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Newsletter #1

WELCOME to KBS DANCE!

Our second week of classes is over and we are very excited to begin this 2011-2012 year with all of you! Welcome back to those returning students and families, and most of all welcome to all of our new students and their families! Thank you for joining us in this exciting year. Term 1 fees should now be paid in. If you have not yet submitted Term 1 fees, please see the office immediately. Thank you to all of you who paid via PayPal – we hope this method of payment remains convenient for you. I know some families have had difficulties with PayPal this time around and we apologize for this, we are looking into it on our end and hope it will be resolved for Term Two. If anyone has any questions or concerns over the first few weeks of classes, please email the office at: **office@kbsdance.com**. This is the best way to communicate to the staff throughout the year, as our email is checked daily. We also have personal email addresses if you'd like to address us on a more personal level. The email addresses are given below in the "Meet our Staff" section. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time about anything! Once again, welcome and we hope everyone has the most wonderful dance year!

PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR SOME VERY EXCITING NEWS COMING OUR WAY SOON! Over the next week it will be extremely important to stay connected with us as we reveal some very exciting changes for KBS Dance!

Meet our Staff

Principal and Owner/Director **Suzanne Caple-Dodunski**, (teaches Ballet, Jazz, Modern, Hip-Hop), Full Member, Registered Teacher, Teacher's Certificate and Diploma, RAD. Advanced Modern Associate Diploma, ISTD, KBS Graduate, taught here for 10 years, in Vancouver for another 10, and returned to KBS in 2001.

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Amy Ash-Haley, (teaches Tap, Modern, Ballet), trained for three years in Liverpool, England, Advanced Associate Member in Ballet, Tap, Modern, National Dance, ISTD; Student Member RAD. Joined KBS in 1999.

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Marcia Caple, (teaches Ballet), ARAD, Associate and Life Member, Registered Teacher, Advanced Teacher's Certificate and Diploma, former Children's Examiner, RAD.

Amanda Leslie, (teaches Tap, Modern), senior student dancer, Advanced 2 Tap, Advanced 1 Modern, ISTD. KBS Graduate. Office Assistant. Joined staff in 2008. Studying Biomedical Science at the University of Ottawa.

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Jaime Lynn Vrieling, (teaches Ballet, Tap, Modern, Hip-Hop), Student Member RAD, Grade 8 Award, RAD. Advanced 2 Modern, Advanced 2 Tap, ISTD. KBS Graduate. Bachelor of Arts in Music from Carleton University. Assistant to the Administrator. Joined teaching staff in 2004.

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If you need to speak with one of the teachers regarding an issue please contact them directly via email and we can set up a time to chat. It is difficult to speak to parents in between classes as it puts a delay on beginning and ending our classes on time. So again, please be considerate of the students and if you need to speak to a teacher please schedule an appointment with them! Our personal email addresses can be found above in our personal Bios.

School Calendar for 2011-2012

Below is our school calendar for the year. We already have our dates for our Holiday Showcase as well as the June Recital. Please mark these important dates on your calendar and we will refresh everyone's memories as they approach us!

TERM 1

- Monday September 12 – Term 1 begins
- October 10th – Thanksgiving Monday – School CLOSED
- **November 25th and 26th – HOLIDAY SHOWCASE**
- Saturday December 3rd - Term 1 ends

TERM 2

- Monday, December 5 – Term 2 begins
- December 17th – Last day of classes – Happy Holidays
- January 9th – Happy New Year 2012. Classes resume
- February 20th – Family Day – School CLOSED
- March 12th – 17th – MARCH BREAK – School CLOSED
- Saturday March 24 - Term 2 ends (after March Break)

TERM 3

- Monday, March 26 – Term 3 Begins
- April 6th – Good Friday
- April 9th – Easter Monday
- May 21st – Victoria Day – School CLOSED
- June 9th – Picture Day
- **June 15th and 16th – June Recital**
- Saturday June 16, Term 3 ends

OTHER NOTES

Attention Senior Students: Although some of you may need new pointe shoes as your feet continue to grow, your shoes that are now too small will still be of good use! There will come a time that you will need to turn your pointe shoes into soft blocks. Ask any ballet teacher on how to do that!

Congratulations and a BIG shout out to Rachel Conrad and Jenna Querengesser who will appear in the Pennsylvania Ballet's production of The Nutcracker at the National Arts Centre in December. What an honour it will be for you both to dance in Southam Hall!

Lastly, there is a lost and found from the June recital with a few things still in it! If you believe you have lost something during recital week, please email us and we will check our list.

Until next newsletter,
Happy Dancing ☺