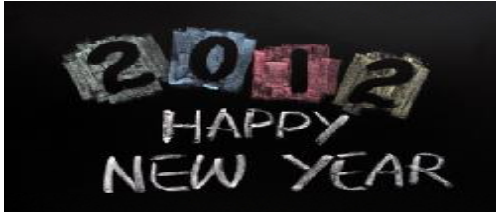


PROJECT DANCE

Mini & Recreational Student Newsletter

January 2012

A Word from the Director:



Happy New Year to all of our wonderful Project Dance families!

I hope that whatever you did over Christmas, whether it was spent enjoying time with family and friends, traveling, remembering those important to you past and present, that you had a chance to relax and rejuvenate. By now, the mini and recreational dancers have learned most, if not all, of their year-end dance show routines. From this point on, regular class attendance is extremely important, as it takes lots of repetitions and corrections to know the dance well.

Remember - if you have any procedural questions regarding events and payments, please consult the office staff. If you have any questions regarding your child's dance program, please ask them via email to projectdance@shaw.ca att: specific teacher.

In order to run their classes punctually, unfortunately the teachers do not have time between classes to chat. When they see your query in an email, they either can reply if applicable or contact you by telephone.

Amanda Quinton

Owner/Director - Project Dance

NEW LOGOWEAR, NEW LOOK

Check out the new line of Project Dance logowear!

A limited number of black or pink kangaroo style hoodies are available for purchase (size 6-12 in youth). Please check at the studio for availability of stock and prices.



Important Dates

Sun., Jan. 29 - Company Preview Show "Let It Be" - Chilliwack Cultural Centre, 3:00 pm. Tickets available soon from www.chilliwackculturalcentre.ca

* Mini and Rec dance families - come out and see a great show and support the PD competitive dancers!

Mar. 19-23 - Spring Break. Studio closed.

Fri., Apr. 6 - Good Friday. Studio closed.

Sat., Apr. 7 - Studio open.

Mon., Apr. 9 - Easter Monday. Studio closed.

May 2012 (Date TBA) Picture Day

Mon., May 21 - Victoria Day. Studio open

June 2012 - Year-End Shows (TBA)

Are Your Fees Overdue?

Thank you to the vast majority of our families who make sure that their monthly tuition fees and costume deposit fees are up to date. Your fee payments ensure that Project Dance continues to hire experienced faculty and provides a safe and well equipped studio.

We also understand that from time to time, families encounter financial difficulties and we appreciate your efforts to make suitable arrangements when this may occur.

However, for those accounts that are chronically in arrears, please be advised that your child may not be permitted to continue in her/his class.

COMPETITION AND MINI/REC: WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

You will notice that this year, Project Dance has split its newsletters into two separate publications - Competitive and Recreational/Mini. Often our office staff are asked what the difference is, and which notices/emails pertain to them. Basically, Project Dance offers three streams of programming - Competitive, Recreational and the Mini Program.

The Mini Program is as the name implies - it is a program for our youngest dancers. This program has an emphasis on discovering the joy of dance, and teaches the first required elements of dance in various mediums. The Mini Program has its own year-end show in June - this year it is a Disney theme.

The recreational program is for dancers who are interested in continuing to pursue dance beyond the mini program (and for teens up to 18 years of age) but who do not want to take part in the competitive program. Recreational dancers take part in the year-end show in June.

The competitive program is more rigorous, and requires attendance in a minimum of two ballet classes a week in addition to other chosen dance mediums.

Competitive dancers perform in a Preview Pre-Competition Show in January, at a number of dance festivals and competitions from February to May, the June year-end show and at various venues in the community.

Participation in the competitive program is by invitation, so if your child is interested for the next dance year, please let her/his teacher know.

A Note from the Parent Committee

Thank you to all the families who took part in the pre-Christmas fund-raising activities! The parent volunteers have spent countless hours tallying and designating amounts to the student accounts. **The accounts will be credited shortly - thank you for your patience.** Happy New Year, and look for more fund-raising opportunities coming up soon!

Angela Conner, PD Parent Committee Pres.

Instructor Profile

Lacey Cebula

Junior Teacher

Lacey began dancing at the age of 3 and hasn't stopped since. At the age of 5, Lacey was highly inspired by a performance that she saw choreographed by Bonnie Jean Anderson. Lacey then concentrated strictly on tap with Bonnie. At age 10, Lacey qualified for the Western Canadian Tap Team and has since then been to Germany three times to compete in The World Tap Championships.

By age 15, Lacey had won 2 World Champion titles! Last summer, Lacey went to train at the Edge in LA, and has since broadened her dance life.

Lacey has also competed at the World Hip Hop competition in Vegas and has won various awards and scholarships during her years of dance.

Having a taste of teaching when she assisted a class last year, Lacey now is so excited to be choreographing on her own and to be a part of the Project Dance faculty!



Lacey Cebula