



# Welcome to the 2010/11 Dance Year!

September 2010 Newsletter

To all of our returning dancers and families - welcome back! To our new families - a special welcome to the Project Dance family. We are so happy that you chose us, and on behalf of the PD faculty and staff, we will continue to strive to make your child's dance experience a happy and positive one.

We are now into our third year of operation, and the studio growth has been phenomenal. We have grown by more than 100 students a year, and while growth is great, it also has its challenges. Most of our classes are full, many with waiting lists. We want to accommodate as many families as possible, so this has caused some shifting and re-adjusting in these last few days. Thank you for your patience and cooperation, as while we try the best we can to honour previous schedules, there are instances where we cannot.

In this first newsletter of the year, we will outline some important dates for you to mark on your calendar, some rules and regulations, and some informational items. Please note that as hard as we try to pin down calendar dates, circumstances beyond our control sometimes occur and the dates may be subject to change. Again, we will try our best to keep any changes to a minimum.

Throughout the dance year, if you have any concerns about your child's dance program, please leave a note for the teacher to contact you or email them at [projectdance@shaw.ca](mailto:projectdance@shaw.ca) (Att: teacher name). Classes often run back-to-back and as the teachers strive to start and end their classes on time, they have no time in between to chat. **Please - no parents in the studio!** (unless invited by the teacher).

If you have questions about dates, times, etc., of events, please remember to check the website, newsletter and posted information first. Chances are, you will find the information you need. As you know, we also use group email lists to send out information.

Again, welcome to all of our PD dancers and their families - it's going to be an amazing year!

**Amanda Quinton**  
Owner/Director

## Faculty and Staff

Amanda Quinton - *Owner/Operator*

Amanda Georgeson - *Tap/Jazz*

Carrie-Ann Lillies - *Mini/Rec*

Jocelyn Heaps - *Hip-Hop*

Karen Mason-Albert - *Mini/Jazz/*

*Musical Theatre*

Kelly Bennis - *RAD Ballet*

Kelsea Burnson - *Mini*

Lacey Cebula - *Tap*

Paul Otterbein - *Hip-Hop*

Rebecca Goritsas - *RAD Ballet*

Sarah den Ouden - *Acro*

Sarah Reis - *Acro*

Tia Haraga - *Contemporary/Lyrical/*

*Jazz/Stage*

Tyler Burnson - *Hip-Hop*

Jacquie Marshall - *Office*

Sherry Burnson - *Office*

Rick Quinton - *Business Manager*

Cheryl Quinton - *PR/Marketing*

## Office Hours Expanded

3:30 - 7:00 p.m. Monday - Friday  
Saturday TBA

## A Word About Parking

Project Dance's allotted parking spaces are those located from the edge of Studio A to the edge of Studio C.

**Please do not park in front of other businesses.**

Additional parking is located along the west side of the parking lot near the trees and on Gaetz St. The lot can get very congested so please talk to your children about parking lot safety and drive very slowly.

## FIRST YEAR FOR PARENT COMMITTEE

We are very pleased to announce the formation of the Project Dance Parent Fund-Raising Committee.

The goals of the Committee are to help bring PD dancers and families together by helping to organize and assist at events; to help offset the costs to dancers by fund-raising; and to seek out community sponsorships and partnerships when needed.

The first meeting of the PD Parent Fund-Raising Committee will be held Thursday, September 23 at the studio. At that time elections will be held for a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

## Stay in Touch!

Be sure to check the Project Dance website frequently at [www.projectdancechilliwack.com](http://www.projectdancechilliwack.com)

Check your emails frequently as information is communicated routinely via email.

As well, a monthly hard copy newsletter is published and handed out with students.

For even more ways to stay in touch, join our Facebook Group or Twitter. You can access the links via the website to join.

## Important Dates

**Thurs., Sept. 23** - PD fund-Raising parent Committee Mtg. at Studio 7:00 p.m.

**Fri, Oct. 1** - Costume deposits due

**Sat., Oct. 2** - Competition Parent Mtg. 4:00 p.m. at Studio. Mandatory for competition parents.

**Mon., Oct. 11** - Thanksgiving. No classes

**Wed., Oct. 20** - Triple Threat payment due

**Thurs. Nov. 11** - Remembrance Day - Closed

**Sat., Nov. 27 - Sun. Nov. 28** - *Triple Threat Dance Convention* - Hyatt Regency Vancouver

**Mon. Dec. 6 - Fri. Dec. 10** - Parent Viewing Week - last 15 min. of class.

**Sat. Dec. 11** - 3rd Annual Christmas Party - Evergreen Hall 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Mon. Dec. 20 - Mon. Jan. 3** - Winter Vacation - Studio closed

**Tues. Jan 4** - Studio re-opens

**Sat. Jan. 22** - Pre-Competition Show run-through at studio - for competitive students only

**Sat. Jan. 29 - Sun. Jan. 30** - *Street Groove Hip-Hop Convention* - Surrey, Guildford Recreational Centre

**Wed. Feb. 2** - Pre-Competition Show Full Dress Rehearsal - GW Graham School

**Sat. Feb. 5** - Pre-Competition Show - GW Graham School

**Fri. Feb. 4 - Mon. Feb, 21** - *Chilliwack Music and Dance Festival* (Competitive students)

**Wed. Mar. 9 - Sun. Mar. 13** - *Dance Power Chilliwack* - Chilliwack Cultural Centre

**Mon. Mar. 14 - Fri. Mar. 18** - Spring Break - Studio Closed

**Wed., Apr. 13 - Sun. Apr. 17** - *Synergy Dance Competition* - Bell Centre for Performing Arts

**Fri. Apr. 22** - Good Friday - Studio closed

**Sat. Apr. 23** - Studio open for regular classes

**Mon. Apr. 25** - Easter Monday - Studio closed

**Fri. May 20 - Sun. May 22** - Free Competition - Whistler

**Mon. May 23** - Victoria Day - Studio closed

**Wed. June 22** - Dress Rehearsal - Year-End Show - Chilliwack Cultural Centre

**Thurs. June 23** - Last day of classes

**Fri. June 24** - Year-End Show - 7:00 p.m. - Chilliwack Cultural Centre

**Sat. June 25** - Mini Year-End Show 2:00 p.m. Year-End Show 7:00 p.m. - Chilliwack Cultural Centre