

**Merrilee Studios Newsletter December 14, 2009**

**Tuition** is due for Period 5 - December 20 through January 30. You do not pay for the two weeks of holiday break.

**Holiday break** will begin on Friday, December 18. (The last classes before the break will be on Thursday, December 17.) Classes will resume on Monday, January 4, 2010. I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We enjoy your children and appreciate your business.

**Bad weather reminder** - If the *Metamora* school district cancels school for the day because of bad weather, there will be no lessons that day. If in doubt, please call. *In the case of early dismissal of schools, we will probably still have lessons.* A miss for your child will not be counted against your child's perfect attendance. If lessons are cancelled for the day, they can be made up or forfeited. We will make every effort to call you if classes are cancelled because of bad weather, but if in doubt, please call the studio at 367-2137 or Mary at home at 367-4644.

**Solos, duos, etc.** - Those of you who wish to do a solo, duo, etc., should have turned in your slips. **Please check the sign on the wall in the office to be sure you are listed.** Times for learning the solo, duo, etc. will be chosen in late January. These routines will not be started until mid to late February. **Any music CD's that you wish to choose must be turned in before the holiday break. I will not accept any after the break.** This CD must be in very good condition. Several years ago I had several that froze up my computer.

If you are doing a solo or duo, etc., you may wear a costume you already have or you may buy a new costume. If you wish to buy a new costume, it must be ordered at the same time all of the other costumes are ordered. Those doing a solo may NOT wear a new-this-year class costume.

**Costume information** - See sheet from last week. **Acrobatic leotards will be ordered in February.** The little ones who take the pre tumbling classes (30 minutes) are not in the dance recital.

**Revue Dates** - As a reminder, the dance recital dress rehearsal will be on Friday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m., and the show will be on Saturday, May 16 at 5:00 p.m. All will be in the theatre at MTHS.

**Picture date – The** date for pictures in the studio is Saturday, April 24, 2010. This change was announced in last month's newsletter, but since I don't think a lot of you actually read the newsletter, I thought I should list the change once again.

**Christmas Gifts** - The studio has a 10% off sale on all in stock merchandise including leotards, skirts, sweaters, legwarmers, shoes, and tights through December 17. There are some sale priced leotards also on the rack. The sale price will get the additional 10% off when you make your purchase.

**Metamora Food Pantry** – There is a container in the waiting room for donated food to be distributed by the Metamora Food Pantry. Please consider making a donation of food or a cash donation can be given to Margaret Greenhalgh.

**Web site and amazon.com** - Please visit our website at merrileestudios.com. There is also a link to amazon.com. When you visit amazon.com through the studio link, the studio gets a small percentage of whatever you buy from amazon.com. This amount will help to pay for the website, etc. So if you purchase anything from amazon.com, please go through the studio link.

**ALL OF US AT MERRILEE STUDIOS WISH ALL OF YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
**AND**  
**A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**