

Just a Note...

Hello Dance Attic dancers and parents! We are off to a great start and everyone seems to be having a great time! Thank you for your patience during the first month.

Please continue to be patient as we work out the kinks in the schedule and start to settle into a routine in the next month. There may still be some changes in schedules due to class size and other factors. We will be making decisions and finalizing the schedule in the next couple of weeks. We will be keeping you informed regarding specific changes and updates so make sure that you read all emails in the coming weeks! Keep up the good work and we look forward to another great month!



Observation

We all want to watch our dancers to see what they are learning and how they are doing in class, however it can be very distracting. When we peek into the class, the dancers lose their focus and then the instructor has to spend time getting them back on track. With this in mind, we ask that you not enter the classroom unless you are invited in by the instructor.

Because we know that you are curious and want to know what's going on, the instructor will invite you in from time to time to see a special combination or demonstration. If the instructor raises the blinds, that is also an indication that you are welcome to observe at the window.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation regarding this policy. We want our dancers to have the best experience possible!

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Class Changes

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we continue to work out the kinks in our schedule. We have a few changes to make you aware of and there may be a few more based on enrollment and other factors. We want to make sure that we are providing the best experience for all of our dancers.

First, there was a typo on class schedules for Acro 2. That class is from 4:30-5:15 on Thursdays.

Secondly, the Beginner/Intermediate tap class on Tuesday nights has been canceled due to low enrollment. Those students have been contacted and moved to a different class.

Thirdly, Creative Movement-f on Wednesday evenings is now Creative Movement-c. It's just a letter change for our records, but we may refer to the classes by their letters so you need to know which class is yours.

Finally, we have shifted some classes around in the studio. The times are still the same, but you may be going into a different room. If you are not sure where to go ask at the front desk and we will get you to the right place.

We appreciate your patience! We should have it all worked out within this next month and the rest of the year will run more smoothly. [Click here](#) to see a revised schedule.

Class Placement

At the Dance Attic we do our best to make sure every dancer is receiving the proper level of instruction based on their skills and age. We want to make sure that our dancers are challenged, but not overwhelmed, and that they are enjoying their classes. With this in mind the staff at TDA has assigned each dancer to the class that they feel is best for them. Many of you have voiced concerns about the placement of your dancers. We want you to know that we hear your concerns and have not taken lightly the placement of your dancers. The staff sat down and discussed each student and placed them in the class that they feel will best suit their needs in each dance style. For older dancers who take separate classes for each style, this means that you could be in classes with different people for each style. Several factors are considered like skill level and how will the dancers work together. Please always remember the staff at TDA wants to see your child thrive and succeed just as much as you do!



Policies

The year is off to a good start. To ensure that everything continues to run smoothly and your children stay safe, we wanted to make you aware of a few important policies.

It is important for all dancers to be on their best behavior and listen to the instructor, not only so that they can learn, but also for their safety and the safety of the other students. If a dancer is not cooperating we will follow this procedure. First, the student will get a warning. Secondly, if the behavior does not change, the student will be asked to sit out of class. Finally, if the behavior persists, we will call home.

It is important that you pick your dancer up promptly. Our classes continue one right after the other and the teachers need to be in their next class. We will not let children in Jr. Prep, combo classes, or creative movement classes leave the lobby without an adult, so you must come in to get them. If you are late there will be a fee of \$5 after the first 15 minutes and \$1 for every minute after that.

All dancers who are waiting to be picked up should remain inside the studio. Older dancers may wait under the awning just outside the door. Please do not walk around the parking lot and building. It is not safe to walk around the back of the building and we do not want students just hanging out in the parking lot. You may pull up to our new walkway and your dancer can walk out.

Please be sure to read all of our policies and procedures on our [website](#).



Dress Code

There are lots of different styles and fashions for our dancers, and while we encourage you to express your own style it is important that you dress appropriately for class. You must have the appropriate clothes and shoes by October 10th. Your dance instructors will begin enforcing the dress code after this date!

Leotards and tights must be worn for all ballet classes. We want to see your body lines clearly. Boys may wear shorts and a t-shirt, but not too loose-fitting. Ballet shoes must be worn with the strings tucked into the toe.

