

We are less than a week away from our annual recital! I cannot believe how quickly this year flew by. As noted in the last newsletter, all payments were to be received by June 1. I am extending that deadline to Wednesday, June 8. If payments are not received by then, your child may not participate in the recital. We still have outstanding costume balances, though costumes were to be paid off back in February. Please be sure that all fees are paid immediately!

Some of you also still have profit from fundraisers. You can use that to also pay for recital tickets. Please just make note of it when you place your ticket order. Tickets may also be purchased at the dress rehearsal & at the door the night of the recital. But, please make note, no profits may be used for tickets purchased at rehearsal or recital ! If you have already paid all your classes, but still have profit left, please let me know if you'd like a check for the remaining profit, or if you'd like to carry this over to next season. All profits are kept on file from year to year.

In these final days before the recital, please go through all of your costumes & accessories to ensure you have everything you need for the big show. A complete list of hair-dos, make up, tights, & shoes is posted on our website as well as on the bulletin board. Don't forget, if you are in Itsy Bitsies, Teenie Weenies, or Teenie Tinies, you need to have rhinestones glued on your leotard for the opening number. There are 4 students in the Monday Juniors class who also need these leotards. If you haven't purchased yours, they are available at the studio for \$12. I can also glue the rhinestones if need be, but you **MUST** have your leotard to me **THIS WEEK!**

Accessories Per Class:

Itsy Bitsies: Flower pinned in hair at top of hair scrunchie, angled off to the right, ribbon choker pinned around neck.

Teenie Weenies: Tutu for ballet, feather boa pinned on hips just covering bum for both tap & jazz.

Teenie Tinies: Tutu for ballet, tutu pinned to hips to create bustle for tap & jazz.

Monday Minis: Tutu for ballet, fringe for tap & jazz, black shorts for hip hop, mitts for all but hip hop.

Tuesday Minis: Tutu for ballet, tutu pinned to hips to create bustle for tap, capri pants for jazz & hip hop.

Juniors: Tutu for ballet, fringe for tap, no accessories for jazz, mitts & choker for all. No accessories for hip hop.

The dress rehearsal is always longer than the actual show. However, you may leave once you have finished your last performance. When you arrive at the Middle School for rehearsal, please head to your dressing room. Dressing rooms are located to the side of the auditorium. Each class will be listed on the doors of your designated rooms. When

you come through the main entrance near auditorium, head back past auditorium doors, & make a right down the hall located just across from the concession stand. This is where the dressing rooms are located. Once you are dressed for the opening, please have a seat in the auditorium. We will begin PROMPTLY at 6:00pm! We want to get things moving quickly & hope to get through the entire opening at least twice. Directions will also be given for Curtain Call, which is the entire cast's final bow at the end of the recital. We will not be rehearsing this, as it is very simple & all that needs done is to line up with your class, enter the stage, & take a bow. The Senior Elite will be assisting each class onto the stage for this on recital night.

Our recital is expected to be slightly longer this year, as we have more classes & soloists than ever before. But we will strive to continue to keep it around 3 hours long. We understand many other studios have 4 hour long recitals, but we like to keep it at a decent time frame. Also, we decided to make the start up time at 3pm this year, which we think will be better for all of the little kids who will be performing. In previous years, a 7pm start time has proven to be too late for our little ones, & we want them all to have lots of energy & excitement to perform for everyone. Please note : Doors will not be open until 1:30pm! We cannot get the auditorium any earlier than that. So, if you arrive prior to 1:30, you will have to wait in the parking lot until we have access to the building.

As always, if you have any questions, never hesitate to contact me. I'd rather have people ask questions, than try to make a guess. I want this to be an enjoyable experience for everyone! Thank you all for a wonderful year! I look forward to another outstanding show!!

-Miss Jen