



# NEWSLETTER

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## Just a Note...

Hello Dance Attic dancers and parents! We are really moving along! We measured for costumes the first couple of weeks in October! If you missed class, please make sure you tell your teacher so we can make sure you have been measured. We have lots of exciting things going on in the next couple of months so be sure to read this newsletter carefully. Feel free to send an email if you have any questions or concerns.

## Class Update

Our classes are in full swing. Everyone seems to be having lots of fun while learning great dance technique! The year is going by very quickly and competition time will be here before you know it. We are beginning to learn our routines for competition and recital, so it is very important to be in class. It can be difficult to catch up if you miss some of the choreography. Please make every effort to be in class each week. If you have to miss, please send an email to let us know about your absence. Please include your dancer's name, class time, and instructor in your email.

## Cleaning Up

With five dance studios it gets very busy at TDA. There's a lot of traffic in and out. Unfortunately more traffic often means more trash. We know that many of you spend many hours at the dance studio and you need to eat. We just want to make sure that we are cleaning up and disposing of things properly. We ask that you throw all food away in the large trash bin that is outside between the studios and please do not leave food on the floor inside or outside. Also, please do not leave your bags and clothes in the lobby. All personal belongings should be placed in the dressing room. We want to make sure that we keep our studio looking nice and we also must remember that we share space with other businesses. Thank you for making an effort to make our studio a great place to be!

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### Important Dates

11/1 Tuition due.  
  
11/27- Thanksgiving  
11/29 Break- Studio closed  
  
12/14 Wake Forest  
Christmas Parade  
  
12/23- Winter Break-  
1/5 Studio closed  
  
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# Competition

Each year our studio participates in a local dance competition. This is a great opportunity for the dancers to experience performing and interacting with other dance studios. It is a very positive experience and all of the dancers are rewarded for their hard work.

Our studio will be participating in the Star Talent Productions competition in Louisburg, NC March 6-8. Groups 1-10 (combo classes) will each take one of their routines. Groups A-H will take jazz and lyrical. Tap 3-4 and Hip Hop A-C will also compete. The extra classes for combo (lyrical and hip hop) will not compete. In addition, Tap 1 & 2 will not compete, as well as groups a-e (age 3/4 and 4/5 classes).

There will be competition fees to be paid in January. You will be receiving more information on the specific amounts and the exact due date in your December statements.

We measured for costumes the first couple of weeks in October. We need to get the costumes ordered so they can be here in time for competition and picture day. If you were absent, please email so that we can make sure everyone gets measured.

Go ahead and put the dates on your calendar! Everyone must attend, because any dancer missing affects the entire routine! Also please note that all tuition and outstanding payments must be paid to receive your costumes and to participate in the competition.



# Dancer of the Month

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 October recipients! We are so proud of you!

**Hartley Pickett**

**Elliot Carter**

**Isabella Niemann**

**Anna Harris**

## Safety and Other Policies

-Many dancers stay at the studio during their breaks. We prefer that you do not walk across the street to the convenient store during this down time. It is very busy on Main St. and it is also getting dark earlier. It is just not safe. If we see dancers walking to the store, parents will get an email. The Dance Attic is not responsible for dancers who have left the property. Please talk to your children and make them aware of your rules and expectations, as well as the expectations of the Dance Attic staff. We know that some of you are at the studio for many hours, but we want all of our dancers to stay safe!

-If you are the parent of a young dancer, please take them to the bathroom before class starts. If one asks to go during class then they all want to go. This ends up taking away from valuable instruction time.



## Best of the Best!

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 one of the top 3 best dance studios in the Wake Forest area for 2019! There are many dance studios in the area competing for this title and we are thrilled to be among the best! 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!

## Teacher Notes

-On Monday 11/25 and Tuesday 11/26 we will be making Tutu Turkeys in class. Come ready to trace your hand and make some fun ballerina turkeys!

-There will be a classroom change on Tuesdays. Combo classes 5 & 6 will go across the breezeway to studios 4 and 5. Hip Hop C will go to studio 3 and Tap 1 & 2 are in studio 1.

# Christmas Parade

Our studio will be participating in the Wake Forest Christmas Parade on Saturday December 14th. We will line up at 12 noon near the library. We do not find out our entry number until the day of the parade, so we will post it on Facebook at about 11:30am that day.

The Christmas parade routine will be taught in classes and on Wednesday December 11th from 6:00-6:30 we will all rehearse. This is a traveling routine that will keep us moving while showing off our dancing! Company members and anyone in combo group 1 and up are welcome to come and practice the routine.

