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Newsletter #2

We are already half way through Term 1. Term 2 begins Monday, December 5th. ALL Term 2 fees must be paid BEFORE December 5th. Invoices for Term 2 fees will be sent out in mid-November. The last day of classes before the Holiday break is Saturday, December 17th. Classes will resume Monday, January 9th 2012!

Hallowe'en!

TRICK OR TREAT: HALLOWE'EN at KBS Dance is on Saturday October 29th! All students dancing on this day may wear their costumes. The staff definitely will be! Students who attend classes on Friday the 28th are more than welcome to come wearing their costumes as well!

We are OPEN on Monday, October 31st – please come to class, wear your costumes and then go trick or treating as we do have a show we are preparing for!

New Home – New Rules

We thank you for your great patience as we have made the transition to our new home. Some things are still in the works as we are still settling in. Like moving into a new home, it cannot all be done at once, especially when we have a show to prepare for at the same time! You will have seen some additions and changes that have already been done since our first week in the new space, and we still have more to come. Thank you to those families that dropped off cards and flowers – it has really made our first few weeks in our new location feel like home.

Please treat this like your home, we have created the space for all of our parents and students, but hope you will treat it with great respect as you are a guest in our home. Here are just a few notes that we have to start to train ourselves to do as we were not used to doing these sorts of things at the Mlacak Centre:

- 1) **Everyone (parents and students) MUST remove their shoes**, whether they are wet or not, upon entrance. Please take your shoes off and place them to the right of the entrance on the mats, where you are also able to hang up your coats. This will become extremely important as we are entering the winter months and footwear will become wet. We cannot have wet/dirty shoes entering the carpeted rooms and the studios.
** Hip-Hop Students MUST bring a second pair of shoes to wear for class **
This is outlined in our Dress Code policy and has been for a number of years
- 2) **Students should bring their OWN water bottles to class.** We do not have a water fountain like the Mlacak Center. Thanks to the Arsenault, Jackson, Orrell and Marson families, we now have a water cooler in the students' area. We do

- have Dixie cups in a pinch if students forget their water bottles or if parents would like some water, but they are not environmentally friendly so we would like the students to please bring their own bottles to class! Water bottles can be filled up if empty at the studio.
- 3) Upon entrance it is expected that students who are coming for class enter the students' room to get ready for class. This is where they are to leave their bags and where they can get ready for class. Students: please make sure you place your clothes in your bag so someone else doesn't pick up your clothes, and so they don't get mixed up with someone else's. Students are expected to "hang out" in the student area. The main lobby by the office is for parents. It is fine if siblings of our dancers remain with their parents in our lobby, however, this is a friendly reminder that this is our home, and **we would appreciate that our furniture is respected and treated as if it was in your own home.**
 - 4) LOST and FOUND: Our lost and found can be located in the bottom drawer of the filing cabinet in the Student area. If anything gets left by a student, staff members place the item here. If you have misplaced anything please feel free to have a look there!

Communication in the School

Our large bulletin board left of the office is where we will post newsletters, important notices about upcoming events for parents and students to stay connected with us. We have added another bulletin board to the right of the office below our picture collages for you, the parents and the students. Here you can post things to buy or sell second hand, or post anything else you or your dancers may want to post! So please feel free to post anything there!

Ballroom with Claire Mills

The second session of our ballroom lessons begin, November 7th with Claire Mills. There are classes Monday evenings and Tuesdays evenings depending on your level. Please visit <http://clairemills.ca/wp/group-lessons> for registration information, or grab a flyer at KBS!

Holiday Showcase 2010

Our annual **Holiday Showcase is November 25th and 26th** at the Ron Maslin Theatre. Classes involved in the Holiday Showcase are as follows:

Jazz (all levels), Tap (Junior to Advanced), Hip-Hop (all levels), Ballet (Primary, Grade 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, Intermediate Foundation, Intermediate and Advanced), Modern (Modern 4, Intermediate Foundation, Intermediate, Advanced)

If your dancer for some reason is unable to participate in our Holiday Showcase and their class has been selected to be a part of this production, they must tell their teacher immediately, as we have begun to look for costumes and need to know how many students we have in each class.

Attendance is CRUTIAL this time of year for those participating in the Holiday Showcase. If a student misses too many classes, they may be asked to step down from being in the number, as it is too difficult for the teachers to choreograph with “ghosts” and it will be too hard on the students to play catch up. Being in the Holiday Showcase is a privilege for our students, so we expect a solid commitment from them in order to make it a wonderful, fun, and positive experience.

TICKET SALES:

Tickets for the Holiday Showcase will go on sale on **Monday, November 14th at 4:30pm until 7:00pm at the studio. Cash or Cheque ONLY is accepted at our Box Office.**

Tickets for the rest of the week will be on sale from 4:30-6:30pm Tuesday the 15th until Friday the 20th

Saturday November 21st, tickets will be on sale from 9:30am-12:30pm

DVD orders for the Holiday Showcase DVD may be placed with the purchase of tickets.

VOLUNTEERS:

We need to start thinking of our volunteers for the Holiday Showcase. If you are interested in helping out as a Backstage Mom or Dad or interested in volunteering for Front of House duties, please let the office know!

COMING SOON!

Costume invoices will be sent out via email, just like your Term fees for the cost of costumes for the Holiday Showcase. Watch your inbox for those starting in November. The running order for the Holiday Showcase will also be posted in our next Newsletter.

Thank you for getting through this newsletter and for your patience during this transitional time. We see great things to come for KBS with this big change and look forward to our Holiday Showcase and the remainder of our year with you.

Until next newsletter – Happy Dancing! ☺