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Dance Newsletter, January 13, 2010

(1) **Calendar:**

Mon. Jan. 18, Martin Luther King Day. YES, we WILL hold classes on this day. We will continue to hold dance classes on days where schools have 1/2 days, early-release days, teacher in-service days, etc. From now through May, the only days that we will not hold dance classes is during Spring Break, March 29-April 2.

(2) **Spring Dance Recital:** Sat. May 22. Mountain View High School Auditorium. We will again have two dance recitals. The day will go like this: morning dress rehearsal followed by a late morning dance recital, then an early afternoon dress rehearsal followed by a late afternoon dance recitals. Each recital will have different classes performing. More details to come.

(3) **Costumes:** In the Spring Dance Recital your dancer will wear the same costume she/he wore in the Christmas Dance Recital.

(4) **News Dancers who have joined us this month:** WELCOME! I will be ordering your costume during the first week of February. Please make sure I have taken your dancer's measurements by then. Costume companies need 3 to 12 weeks to ship the costumes to us. Adult classes and Tap classes will not be ordering costumes from costume companies. For those classes, please see your dance instructor for costume info

(5) **Dance Lesson Monthly Payments:** Your credit card will continue to be automatically processed on the 20th of each month for the next month's dance lessons. APRIL will be the last month your card will be processed, since May is our last month of dance classes for this dance season. (We will have separate summer dance programs in June & July.)

(6) **Last Dance Classes:** May 24-28. This is the week after our Spring Dance Recital, and we will hold class parties during this week.

(7) **Christmas Dance Recital Video:** Should be ready this week. I will send another email as soon as the DVDs arrive. If you haven't purchased the DVD but wish to, please contact Chris Ennis at NuVision Productions, 890-0068.

(8) **What your dancer is doing in class, now:** With our Spring Dance Recital being several months away, it's nice to have the time to work on dance *technique* rather than choreography. What is *dance technique*? It's the skill of dance, rather than the choreography ~ in other words, it's learning *how to dance* rather than learning *a dance*. Dancers in our jazz and ballet classes are perfecting techniques such as turns (chaines, pirouettes, etc.) and leaps (front, side, back, switch, brush, developpe) as well as "across

the floor" skills (pas de bourrees, cross steps, dance walks, battements, etc.). Our Tap dancers are perfecting more difficult steps and Hip-Hop classes are learning various styles, etc.

- (9) **Visiting Class:** Parents/Grandparents are always welcome to visit class on the first lesson of each month. We ask that you not bring little children with you into class, as it is very distracting for our dancers.
- (10) **Our Competition Dance Teams:** Are busy! They recently participated in an event called RAW where professional dancers from L.A. critiqued their dancing. This helped prepare them for their upcoming competition season. Our competition dance teams will perform this month in an Idaho Stampede Basketball game (Fri. Jan. 29) and at Freeze Frame (see below).
- (11) **Auditions for next year's competition dance teams:** Will take place in the evenings, June 1, 2, 3.
- (12) **Freeze Frame:** Just an FYI. The Boise Dance Teachers Association (BDTA) of which I am a member, presents two performances. Each dance studio has 3 dances in each performance. (Our competition dance teams will be performing.) The proceeds go toward scholarships to summer dance camps at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. When: Sat. Jan. 30. Where: Mtn. View HS. Times: 1:30 matinee, 7:00 pm evening show. Tickets \$6 and sold at the event. Poster with more info is in our studio.

Thanks so much.

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