A leotard with booty shorts must be worn to acro classes. No loose fitting clothing is allowed. We want to see your lines as well as keep you safe.

You may add shorts or pants and a tight fitting shirt for other styles of dance, just make sure that you can move freely. Appropriate shoes should be worn for each style. If you do not know what kind of shoes you need, ask your instructor. You may also [click here](#) to see a list of shoes for each class on our website.

Your hair must be up and pulled back out of your face (pin back long bangs) for all classes! A bun is preferred for ballet and required for groups A-G. Your bun should be secured with bobby pins and a hair net. If your hair is short, make sure that it is pinned back out of your face.

Older dancers should remember that there are a lot of little dancers looking up to you. Make sure that you are being a good role model in your dress and your attitude!

Communication

Please note the following regarding communication at the studio:

-We do not send out emails to our mailing list for individuals. This includes emails for advertisements, missing items, announcements, etc. Our mailing list is reserved for Dance Attic business only.

-Please do NOT send text messages to the staff. If you have questions or want to let us know that you are going to be absent please send an email to info@thedanceattic.com. This email is checked several times a day so you don't have to worry that your message will not be received in a timely manner. This will help us to keep a record of your requests and absences as well as giving our staff their much deserved off time. Our staff have been receiving a lot of text messages and should not have to deal with these during their personal time. Please be respectful of this.

-Our accounting system automatically sends an email/invoice to anyone with a balance after the 7th of each month. This is an automated message and goes out regardless of the balance amount. Please note that you will NOT be charged a late fee if your balance is less than \$30, but all accounts with any balance (even if its just a dollar or two) will get the message. Please just disregard the message if it does not pertain to you.



Teaching Assistants

We have a very talented and accomplished staff at the Dance Attic, but part of the reason that our classes are so wonderful is because we have some amazing teaching assistants! The TA's are advanced dancers who have chosen to help out in the younger dancers' classes. They help the instructors keep the class flowing, demonstrate dance moves, help change shoes, take students to the bathroom, monitor the class dismissal and the the list goes on and on. Without the TA's the instructors would not get very much done in class! Thank you to our teaching assistants and keep up the good work!



Congratulations!

Every year the Wake Weekly sponsors a contest to find all of the best things in our area. The winners are chosen through an online voting process. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote. Because of your votes The Dance Attic was named the best dance studio in the Wake Forest area for 2015! There are many dance studios in the area competing for this title and we are thrilled to be number one! A big thank you to our staff, students and parents who truly make us the best! Thank you for your support and we are looking forward to a great year of showing the community that we truly are the best of the best!

The Wake Forest Weekly



Dancer of the Month

The Dance Attic is excited to continue our Dancer of the Month award program this year! Each month we will be choosing four dancers from all age groups to be the Dancers of the Month. These dancers are chosen based on their attitude and effort. These students have shown their instructors that they are hard workers with a good positive attitude.

Each Dancer of the Month will get a sign to display in their front yard stating that they are the Dance Attic's dancer of the month. You will be able to keep the sign for one month so that all of your neighbors can see it! This is great recognition for our dancers as well as getting the word out about our studio!

You will receive your sign the first week of the month and return it the last week of the month. When you return your sign you will receive \$10 off your next month's tuition!

Congratulations to our September recipients! We are so proud of you!

Sawyer Law Charlotte Brewster Diara Carter Sarah McCourt

Upcoming Events

•We will be having a fall celebration Monday, October 26th - Thursday, October 29th. All Creative Movement and Combo classes are invited to wear your favorite costume to class this week and get ready to perform! Each group will perform a special dance for parents at the end of class. Bring your cameras and video recorders and get ready for some fun! (Please note that A-G classes should NOT wear costumes to class and will have their normal classes.)



Merry
Christmas

•Our studio will be participating in the Wake Forest Christmas parade on December 12th. More information will be coming in the next newsletter with specific details on what to wear and where to meet. Go ahead and get the date on your calendars!

You Can Help!

