



Newsletter



Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome everyone old and new to another dance season! Everyone is getting settled in their classes and anxious about beginning their year of dance. We are excited to see what the 2019-2020 season has in store!! There are just a few announcements that we would like to make at this time.

DANCE PLUS HANDBOOK: Our handbook that covers our policies and costs incurred during the dance season, was emailed to you. **ALL PARENTS** need to take a few minutes to read through the handbook and refer to it when in need of studio information. Please find our handbook on the information page of the Lumsden website.

CANCELLED CLASSES: **No Classes will be held on Monday October 14th, due to Thanksgiving.** Classes will only be cancelled on major holidays, such as Thanksgiving Monday, Christmas and Easter Break. Lessons will run as usual on November 11th (if a dance day) and on School Teacher Institute days.

WEATHER: The only other reason classes may need to be cancelled will be in the event of bad weather. **If we feel it is unsafe for our staff and dance families to travel**, classes will be cancelled for that evening. Announcements will be made at the Lumsden Elementary and High Schools and Regina Beach and Bethune Elementary Schools. If you have school aged children, be sure they listen in the afternoon for announcements. All families will be contacted by e-mail. Any lessons cancelled by us will be made up at a later date. A note will be sent home with times for any make up classes.

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES: Students are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes to class on Monday Oct. 28th, Tuesday Oct. 29th and Wednesday Oct. 30th. Be sure to have them wear their dancewear under their costume, as some costumes are very hard to dance in.

REGISTRATION FORMS: Please be sure to hand in your registration form a.s.a.p. if you have not already done so. It is important that we have current information for your dancer including birth date, address, phone number and e-mail address to receive information electronically. **Our e-mail is outgoing only** any questions or concerns can be discussed with your instructor or with Deanna at (306) 949-6104. Thanks

PAYMENT OF FEES: All fees are due at the first of the month. **Please submit your post-dated cheques a.s.a.p. if you have not done so.** Monthly fees are determined by your seasonal fees divided into 9 equal payments. If your child decides at any time to discontinue lessons, your cheques will gladly be returned. We only ask that you finish out the current month. If your child's costume has been ordered we will not be able to refund it as they are made to order. No other refunds will be given for classes missed on your own accord including illness and family holidays. Regular deposits are done on the first and the fifteenth of the month. If your cheques are dated for alternate dates, please note this. During busy months several deposits may be made.

LATE PAYMENTS: All fees that are not paid in the current month will be charged a \$10.00 late fee per month. Please refer to our HANDBOOK to read more about late fees.

RECEIPTS: Receipts will only be written for Cash payments. Your receipt will be sent home with your dancer, usually when a paper note is sent out. You will have your cancelled cheque for proof of payments made by cheque.

RESPECT: Dance Plus strives to be a Great environment for all of us, students, teachers and parents. To achieve this goal we must all respect and treat one another as we ourselves want to be treated. Changes are made to classes each season with the dancer's best interest in mind, not necessarily by their years of experience or who their friends are. We all grow and progress at different levels. When changes are made we need to make everyone feel welcome, support each other as any "Family" would. Gossiping and "bullying" by leaving someone out is not respectful and will not be tolerated. **We are a team; let's work together to make Dance Plus a Great place to have fun!!**

CLASS ATTIRE: Please be sure your dancer is wearing proper dancewear to class, not school clothes. T-shirts, shorts and sweats are only to be worn in Hip Hop classes. Pre-school and combo students only may wear Tap shoes with a plastic bottom and should have elastic sewn in for closure, not laces as too much class time is wasted trying to get shoes tied. **All other Tap students must have tap shoes with a leather bottom as they will be required to dance on the balls of their feet.**

RECITAL DATES: Our year-end recital will be held at the Lumsden High School Auditorium in May. More information about dates will be out soon. All students will participate in two shows.

COMPETITIONS: Each season our students in Team classes (not Pre-school, Combo or Acro) are invited to attend local "FUN" competitions. Competitions provide students with the opportunity to perform on the stage, thus having a goal to work towards, a chance to wear their costume and learn to be better performers. A note will be sent home in December and we will be asking for your commitment at that time. Commitment sheet will need to be returned before the Christmas break, with payment due no later than Jan. 15th, 2020.

Competition dates will be on the website very soon.

CLOTHING, DANCE BAGS ETC.: A note will be out shortly for our Dance Plus clothing and dance bags. These items will be delivered in time for Christmas giving pending any backorders out of our control. Sizing for clothing will be available on one evening in Lumsden check form for date. We would encourage you to try on clothing items as they cannot be returned once ordered and printed. More information will be forthcoming.

PARENT WATCH DAYS: Parents are invited to come and watch their child's progress on the first lessons during the months of **December and March** for Pre-School and Combo. Team Violet and Team Pink Classes will have parent watch day the first lesson in **December ONLY**.

We please ask that only the parents come to watch as space is limited in the dance areas and many spectators will make younger students feel uncomfortable. Also we ask that you keep as quiet as possible as to not distract the dancers so that they can dance for you at their very best. Thank-you

There will not be watch days for our Team Blue and Orange classes.

★ **COSTUME ORDER AND DEPOSITS:** Costume forms for our year-end recital will be sent home shortly **with payment in FULL due by Nov. 15th**. Costumes must be ordered at this time so that will arrive in time for our students that attend competitions. All students will require a costume for each class they are enrolled in. Our costumes are ordered from costume companies in Canada and the USA and will come ready made with only slight adjustments to be made ie. Pants to hem, straps to shorten etc.

Costume Prices are listed below:

Pre-School, Combo and Acro prices include legwear.

All other classes will receive a separate legwear order form mid Nov.

Pre-School: \$65.00/costume

Combo: \$75.00/costume (includes 2 costume looks)

Acro: \$65.00/costume

Team Violet: \$70.00/costume

Team Pink: \$75.00/costume

Team Blue and Orange: \$80.00/costume

All Prices are per costume and include exchange, duty, shipping and all taxes.

You will receive a costume statement for your dancer shortly. Full Payment is due by Nov. 15th.

We hope that you enjoy your year with Dance Plus!! If you have any concerns please speak with your instructor or call Deanna at 949-6104. Here's hoping for a FUN filled, successful dance season!!

Deanna, Joyce and Staff