We will wear our 2019-2020 yellow Dance Attic t-shirts (with a white turtleneck underneath if it's cold). If you are dancing you will need black knit pants, otherwise you may wear jeans. All should wear tennis shoes. Company members should wear your company jackets and black pants. You will also wear your hair in a high bun and a bow will go on the right side of the bun. The bows are available for purchase at the front desk and they are \$5 each. More information will be in the December newsletter.

We will need some parent volunteers to walk with us to make sure that we don't lose any dancers and that everyone stays safe. If you would like to help, look for the volunteer sign up sheet in the front lobby. For dancers in Combo 1-3, walking may get tiring. Parents may want to walk with a wagon just in case.



# Wagon Contest

The Wake Forest parade route can be a little long for our little dancers, so we would like for groups a-e and combo groups 1-3 to decorate wagons and pull them in the parade on Saturday, December 14th. (If your child would rather walk, that's fine but we recommend a wagon because they get so tired!) You can decorate the wagons any way you like! This adds a lot of interest and fun to our studio's parade entry.

We will have a contest for the best decorated wagon. The judging will take place the day of the parade and the winners will be announced that day. **You must arrive by 12:00 to be judged in the contest.**

The winner of the best wagon contest will receive a certificate for \$75 off of your January tuition. The second place winner will receive a \$50 certificate and third place gets a \$25 certificate. A prize like that can come in really handy right after Christmas!

Start making plans now and get out all of those crafting supplies! We want to see some amazing wagons in the parade!

# Charity

Please read below about the nonprofit organization My Birthday Too. The Dance Attic would like to support this wonderful charity. During the month of November there will be a box in the studio lobby for donations. Please consider contributing to this worthy cause.



**My Birthday Too is a 501c3 nonprofit organization based in Wake Forest. Our mission is to provide birthday memories for children in disadvantaged situations.**

**We believe every child deserves to celebrate!**

One way we achieve this is by providing Birthday Kits to families in need to allow them to throw a birthday party for their child at home. Each kit includes everything needed to create a memorable party for the birthday child.

**Kits include:**

- Cake mix and can of frosting (minimum 16 oz)**
- Pack of birthday candles**
- Paper plates, napkins, utensils, and tablecloth (minimum of 8 pack, fun birthday themes encouraged!)**
- Birthday decorations (banners, signs, or party hats)**
- Party favors (minimum of 4 pack)**
- Party favor for birthday child**

**Additional items welcome but must fit in 10 x 13 gift bag**

**We accept donations of all of these items individually or as complete kits. Please contact [info@mybirthdaytoo.org](mailto:info@mybirthdaytoo.org) for questions or to donate.**

## Goodbye

Our Acro teacher Ms. Brittany will be saying goodbye to TDA. Brittany has been a wonderful asset to our TDA staff and we are sad to see her go, but we are excited for her and the new opportunities she will have. We will see her from time to time when she comes to sub! We wish her the very best in all of her future endeavors.



## Welcome New Staff!

The Dance Attic is pleased to welcome Bre Thompson to our staff as the Acro instructor. As a child Bre was a competitive cheerleader and gymnast. She has been a coach for both cheerleading and gymnastics for over 8 years and has much experience training young people at several area gyms including Tri-County and GymCarolina. We are excited to have her and look forward to a wonderful rest of the year!

# Fall Fun 2019!

We have had a great time this month with spooky socks, spooky buns, and our costume parties. Here are a few pictures. Check out our Facebook page for many more!









# Important Info and Reminders

- The Dance Attic will be closed for Thanksgiving Wednesday November 27th-Friday November 29th. Have a safe and happy holiday!
- The Dance Attic will be closed for Winter break December 23rd-January 5th. Classes will resume Monday, January 6th. Have a happy holiday!
- Envelopes in lock box are for cash only. Please do not use the envelopes for checks. Please make sure to include your dancer's name on envelopes and checks when making payments.
- Please read the window sign for important announcements. Be sure to look to the left of the door as you are walking in to stay informed!
- We want you to email when you are absent. Remember to include the class, day, and teacher in your email. Please note you will still receive email reminders and updates even if you have told us that you will be absent. Those are mass emails that go to everyone!
- Please remember to wear the proper dance clothes and shoes to class. If you are not sure what shoes you should wear, please ask your instructor.
- Always check the bulletin board for important information. Announcements are posted on the door as well.
- The monthly newsletter will always be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby and on the website and Facebook.
- 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.
- We will be donating all unclaimed lost and found items to Goodwill. Please check and claim your belongings before December 20th, when we close for winter break.
- All dancers have measured for costumes during class the first few weeks of October. If you missed your time please let a staff person know so that you can be measured.

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