

**MERRILEE STUDIOS NEWSLETTER – February 22, 2010**

**TUITION** is due next week for Period 7 – March 1 through March 28. If you have not yet paid for Period 6, you will have a late fee of \$10.00 added to your tuition.

**ACROBATIC LEOTARDS** were ordered on Feb. 19. Thank you for your cooperation.

**THE FIRST REHEARSAL FOR THE TAZWOOD DANCE COMPANY SPRING CONCERT** for children's dancing roles will be held on Monday, March 1, 7:15 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center of Illinois Central College. The children will have rehearsals every Monday evening from 7:15-8:15 p.m. at ICC, and they will dance in the Company's spring concert, "Celebrate Dance", on April 30 and May 1 at 7:30 p.m. and on May 2 at 2:30 p.m. and in matinee performances on April 29 for schools, day cares and seniors for a total of five performances.

For this concert, the children will be dancing to music from Disney's "Wizards of Waverly Place". The children will be grouped according to age and ability and no child will be refused. The dance will include jazz/theatre dance, hip hop, and tumbling. The children will be dressed in school type clothing.

Those in the show will rehearse on Monday evenings at 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. beginning Monday, March 1. If you have any questions, please ask Mary or call the Company at 367-9754. This is always fun for the children and a really good experience.

**SUMMERTIME CLASSES AT MERRILEE STUDIOS BEGIN THE WEEK OF JUNE 7 AND RUN FOR 8 WEEKS THROUGH JULY 29. MOST CLASSES WILL BE ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS, MORNINGS AND EVENINGS, BUT THIS IS NOT SET IN STONE. REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CLASSES BEGINS WITH THIS NEWSLETTER. PLEASE CHECK THE LIST OF CLASSES OFFERED ON THE WALL BY THE STEPS AND CHOSE THE CLASSES THAT WORK BEST FOR YOU. FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE DESK.**

To chose the correct class for your child, follow these rules:

1. Those in Kindergarten classes now, will be in the 1's classes for summer.
2. Those in the 1's classes now will be in the 2's classes for summer.
3. All others stay at their same level for the summer and, if they move up, they move up in the fall.
4. If you don't know your child's present level, ask his/her teacher.

Costs are based on our present rate scale, but for 2 four week periods (8 weeks). Take the present cost and double it for the 8 week period. This reflects **NO PRICE INCREASE FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS.**

#### **CLASSES OFFERED**

**All age & grade requirements are based on the 2009-10 school year and age as of June 1, 2010**

**Tap and Ballet** for preschoolers through adults

**Jazz** for those who have completed kindergarten through adults

**Pointe** (approved by Mary)

**Hip Hop** for those who are eight years old through adults

**Tumbling** for preschool and older

**All Boys Tumbling** for boys who have completed kindergarten and older.

**Modern** for those who are ten years old and up and are also enrolled in a ballet class

**Theatre Dance** for those who are eight years old and above and are enrolled in a ballet and/or jazz class

**All Boys Dance Class** for boys who have completed 1st grade and older. It will be a FREE class.

**High Level Tumbling Class** for those who can do back handsprings by themselves and taught by Dan.

#### **SPECIAL CLASSES FOR THE SUMMER ONLY**

**All age & grade requirements are based on the 2009-10 school year and age as of June 1, 2010**

**Adult Beginner tap, ballet, and jazz classes**

**Ballet class for the serious students** - a 1 ½ hour complete ballet class (must be currently in at least Ballet 4) and taught by Mary.

**Fun and Fitness** – a ½ hour class for 3-5 year olds. During this class Dan will work on motor skills, coordination, and do animal walks . This is not in place of a tumbling class. The only tumbling that will be done will be with the tumbling “toys”.

**Mommy and Me** – a ½ hour class for children 2 years old and their Mommies. It will be tumbling based but will include lots of strengthening exercises. In a Mommy and Me class, the child is not afraid of being alone because the Mommy is with them and does all of the exercises with them. The instructor simply guides the class and makes sure that everyone is doing the exercises correctly.

**Pilates** mat class for twelve year olds through adults taught by Mary. This class will firm your abs and make you more flexible. This class will be thirty minutes in length. It will also include stretching and additional conditioning.

#### **SPECIAL CAMPS AND MINI CAMPS FOR THE SUMMER ONLY**

**All age & grade requirements are based on the 2009-10 school year and age as of June 1, 2010**

**For 4-7 year olds only Mini Camps**

**Storybook Camp** – To include dance, stories, crafts, and games relating to your favorite fairy tales and stories, 9-10 a.m.,

June 14-18, taught by Lida, \$50

**Princess Camp** – To include dance, stories, crafts, and games relating to your favorite make believe princesses, 9-10 a.m.,

July 12-16, taught by Lida, \$50

**For those who have completed kindergarten through eighth graders - Dance Team Camp** –

This camp is for children who have completed kindergarten through eighth graders. It will include dance team moves and some tumbling for cheerleaders, 1-3 p.m., June 14-18 (if this is the week of Old Settlers – that info is not available yet), taught by Courtney and Dan, \$50 (this includes a Merrilee Studios Dance Team T shirt). This will be a performance oriented camp. The children in this camp will march in the Old Settlers Parade on Saturday morning, June 19 and will perform at the Old Settlers celebration on the square in Metamora on Saturday afternoon, June 19, at 12:00 p.m. For the performance, they will be divided into groups according to age and ability. (Last year's camp received a Second Place in the marching event. We were sooo proud of them.)

**For those who have completed kindergarten through high school ages - "Learn That Skill"**

**Tumbling Camp** – This camp is for those who have completed kindergarten through high school students. It will help your child learn "that skill" and hone his/her other tumbling techniques. It will be held the week of July 12-16, from 1:00-2:30 p.m., with Dan as instructor, \$50.

**For those who have completed first grade through high school - All Day Dance Camp** – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., August 2-6, taught by Mary, Dan, Laura, Courtney, and Lida, \$165 (Because this camp is so popular, a \$50 nonrefundable deposit must be paid by June 1 to hold your child's place in camp.) This camp includes ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, and modern techniques plus dance history, nutrition talks and DVDs. The children will be grouped according to age and ability. The camp will culminate with a performance on Friday, August 6.