

**EURHYTHMICS DANCE STUDIO, INC.  
NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2009**

**To All Parents and Students,**

I can't believe that it's already November! It was great to see all the wonderful Halloween costumes last week and we all hope that you had a fun and safe Halloween!

**H1N1 and Flu** - We all know that there is the scare of catching this sickness. However, as advised throughout the schools, it also applies to the studio. Please stay home if you are not feeling well. It is not worth it to come to the studio ill and share it with others. We have not had good attendance the last couple of weeks. I know some of you are trying really hard for the perfect attendance award, but we must look at this in a realistic way. The award is not worth infecting other dancers. We hope that you all stay healthy and if you have been infected, we hope that you have a speedy recovery. Thank you ☺

**Purdy's Order Submission** - We have extended the deadline to hand in your Purdy's orders. You may now submit your orders up until Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm. The studio will be open Monday and Tuesday at 3:30 for you to come in and drop them off.

**Pointe Shoe Field Trip** - Unfortunately we have run out of time to plan the annual pointe shoe field trip. I apologize, but there are only so many days in the week. It will now be up to the dancer and parent to find a day that they can go and get fitted. Lasyds now sells pointe shoes, but I recommend that you go to Classique if possible as we have had much success with them. Once you purchase your pointe shoes, please do not wear them or attach your ribbons until I have seen them on your feet. Parents are advised to purchase the "best fit" shoe. Brand does not matter. Also remember that pointe shoes can range from \$65 and up. But, please get the best fit for your dancers foot. The dancers that qualify and are ready for pointe work are the ones that have completed their level 4 ballet exams through the RAD. If you are unsure, please don't hesitate to ask. And, don't be disappointed if you do not qualify, I must look at ankle strength, growth and turn out. We do not want any injuries.

I would like all dancers that are approved for pointe work to have their shoes by **November 19<sup>th</sup>** so we can start working with them. It would be best to get them before this date so I can see them on your feet and you can attach your ribbons (some may need elastic) prior to the November 19<sup>th</sup> class.

You may also purchase Jellies for your shoes instead of taping your feet, but please be advised that when being fitted for your shoes, you must try them on with your pointe shoes as it will change your shoe fitting. Please don't hesitate to contact me or speak with me directly if you have any questions prior to heading to the dancewear store.

**Remembrance Day - Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009 - All classes will run as scheduled ☺**

**Christmas Break** - Just a correction for when the studio will be closed. Please go back to your calendars and mark this correction on them to avoid any confusion.

**Last day of classes will be Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and classes will resume to their regular scheduled time on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010.**

**Competitive Group, Solo and Duet Schedules** - The schedule is now ready for pick up. If you have not received your copy, please be sure to get it at the studio during your next lesson.

**Costume Deposits** - There are still a few outstanding costume deposits to be submitted. If you receive a call, please submit them as soon as possible so we can complete our spreadsheets and also start measuring the dancers for their costumes and place the orders by December 1<sup>st</sup>. If a costume deposit is not received, your costume will not be ordered.

For those dancers that have signed up for extra group numbers, you will be contacted as to what other (if any) costume deposits will need to be submitted.

Also, as we are completing our spread sheets we have come across a few that cheque numbers were not recorded, so you may get a call to check your records so we can write the cheque number down on your file.

We apologize if it causes an inconvenience, but we do need to keep our records of payment straight.

**Festival Dates and Fees owing - Red Deer is confirmed for April 12<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010** so I hope you have marked this date on your calendars. Other festival dates will be out very soon as well as a breakdown of festival fees owing per dancer. All fees will be due prior to Christmas Break (on or before December 19<sup>th</sup>) but you may post-date your cheques for January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. Please indicate your dancer's name on the memo line of your cheque and make your cheque payable to Eurhythmics Dance Studio, Inc. Any fees not submitted prior to this date will be subject to a \$10 late fee as this is what the festival committees charge for any late entries. Your cooperation in getting these fees in on time will be greatly appreciated. I am only looking at doing 3 festivals this year. Possibly 4 if scheduling works out.

**R.A.D Ballet exams** - The deadline for submitting exam fees is January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010. So as the same for festival fees, it is best to submit them prior to the Christmas Break. If you took an RAD exam last year you will qualify for the next level. If you have never done an exam before, I will speak with you personally if I feel that you are ready. Please don't be disappointed if you are not chosen. The RAD has specific criteria that they look for so we must consider the dancer's strength and ability. Prices for the RAD exams are as follows:

Grade one - \$59

Grade two - \$64

Grade three - \$69

Grade four - \$72

Grade five - \$75

Intermediate (elementary) - \$125

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the RAD exams please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

**Pre-School Ballet** - Where did the time go? Our last ballet lesson for our pre-schoolers on Tuesdays at 4:00 is on November 24<sup>th</sup>. The little dancers will then commence their intro to tap training on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Just a reminder that the dance attire remains the same, but "real tap shoes" are optional. Parents may go out and purchase tap shoes if they wish, but you may also send your dancer to class with party shoes. Any style or color of party shoes are acceptable. Preferably a party shoe with a small heel. If you have not registered for the tap program, please do so as soon as possible as we have a wait list for the program. If you are not continuing it is best to inform us as well. We would just like to know so we don't give up your spot or so we know if a spot is opening up. Any questions, please don't hesitate to call the studio or speak with your instructor.

This concludes our November newsletter - issue #3. Please be sure to read all dates carefully and mark them on your calendars.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding any information that is being sent to you, please contact the studio.

Thank you and keep dancing,

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