 – 7:30 TAP JR/SR REC	SUNTAN
		7:30 – 8:30 BALLET JR/SR REC	SUNTAN
WEDNESDAY			
ROOM 1		ROOM 2	
3:30 – 4:30 HIP HOP B	SUNTAN	3:30 – 4:30 REHEARSAL FR	SUNTAN
4:30 – 5:30 LYRICAL BEG	SUNTAN	4:30 – 6:00 2 ND GRADE TRIPLET	SUNTAN
5:30 – 6:30 HIP HOP C	SUNTAN	6:00 – 7:30 1 ST GRADE TRIPLET	SUNTAN
7:30 – 8:30 LYRICAL JR/SR REC	SUNTAN	7:30 – 8:30 LYRICAL JR/SRI COMP	SUNTAN
8:30 – 9:30 JAZZ JR/SR REC	SUNTAN	8:30 – 9:30 BALLET JR COMP	PINK
THURSDAY			
ROOM 1		ROOM 2	
4:30 – 5:30 JAZZ 7 TH GRADE	SUNTAN	3:30 – 4:30 BALLET 5 TH GRADE	SUNTAN
5:30 – 6:30 MODERN JR/SRI	SUNTAN	4:30 – 5:30 TAP 5 TH GRADE	SUNTAN
		5:30 – 6:30 LYRICAL II	SUNTAN
7:30 – 8:30 JAZZ SRII COMP	SUNTAN	6:30 – 7:30 LYRICAL SRII COMP	SUNTAN
FRIDAY			
ROOM 1		ROOM 2	
4:00 – 5:00 HIP HOP JR/SR	SUNTAN	4:00 – 5:00 TAP 6 TH /7 TH GRADE	SUNTAN
5:00 – 6:00 BALLET 6 TH /7 TH GRADE	PINK	5:00 – 6:00 HIP HOP BEG	SUNTAN
SATURDAY			
ROOM 1		ROOM 2	
		9:30 – 10:30 PK/KINDER	PINK
		10:30 – 11:30 PKI/II	PINK