

MERRILEE STUDIOS NEWSLETTER November 16, 2009

TUITION is due next week for Period 4 - November 23 to December 20.

DECEMBER SALE begins on Tuesday, December 1. All merchandise that is in stock, including leotards, will be 10% off through Thursday, Dec. 17. Please check out some of our special items: dance bags, legwarmers, pointe shoe accessories such as ouch pouches, jelly toes, and space packs, tutus for the little ones, dance skirts for the older girls.

COSTUME ORDERING TIME will be here sooner than we think. We will show you dance costume pictures the week of December 7. Costume payment will be due no later than Thursday, January 7. Costumes will be ordered on the afternoon of January 8. Only those paid in full will be ordered and **there can be no late orders**. Those doing solos, duos, etc. may use a costume from another year, a borrowed costume, a homemade costume, or a costume ordered this year. I will have the books in the studio the weeks of Dec. 7, 14, and the week of January 4. **No one doing a solo, etc. may use a class costume from this year.**

TUMBLING CLASSES - The preacrobatic classes (30 minute classes) do not participate in the recital. The 45 minute classes are in the show. Leotards are purchased for these classes. They are ordered in February. They will be under \$40.

PERFORMANCE IN THE DANCE RECITAL - Occasionally some children cannot be in the recital for various reasons. They do not have to discontinue classes. They can continue taking classes and rehearse with their class. It is good for children to learn something very well, as in the case of a dance routine, or to practice tumbling tricks at specific times in a specified time period (for example - a running cartwheel at a particular part of the music). We do need to know because of placement in their lines for the recital, but other than that, if the dance recital is a conflict for you, your child may still continue to take class and learn more dance steps and tumbling tricks and improve his/her technique.

DANCE RECITAL TENTATIVE DATES AND PLACE - Showtime 2010 will be held on Saturday, May 15 at 5:00 p.m. The matinee times had too many conflicts for too many people. With the earlier starting time, it should be easier for the little ones. Dress rehearsal will be held on Friday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m. Both the rehearsal and the show will be at Metamora Township High School in the theatre.

PICTURE DATE CHANGE – The day for taking pictures of the children with their classes (and individuals if you wish) will be Saturday, April 24 beginning at 10:00 a.m. (Pictures are usually taken on the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend, but this year there is a conflict for the photographer.) The pictures will be taken by Delayne Spain of Delayne Spain Photography.

SOLOS, DUOS, TRIOS - See last months newsletter for more information. You should have turned in your form already. If you have not turned your form in, please do so before Thanksgiving. If you want to pick your own music, Mary must have your original CD before the Christmas break.

THANKSGIVING DAY No classes will be held on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, November 26. These classes may be made up or forfeited.

HOLIDAY BREAK - The studio will be closed for two weeks over the Christmas holidays beginning on Friday, Dec. 18, and classes will resume on Monday, January 4. No one will pay for lessons during that two week period.