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End of October Newsletter **2009**

1. **Nov. Dance Calendar:** We WILL hold dance classes on days when there's no school, ½ day of school, etc. such as: Nov. 5-7.
We WON'T hold dance classes on Nov. 25-27 (Wed-Fri ~ Thanksgiving).

2. **Christmas Dance Recital:**

When: Saturday, December 19th.

Where: Brandt Center/Swayne Auditorium, NNU campus in Nampa.

Due to the large number of dance classes, we will hold two separate dance recitals. The overall schedule is this:

- (1) Morning dress rehearsal followed by a late morning or early matinee recital.
- (2) Early afternoon dress rehearsal, followed by an afternoon recital. We hope to be finished with the 2nd recital by 6:00 pm.

Details will be coming soon re what classes are in each recital. If you have more than one dancer in my dance program or if your dancer(s) is in more than one class, I will do my best to have them perform in the same recital but please understand that there will be no way I can guarantee that for everyone. I'll do my best and I ask for your patience and cooperation.

3. **Flowers for your Dancer:** Our competition dance teams will be selling flower bouquets for our Christmas Dance Recital. For your convenience and for the best price, you can place your order early and simply pick up the flowers when you arrive at the recital! They will have extra flowers available at the recital but the flowers will cost more and last year they ran out of flowers, so please pre-order. **See the attached order form.** The deadline for flower orders is **Dec. 9.** Turn in your order form at our studio desk.

4. **Studio Sweatshirts:** Since last spring, many, many parents/dancers/grandparents have asked about purchasing studio sweatshirts. (Great Christmas gifts!) (Two choices: Black Hoodie with our logo on the front OR Pink Hoodie with our logo on the front.). **We will have sample sizes available at the studio by Tues. Nov. 10** and sweatshirt orders are due by Tues. Nov. 24 in order to receive sweatshirts before the Christmas break. *We cannot exchange or issue refunds for sweatshirts, so PLEASE come try sample sizes prior to ordering.* **Order form attached.**

5. **Help at Home:** (Especially important for younger dancers or dancers who have been absent due to illness/injury.) To help your dancer remember her/his choreography, parents are welcome to come into class during the last 5-10 minutes, to video the dance for practicing at home. For best results: Check in with the teacher at the beginning of class and she/he can let you know the best time to film. When filming: Stand at the

back of the studio and tape the **back** of the instructor doing the dance. That way, when your dancer rehearses at home with the videotape; she/he will have the teacher in front of her/him and the music, just like in class.

6. **Shoes & Tights Needed For Costume:** Store Hours: Mon-Thurs. 5:00-8:00 pm. Some costumes have arrived and I have sent emails to those classes with the details of shoes & tights needed for those costumes. As we wait for the remainder of the costumes to arrive, I will send everyone else those details re tights and shoes needed for costume. Please don't delay in purchasing shoes and tights for costumes. We do our best to keep a large inventory, but your size may sell out quickly and the company we order from may run out of some sizes (which will then be on back-order) and may not arrive in time for our Christmas Recital.
7. **Costumes:** Costumes are continually arriving. Some will arrive in the nick of time (first three weeks of Dec.). We will notify you via email, when your costume arrives. **Please pick up your costume as soon as we inform you that it has arrived** ~ with over 50 performing classes, we don't have enough room to store your dancer's costume(s).
8. **How Does Your Costume Fit?** As costumes arrive, keep in mind that costumes are not individually tailored and may not fit absolutely perfectly on every body. If your dancer is bigger around the waist, she/he requires a bigger (thus longer) costume which might be too long. If your dancer is thin, but longer in the body, she/he requires a longer (thus bigger) costume, which may be too big around.

You may need to make adjustments to the costume after it arrives.

