



October 2020 Newsletter



We are most grateful that you are joining us this year. We hope to create some great memories this year in your dancer's education and training.

At the front door, you may have already met our hostesses: Miss Rachel, Miss Mariya & Miss Raquelle. All are former dancers from Dance Connection. They are taking temperatures, cleaning and making sure the dancers get to class and back out to the parents. You will also see Miss Raquelle at the desk on Saturdays and maybe subbing a class.

Parents are always welcome to visit the front office. Please feel free to come in as we have your safety in mind, we wear masks outside the dance studios and have installed a shield at the desk. We have information on our hallway monitor to keep you updated on events. Our website will also have the same information posted. Remember we have a calendar on the website as well. Monika is available Monday to Thursday (4:00 - 7:30 pm) in person or the phone. We have studio merchandise and extra tights for sale.

New teachers include Miss Scotia in the ballet department who has many years of experience teaching in the Edmonton area. We also have her teaching Highland which is a great addition to our studio repertoire. Miss Taylor L. also joins us in the Rhythm Kids, Jazz and Tap department as well as Miss Brandie in Rhythm Kids, Jazz and Heels adult class.

Returning are Miss Courtney, Miss Cassie, Miss Taylor Hoy, Miss Sheri, Miss Hannah and Miss Cindy. We are very fortunate to have such a great team working together this year.

Join us for Pilates on Thursday nights 7:45 - 8:45 pm. Pilates is a form of low-impact exercise that aims to strengthen muscles while improving postural alignment and flexibility. Pilates moves tend to target the core, although the exercises work other areas of your body as well. We have some moms and daughters taking this class together so no dance experience is required. We are offering drop-in for this class only. Call us for more information. Miss Cassie would love to see you in class!

We are also offering an 8 week Heels class on Wednesdays from 8 - 9 pm. This is your chance to get out and have some fun with the ladies! You will love this class with Miss Brandie even if you have no dance experience. It's all about having a great time and moving to the beat of the music. We have limited spots available at our introductory prices, so let us know soon!

Let us know if you are looking for a specific dance class for yourself and friends, our teachers are experienced at teaching adults as well as your children. If there is enough interest, we can offer HipHop, Jazz, Ballet or Tap.

All of our team are collectively making sure the studio is safe for dancers by cleaning between classes and sanitizing hands regularly plus wearing masks when we can't physically distance. We have provided teachers with headset microphones to aid in teaching and have added a new studio space to accommodate our new scheduling.

To explain the Health and Safety fee, this is charged one time only, which works out to \$1 per class for each student. It is to facilitate the extra staff and hours for cleaning and keeping the studio safe for the dancers. To be transparent and fair, we did not want to add it to the tuition fees.

We will be accepting students into classes until October 31 as families make decisions on extracurricular activities. There will also be opportunities to join in January as well.

Be sure to visit the parent portal to keep updated on your account. To access, use the email address you provided at registration. If we can help out just give us a call. You now are able to schedule/report an absence for your dancer.

Reminder: this is a scent and peanut-free facility. We also ask that messy snacks are not sent with dancers. It is greatly appreciated if your dancer is instructed to clean up after themselves. Please only send water with your dancers so it's easier to keep the studios clean.



Halloween - we are known for our studio Halloween party but unfortunately, we are not able to schedule it this year. Our goal is that it will be back next year - bigger and better than ever! The week of Halloween (October 26 - 31 inclusive) we encourage dancers to wear costumes to dance class so we can get excited about the big day. We have installed a spooky backdrop to take some fun photos.

COLOURING CONTEST! We will be handing out colouring sheets for dancers to return next week! We will choose a winner in the following categories: Rhythm Kids, Ages 6 -9, Ages 10 +up. If you don't get a colouring sheet from the studio, feel free to print your own and send it along. Remember to label with name and age.

Thank you for trusting us with your dancer's training and we are here if you have any concerns.