

Jan/Feb 2010

January-February Newsletter

Monadnock Performing Arts Academy

Celebrating 11 Years!

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Happy New Year!



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WELCOME BACK!

Hope everyone had a great vacation and are well rested, healthy and ready to get started on the year end show!

JUNE SHOW THEME:

Celebrating 11 Years, MPAA's theme for the 2009-2010 Year End Performance "No Business Like Show Business" will be bringing the music & dance from Broadway to the Monadnock Area!

JUNE SHOW DATES:

Show dates are: Friday & Saturday, June 25 & 26, 2010. Both shows are at 7:00 pm. Rehearsals & both shows are all held at Keene High School. Remember, the week before the show is rehearsal week, keep this week open and free from appointments, as all rehearsals are *mandatory* for students participation in the performance! ***Keep your attendance consistent so that this can be your best show yet!

Creative & Combo Info:

Monday Creative & Combo Classes will perform in the Friday night show and Tuesday Creative & Thursday Combo classes will perform in the Saturday night show. There will be more info coming for parents of these students!

MPAA Performing Company Concert:

Performing Company will be performing at the Peterborough Players **April 2 & 3, 2010**. It promises to be a wonderful show once again and the dancers are hard at work putting together a fabulous show for all of you. Please come support the arts and the Dancers! Tickets are now available in the main office and from the Company Dancers. * This date has changed from calendar handed out in September due to theatre availability.

LOST & FOUND

All Lost & Found articles will be donated to charity on February 15, 2010. Please take a minute to go through the basket in the homework room as there are many valuable articles in the basket. If a student leaves *anything* at the Academy it goes into this basket. MPAA cannot be held responsible for personal belongings. Thank You.

PARKING: Thank you to those who are making the effort to pull into parking spaces. Please continue to keep up the good work!

Remember it is for the safety of ALL of our children!

Please do not double park at any time, even if you are waiting in your vehicle!!! Per Peterborough Police.

Performance Packets

Will be handed out to students the week of March 15-18th, 2010 Please open your Packet ASAP!!!

There are time sensitive materials that need to be returned to MPAA. It also will allow time for any questions you may have regarding the year end performance.

2X Tuition Payments

All January Second Semester Tuition payments are now overdue. Please include \$20 late fee if payment is made after 1/15/10
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Important Updates and Information

Inclement Weather?

A recorded message on the Academy phone starting at 2:00 pm.

Also posted on mpaa website: www.mpaa.biz

MPAA usually, but not always, follows ConVal school district's cancellations.

Class Make Up policy:

Missed classes of *any nature* may be made up anytime prior to May 1, 2010. Please call the studio prior to make-up class to confirm your child's attendance. Many classes are full and can only hold 1 or 2 extra students for make-ups Student may attend any class at their level or below for a make-up class. This is a wonderful opportunity for your child to try another genre!

February Vacation

February 22-26, 2010

April Vacation

April 19-23, 2010

PARENT WEEK

Parent Week is the week of **February 8-11, 2010**
Come into class & watch **Your child dance!**
Chair seating limited, lots of mat seating on the floors!

***Dance Class Etiquette**

Sometimes students don't yet know what behavior is expected of them in a dance class. Dance schools that produce good dancers make class behavior and discipline an important aspect of their training. Dancing is a social activity and we want students to feel at ease and have fun, but also to leave class having learned something new. Here are some guidelines to follow:

Accept corrections as a gift.

Be attentive while corrections are being given to others. Parents can help the students view corrections in a positive light by asking them; "What were you corrected on today?" This will remind them that corrections will make them grow as a dancer. This includes both personal corrections and those given to the class as a whole.

While working in groups or waiting your turn, be respectful of your fellow dancers, watch and learn from their triumphs as well as their mistakes. Do not talk while others are dancing, instead you should be watching, counting the music, or working out a step by yourself so you are prepared for your turn to dance. Support and praise your fellow dancers.

*Hair must be secured away from face so dancers can learn to turn & jump! Bun for Ballet!

**And Remember:
NO TALKING IN CLASS!**

YEAR END AWARDS

FIVE & TEN YEARS & SENIOR SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN THE DOWNSTAIRS HALLWAY. DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP!

WAITING ROOM It can become very crowded in the small waiting area. Students need to put their backpacks/dance bags & shoes in the cubbies provided. If a student is old enough to be dropped off and picked up downstairs this would help tremendously, however, parents are always welcome to visit! In order to help with the waiting room overcrowding, we are asking that all personal belongings be put into cubbies or hung up. If siblings are also waiting please make sure they are not on the stairs or sitting on the rug in the middle of the high traffic area!

DRESS CODE: MPAA has a dress code as stated in our brochure & as follows:

***Creative Dance:** Solid color leotard, pink tights, pink ballet slippers.

***Combo Classes:** Solid color leotard, pink tights, pink ballet slippers, black tap shoes.

***Ballet:** Solid color leotard, pink tights & ballet slippers, hair in a bun, tight fitting dance shorts, skirt allowed in center.

***Tap:** Solid color leotard, black tights or jazz pants, tap shorts are allowed, black

tap shoes.

***Jazz:** Solid color leotard, black jazz pants or tights, black jazz shoes.

***Modern:** Solid color leotard, black jazz or modern dance style pants or tights, bare feet or Sander soles.

***Boys:** Black boys dance pants, white or black t-shirt, shoes appropriate to dance class being taken.

***Hair** secured for class!
Students unprepared & not following dress code will be asked not to participate in class.
No loose fitting garments allowed.
No jewelry or watches.
Please see instructor if unsure of any dress code requirements.

Monadnock Dance Apparel

Dance warm ups, sweaters, leg warmers & more now available in the dancewear store! Keep your dancer warm and stay in dress code! Dancers are NOT allowed loose or baggy clothing in class. If we don't have what your looking for it can be specially ordered!

STORE & OFFICE HOURS:

Monadnock Dance Apparel

Is open by appointment only. Please give us a call at 924.8844 if you would like to speak with us or purchase something from the store and we will be happy to set up an appointment or meet with you.

We are unable at this time to hire an office person due to the current economy. We appreciate your understanding and look forward to assisting everyone as smoothly as possible.

COSTUME INFO: Costumes have all been ordered. If for any reason a student withdraws from class (es) balance on costumes must be paid in full, Thank you.

WARM-UPS: It's cold! Dancers may wear form fitting warm-ups over their leotards. (No baggie sweats, sweatshirts or loose fitting clothing allowed in class)

"Festival of Nations"

Show 2009 DVD still available!
Order forms are in Waiting Area or call
Spotlight Video
603.485.7111

MPAA would like to thank everyone for their support of Performing Arts Education. In these trying times it is important to keep the Arts alive through our children. The Performing Arts can only be handed down from teacher to student, it cannot truly be learned from a book or video. Though these are helpful tools to assist training dancers. Thank you!