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We are starting to plan for our 2011 dance recital "Get Up & Dance!" The recital is a great opportunity for students to showcase what they have learned in classes. We hope your dancer(s) will be part of this very exciting experience! Dancers are encouraged, but not required to perform in the recital. Please let Miss Michelle know by Jan. 29th if your dancer does not wish to perform in the recital. Students are more than welcome to still attend class and not perform in the recital.

Recital dates are scheduled far in advance so you may plan vacations and summer activities accordingly. Dress Rehearsal and Recitals are held at Upper Merion Area High School Auditorium, 435 Crossfield Road, King of Prussia. Due to Upper Merion Area School District's schedule, this year's show is later than as in past years, with the Sunday show on Father's Day.

MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSAL: Friday, June 17th, 2011: All dancers performing in the recital are required to attend dress rehearsal. No exceptions! Dress rehearsal will start after 5 p.m. A set schedule for arrival times will be available in the middle of May.

RECITAL DATES & TIMES:

Saturday, June 18th, 2011 - 7:00pm

Sunday, June 19th, 2011 - 2:00pm

Recital participants must be registered for the entire Spring session from Jan. to June. Please try to be here for nearly every class. Students aged 8 and older missing more than 3 classes from Feb. to June can be excluded from the recital. Exceptions may be made for certain circumstances; all decisions are made at instructor's/owners discretion. Please let Michelle know in advance of any conflicts that arise.

Pre-K and Kindergarten classes will perform in one show, performance dates listed below. ALL other classes will perform in both shows. We try our best to accommodate everyone when scheduling performances, keeping in mind siblings in classes, students performing in multiple numbers as well as safety backstage.

Saturday June 18th Performance:

Tues. 4:45 Pre-K Ballet
Tues 5:30 Kind. Ballet
Sat 10:15 Pre-K Ballet
Sat. 11:15 Kind. Ballet

Sunday, June 19th Performance:

Mon. 4:30 Pre-K Ballet
Tues. 5:00 Kind. Tap
Wed. 4:30 Kind. Ballet
Friday 4:45 Pre-K Ballet

A recital costume is required for each dance class. **Students will be measured for costumes the week of Jan. 17th.** Photos of costumes will be displayed in the UMDGC lobby. Costume cost is between \$50-\$65. Please remit payment for costumes the day dancers are measured. One pair of tights is included with all costumes that require them. A second pair can be ordered for a \$7. No costumes will be ordered without full payment. All costumes must be paid for NO LATER THAN Jan. 29th. Costumes ordered after Jan.29th are subject to an additional charge for a separate order. **New Policy: Parents MUST sign the recital contract when costume payments are remitted. No costumes will be ordered without a signature on the recital contract. Once costumes are ordered there are NO refunds.**

Recital portraits will be taken at dress rehearsal by Kids at Heart photography. Group and individual portraits are available for optional purchase. Students are free to leave after they have finished their routines and portraits, or are welcome to stay and watch the remainder of the numbers onstage as long as they do not cause a distraction to those onstage. Vision Productions will be videotaping this year's show for optional purchase. More information on portraits, videos, recital t-shirts and ticket will be available at the end of April or early May.

Recital info is mainly communicated via e-mail; hard copies of all info are always obtainable near both studios. More details regarding the recital will be communicated as they become available. Recital info will also be up on the recital page on the UMDGC website in mid March, possibly earlier. It is updated often and contains class specific information and everything you need to know regarding the recital. Thank you in advance for your continued support and cooperation. Looking forward to a fabulous 7th recital!

Sincerely,
Miss Michelle & Staff