EMAIL ME IMMEDIATELY IF YOUR COSTUME IS **TOO SMALL**.
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9. **Wear your costume to class** during the 2nd week of Dec. (Dec. 7-11). Moms/Dads, come into the first 5-10 minutes of class, so that we can instruct you re how your dancer needs to wear her hair, how costume accessories (hairpieces, etc.) are worn, and instructions re facial performance make-up and we will answer all of your questions. Obviously, if your costume hasn't arrived by then, your dancer will need to wear it to class the following week. Worst case: If your dancer's costume doesn't arrive in time to wear to class, he/she will have dress rehearsal for wearing it the first time. Those Moms/Dads will need to go into the first 5-10 minutes of class, during the last class before the recital, to make sure we're all on the same page re facial make-up and hair.
10. **No more costumes:** Your dancer will wear this costume in our Christmas Dance Recital AND in our Spring Dance Recital. She/he will not need another costume for the Spring Dance Recital.
11. **NO Panties:** ALL Female Dancers are not to wear panties under costumes. Tights or body tights serve the same purpose. Panties leave unsightly lines under costumes and/or

show under leotards. Some exceptions are the hip-hop classes ~ check with your dance teacher.

12. **Monthly Newsletters:** If you missed last month's newsletter, you can find it on our website www.danceunlimitedstudios.com Home page, left corner, click on "newsletter."
ALL newsletters from the entire year (Sept-May) will be there. *Please let me know if your email address changes, otherwise you will not receive the important information you need.*
13. **Label Shoes:** Using a black sharpie, please write your dancer's name inside of her/his ballet, jazz, or tap shoes. If the inside of the shoe is black, put a piece of masking tape inside, and write dancer's name on the tape.

14. **Facial Make-up for Dancers:** Male dancers: Please talk to your instructor re facial make-up.

Info below is for FEMALE dancers:

Stage lights are bright, and tend to "wash out" facial features, especially on blondes.

Lipstick: The most important. Wear bright pink or bright red, whichever best matches the costume. Don't wear pastel colors. The brighter the lipstick, the brighter the smile. Remember, this is *stage* make-up, not regular make-up, so stage lipstick should look too bright for everyday wear.

Blush: On cheekbones, brushing up toward the ear, not directly on the front of the cheeks.

Eye shadow: This is tricky, as dark eye shadow "sinks" the eye, on stage. It sounds strange, but blush looks great as eye shadow on stage. It "opens" the eye.

Mascara: A must for all dancers.

Eye Liner: For older dancers. Top and bottom liner. Don't begin the liner at the very inside of the eye. That'll make your eyes look smaller, on stage. Start the liner a tiny bit out from the inside of the eye. Just a thin line, to give your eyes definition. Don't connect the lines at the outside of the eye.

Eye brow pencil: **If brows are extremely blonde.**

15. **Looking Ahead:**

Dec. 22-Jan 1: Christmas Break. No classes held.

Jan. 4: Dance Classes Resume.

May.22: Spring Dance Recital

Thanks so much and I'm looking forward to great Christmas Dance Recitals! ☺

Debbie

P.S. Some of our competition team dancers have entered a scarecrow contest (with a "Dance Unlimited" scarecrow); the contest sponsored by Coleman Homes, to earn \$1,000 for their dance travel, competition fees, etc. We'd LOVE your vote! Please see the info below for details

The current voting standings are listed below. As many of you are aware, Saturday, October 31, is the last day to vote for your favorite scarecrow. The scarecrows will be on display at Cabella Creek at Victory and Locust Grove in Meridian. Voting ballots will be available at

both of our communities in Meridian, Bridgetower and Cabella Creek. The ballots will be tallied on Monday, November 2.

School / Club	Totals (Week 1)	Totals (Week 2)	Grand Total
Rocky Mountain High School	28	39	67
Andrus Elementary	18	27	45
Eagle High School	11	33	44
Dance Unlimited	21	15	36
Eagle Academy	17	11	28
Centennial High School (Art Club #1)	10	0	10
Meridian Middle School (National Jr. High Honor Society)	4	5	9
Meridian Middle School (Mrs. Ritchie 6th Grade)	7	1	8
Eagle Elementary School of the Arts (1st Grade)	5	0	5
Eagle Elementary School of the Arts (4th Grade)	1	2	3
Centennial High School (Art Club #2)	1	0	1
Lowell Scott Middle School	0	0	0
Renaissance High School	0	0	0
TOTALS	123	133	256

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