



dance theme

December Newsletter

It's hard to believe that we are nearing Christmas Break! But the weather has confirmed that we are in the winter months; hope you're staying warm.

As always, I have thoroughly enjoyed being around the parents and students of Dance Theme. The energy that is at the studio is so inspiring!

We were thrilled to welcome some new teachers to our already incredible teaching faculty at DT. Each and every member of DT's teaching faculty brings a passion and love for teaching their style of dance to their classes. We have such a fantastic team!

The fifth studio has been a great addition to the DT facility. Over the break we'll be busy doing touch-up work.

As we approach the holiday season, we would like to once again tell you how very happy and proud we are to have you as a member of the DT family. Let's continue to share and celebrate each other's talents!

Have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

Christmas Show

The cold temperature didn't affect the dancers as they "warmed the hearts" of their audience at the DT Christmas Show on Sunday.

It was a great day for all!

Thank you to the teachers who put their time, talent and energy in making this a great show!

Congratulations dancers and teachers!

Thank you to the parents who got their children to the theatre well groomed and ready; you are a crucial part of the team!

Reminders

Christmas Break:

Sunday, December 20 through Sunday, Jan 3

Year End Recital:

Saturday, June 12th

Proper Dance Wear Required In Class!

- Thank you to all the students and parents that are ensuring that proper dance wear is worn to class.
- We are working hard to give you the best dance instruction possible and need to be able to see your body in order to properly correct you. Baggy clothing and sweat pants are great for warm-up, but for the rest of class you need proper form-fitting dance wear.
- Ballet classes require clean tights, appropriate bodysuit and **hair pulled completely off the face in a secure bun.**

Outdoor Footwear

Winter is here, bringing wet, muddy outdoor footwear with it!

To keep the floors and staircase dry, clean and safe for our students, **PLEASE:**

- Remove footwear when entering the building and put in shelves.
- If you are taking your outdoor footwear to the student lounge, please bring a plastic bag or put them in your dance bag. Do not put them directly on the floor or carry them through the hallways wet.

Thank you for helping us keep a clean environment for our dancers.

What's Happening at Dance Theme

Festival Of Trees: Dance Theme students performed beautifully at the Festival Of Trees-good work! One of the organizers of Festival of Trees comment about the DT show was "*DT always brings such a professional looking show and are always so organized*". Now that's what we like to hear!

10 Week Hip Hop Winter Session \$105.00

6—9 year olds Sundays 1:00-1:45 commencing January 10th

10 year olds and up Sundays 1:45-2:30 commencing January 10th

Vocal Group Winter/Spring Session Commences January 16 (guaranteed 14 classes)

5-7 year olds: 1:00-1:45

8-11 year olds: 10:15-11:00

12 & over: 12:15-1:00

Only \$50.00! Thank you to Y.D.E.S. for sponsoring this program!

Christmas Gift Ideas

Needing some Christmas gifts? We have some great gifts at the studio boutique.

- Slippers; these are selling fast! If you try them on, you'll have to have them! They are so comfortable and come in various styles. Get yours quick!
- Piggy Banks-what better way to save money! The Hopes and Dreams piggy bank is great for all ages!
- Just In!! Hannah Montana and Jonas Brothers jewelry boxes! The Hannah Montana boxes sold out before we knew it and luckily we could get a new shipment before Christmas. Jonas Brothers are brand new!
- DT Hoodies-keeps the dancer warm on these very cold days!
- Jewelry
- Water Bottles-go green with a reusable water bottle with dancer motif. Come with a stencil set so it can be personalized.

Much more!
Great prices!

Congratulations to DT students Celia Desaulniers and Cassidy Reagan who auditioned and received roles in the Alberta Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker*

Nutrition Check

Eat a balanced diet to develop a strong, healthy dancer's body.

Include whole wheat grains, vegetables, fruit and protein in your diet. Don't forget calcium for your bones—drink milk and eat dairy products.

Enjoy a treat, but make sure you're not consistently fueling your body with "junk" food.

Drink lots of water for hydration! NO Slurpees or pop allowed in the studio!



A collaboration of dancers and professionals. In hope for a cure.

Dance Theme believes in giving back to the community. One of our special projects is Stars of Hope.

Dance Theme founded this event in 2003 and continues to organize this annual event. Since it's inaugural show, Stars of Hope has raised over **\$150,000** for cancer charities.

Stars of Hope has grown into a show that 30 studios and over 600 performers look forward to each year.

It is an excellent opportunity for dancers and professionals to not only showcase their talents but to join together in a non-competitive worthwhile community event and raise funds for the Kids With Cancer Society.

When: March 6th, 2010

Tickets go on sale through Ticketmaster February 1st. See page 4 for your chance to pre-order tickets.

Don't miss it!

Congratulations to Debbie and Baby Emmett!

It's time to officially welcome Baby Emmett to the studio!

We hosting a Welcome Baby Emmett celebration on Saturday, January 23 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the studio.

A group gift will be purchased. A card will be in the office for you to sign.

Attached is \$15.00 to put towards the baby gift (remember to sign the card).

Name: _____ No. of people attending: _____

Please return this form to the office.

Solos and Duets

All students wishing to do a solo, duet or extra group should have **completed a form and returned it to the office.**

Festival and Competition Newsletters and Invoices

Newsletter and invoices for students participating in the various festivals and competitions will be handed out. Please ensure that you read this carefully.

Al Gilbert Exams

Students participating in the Al Gilbert tap exams will have returned a form to the office with payment.

Please mark the following important dates on your calendars. Class times will be confirmed at a later date.

Exam: Friday, February 26th

Rehearsals on Friday February 5th and February 19th

Mock Exam: Sunday February 14th

Alice In Wonderland To Perform In Stars of Hope!

Performing in Stars of Hope is an experience that students will never forget!

Watching Stars of Hope is an experience that an audience never forgets!

Stars of Hope has raised over \$150,000 for the Kids With Cancer Society!

We have chosen our Production of *Alice In Wonderland* to be the routine from Dance Theme that will have this honor for Stars of Hope 2010.

You won't want to miss the show!

Last year, the event sold over 2000 tickets.

We are able to pre-order tickets. Those that take advantage of this offer will avoid the Ticket-master service charge and all DT pre-ordered tickets will be together in one section.

Each studio that participates in Stars of Hope is allowed 4 minutes. If a studio guarantees over 100 tickets in presales, they can do a production piece. So please preorder your tickets.

Show Date: Saturday, March 6

Where: Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium

Please return this form with payment to Stars of Hope (cash or cheque) by January 9th, 2010.

Thank you!

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Tickets: _____ at \$20.00 per ticket _____