

Dear Parents,

Classes will not be held on Memorial Day, Monday May 27, 2019. Students are welcome to make up a missed class during the remainder of the spring session.

THE DANCE RECITAL IS APPROACHING RAPIDLY!! Please read carefully as this notice details this year's procedure as **THE SCHEDULE IS DIFFERENT FROM PREVIOUS YEARS!** PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT SCHEDULE OF EVENTS BELOW:

June 3 and 4th (Monday –Tuesday)– no classes – studio recital photos

June 5-8 (Wednesday – Saturday) regular class schedule

June 10-11- (Monday and Tuesday) all classes will be held

June 12- 15th –(Wednesday –Saturday) no classes due to rehearsals and performances.

June 12th –13th Performing group rehearsals at studio

June 14th – Technique rehearsals at Morristown High School

June 15th- performances at Morristown High School

PHOTO SESSIONS- MONDAY JUNE 3rd & TUESDAY JUNE 4th, 2019

After extensive research we have chosen Donner Photography. Photographs will be taken at the studio. Both individual and class photos will be available. Please know that these photographs are an optional benefit for you and are not mandatory, however please note that the procedure has changed this year. You are not obligated to pay any money to have picture taken. At the technique rehearsal on Friday June 14th the photographers will be there with prints for you to preview and purchase if you wish. Photo schedule is attached by day of class, time and teacher. **Individual pictures will be taken by appointment (each costume has 4 poses).** Please see class photo schedule for details.

REHEARSALS-

PERFORMING GROUP ONLY:

AT DANCE INNOVATIONS WEDNESDAY JUNE 12th & THURSDAY JUNE 13th, 2019

TECHNIQUE CLASSES: FRIDAY JUNE 14 AT MORRISTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

The mandatory dress rehearsals will be held at Dance Innovations for performing groups on Wednesday and Thursday. Technique classes will be on Friday at the Morristown High School. The rehearsal schedule is attached by class time and teachers name. Costumes will be handed out the end of May. Each class will have 5 minutes to review their dance. Please arrive 15 minutes prior, come dressed and ready to dance, as we cannot wait for any late children. We ask that you limit the number of people watching the rehearsal, (invite grandparents and friends to attend the actual recital). We ask that you be considerate and obey parking rules. **On Wednesday and Thursday, carpooling is strongly encouraged, as parking is limited at the studio.**

TICKETS...

There will be 4 recitals scheduled throughout the day. Check the posters located outside the office, for the designated show your child's class is participating in. This year the costs for the building rental, staff and insurance fees are enormous! Therefore, ticket prices are as followed \$17.00 per ticket, \$19.00 at the door. If you have children in more than one show, you will receive two complimentary tickets for one show. Tickets are done on a lottery system. Ticket request forms are attached. For request turned in the first week, they are mixed together and then pulled.

After the first week requests are processed by each day as they were turned in. Tickets are pulled by an outside source and will be announced when they are ready for parents to pick up in the office. No tickets will be mailed to students

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RECITAL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION- RECITALS! – SATURDAY JUNE 15, 2019:

Please have your children arrive 30 minutes before show time, dressed in costume and ready to check in. Preschool and 3:30 tap classes will be wearing tights with white ankle socks and their tap shoes. Please see tight chart posted in studio lobby. Please do not be late, as we cannot wait for late children. **FOR THE SAFETY OF YOUR CHILD ONLY DESIGNATED CLASS MOMS, STAFF AND STUDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED IN BACKSTAGE AREA** This year we have hired professional teachers to supervise the backstage room filled with activities for the children, as well as volunteer moms for each class. There are finales at the end of all shows except the final Saturday night performance. For all Preschool – 3:30 classes small dry goldfish will be provided as a snack backstage. No gooey foods or juices will be allowed, as costumes will get dirty or stained. Water will be provided to all dancers and only drink allowed backstage.

At the completion of the finale, please have only one parent come to the designated area (announced at show's end) to pick up your child. We will not let children leave the area unless a parent picks them up. We strongly encourage you to stay and watch the full performance and discourage you from picking up your child early. It is just as important for the classes at the end to have a full audience for dances performed in the beginning.

For your convenience, specialty boutique items and individually wrapped fresh cut flowers will be sold in the lobby along with our Dance Festival 2019 tee shirts in both youth and adult sizes. Flowers and T-shirts will be available for preorder.

Please remember that there is **NO VIDEO TAPING** during the Recital Performances as this may block the view and disrupt other audience members from enjoying the show. You are welcome to videotape during the rehearsal, however, please respect the taped off areas towards the front of the theater so that the teachers can move around easily and guide the dancers through their dances. DVDs of the performances may be purchased either in the office or on the day of the performance. Non-Flash photography may be taken from your seat. However, please limit the use of cell phones as these block the view of others in the audience. Also, refrain from using cell phones for other activities i.e. games, facebook etc., as this is a distraction to others.

PERFORMING GROUP AUDITIONS

Auditions will be held starting the week of June 10th for all performing groups for the 2019-2020 season at the studio. A schedule of audition times will be posted outside the office. Dance Innovations Performing Groups and Performance Company are renowned for the versatility and dedication to the community – From Retirement Centers and Special Needs facilities to Disney World. These groups have had the opportunity to perform for numerous charitable organizations. If you are interested in finding out more about our performing groups please ask in the office.

SUMMER CLASSES

We will be having a six week summer class schedule, as well as, dance and theater summer intensive from July 9-August 15, 2019. Schedules are available in the office and lobby. We thank you for your continued support. We hope you all enjoy the recitals! Our thanks to the students for all of their hard work this year!!!

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