As many of you know, one of our dance instructors, Rachel Macholl, has a young son who was recently diagnosed with cancer. Many of you have expressed an interest in helping the Macholl family in some way and we have a plan. The Macholl's also have two other young sons and one parent stays home while the other stays at the hospital. We would like to provide the family with a list of people who would be willing to babysit so that Rachel and her husband can be together sometimes. Babysitters can be very expensive, so we would like to be able to provide this service at no charge or a very reduced rate so they are not having to worry about paying for a babysitter on top of all of the medical expenses that they are incurring. We will have a sign up sheet in the lobby. If you are willing to help, put your information on the sheet including what days and hours you would be available as well as how many hours you would like to donate for free. We will give this list to Rachel so that she can have the contact information when she needs a sitter. Thank you in advance for your help. We know the Macholl family will really appreciate this!

Tuition Reminder

Please remember that tuition is due the first of the month and late after the 7th. Beginning in October, there will be a \$25 late fee if you have not paid by the 7th. We waived the late fee in September since the classes started after the 7th of the month. Also you should receive a statement at the beginning of the month. If you are not receiving statements please let us know so that we can update your account. You will also receive an updated statement in the middle of the month after tuition payments have been posted. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Master Class Sign-up

We are excited to be able to offer several different types of master classes throughout the year. It is very important that you sign up in advance for these classes.

Dancers who sign up and pay for classes by the posted deadline will receive a discounted rate for the class. The rate will go up for those who wait until the day of the class. Also, you will not be guaranteed a spot in the class if you wait. These classes fill up and we want to limit class size to make sure that everyone is getting quality instruction

The procedure for all master classes will be as follows: Sign up on the sign up sheet in the lobby by the posted deadline. Place a check in the lock box with "master class" in the memo line for the posted discounted rate for the class. (All dancers who sign up will be expected to pay for the class even if you do not attend. Any who sign up and don't pay will receive a charge on your next statement.) If you wait until after the deadline the rate will go up and you will not be guaranteed a spot in the class.

Master Class-Danielle Lang-10/9

The Dance Attic is pleased to welcome Danielle Lang to teach a ballet master class on Friday, October 9th. Danielle was born in Heidelberg, Germany, but moved to New York at a young age and later settled in Raleigh, NC with her family. She began dancing at Lehman's studio at age 11 and became a member of the company Ballet Lehman USA. With that company she had the opportunity perform the Nutcracker as well as compete in Sochi, Russia. Danielle attended Virginia Commonwealth University on scholarship for dance and choreography where she had the opportunity to work with numerous dance professionals from all over the world. The cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door if space is available. The class schedule is as follows:

4:30-5:30 Groups D-G

5:30-6:30 Groups A-C

6:30-7:30 Combo 7-10

7:30-8:15 Combo 1-6



Danielle Lang



Ariana Cruz

Master Class-Ariana Cruz– 10/23

The Dance Attic is pleased to welcome Ariana Cruz to teach a hip hop master class on Friday, October 23. Ariana has been dancing since she was three. As a freshman she joined her mentor, Kimmie in her Kimmistry workshops. She joined her high school dance team as a sophomore. Throughout her high school life she competed with the company at The Dance Attic. Entering her freshman year in college, she joined a dance company, IDANCE, that performed for the University and the surrounding community. Later she had the chance to be apart of a masterwork, "Rainbow Round My Shoulders", by *Donald McKayle*. She recently got a job as a dancer in the upcoming movie *Bolden*. The cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door if space is available. The class schedule is as follows:

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Important Info and Reminders

- Always check the bulletin board and the [website](#) for important information including the monthly newsletter. Announcements are posted on the door as well.
- Write your dancer's name on all dance gear (shoes, bag, jacket, etc.). If something is lost the "lost and found" is located in the dressing room. All items will be donated to Goodwill in January and June.
- The Dance Attic [website](#) is a very helpful resource for knowing what is happening at the studio! We are also on Facebook! Check both often for upcoming events, pictures, and much more!
- The Dance Attic has free WiFi! The password is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.
- Anytime you have an issue or are dissatisfied with something, PLEASE send an email. We need to hear your concerns, but it is awkward to discuss them in the crowded lobby. Also, please do not discuss problems with other parents.
- No rehearsals on Saturday, October 31st. Happy Halloween!

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