



**Kimberley  
Dance  
Academy**



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## **JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2012**

**Welcome back** to all our students. We are well into the second half of our dance season and are fast approaching our busiest time of the year with competitions and recital just around the corner.

**Attendance:-** Choreography for our year end show is now under way in regular classes, therefore it is essential that regular class attendance be maintained. This is especially important for the younger dancers, as repetition is a key factor in learning routines. Missed lessons result in the student falling behind and lowering the productivity of the group as a whole.

**Costumes-** Costumes have been ordered from various companies in the U.S. We have received shipping confirmation from all companies and costumes will be arriving mid to end of Feb. All costumes will be handed out either before or immediately following spring break. Costumes will only be distributed to those whose accounts are up to date. (**Note:** For those of you new to the Dance Academy, unlike the majority of other studios and companies, we do not inflate costume prices for personal profit. The price from the manufacturers is the same price that we charge you. ) Details regarding make-up, hair and accessories for each group will be posted on the bulletin board (as well as included in your child's costume bag) immediately following spring break. If at any time you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's costumes, please feel free to contact Donna Unwin at 427-7533.

**Competition-** Competitions are a great learning opportunity for the students as well as a chance to perform their routines on stage prior to recital. (For new students: costumes and routines are already done, thus the only extra cost is a minimal entry fee). We will be participating in the following competitions this year:

- **Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> - Just Dance Festival- Castlegar, BC-** Int & Sr dancers plus all extra curricular solos, duos and small groups only. **Production will not be attending due to size of venue.** More details to follow
- **Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> -Shine Dance Festival- Vernon, BC-** Pre-Int, Int & Sr dancers plus all extra curricular solos, duos and small groups. Production will be attending. More details to follow
- **Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> - Dance works Competition- Key City Theater- Cranbrook.** Other than Pre-Jr groups (7 yrs and under), all classes and extra curricular routines will be entered.
- Bills for entry fees will be e-mailed mid January. Please make all entry fees payable to K.D.A. and return no later than Jan 31<sup>st</sup> /2012.
- Casey McLaren has booked rooms for both Castlegar and Vernon locations. Details will be sent out in a separate e-mail. It is the responsibility of each parent to secure their own child's traveling arrangements to and from each competition.
- **Please note:** It is a privilege to be selected to participate and represent Kimberley Dance Academy in "out of town" competitions (not to mention a lot of fun for both students and parents alike). 100% participation from each group entered is mandatory or the group will be with-drawn from the festival and entry fees will not be refunded. If you are unable to attend the festivals, please ensure you make arrangements for your child to travel with another member of their group.

**Reminder:** to all solos, duos, and trios- it is your responsibility to practice your routines on your own time. If you wish to use the studio to practice, please contact Leslie to arrange times. (Rental charge is \$5.00/per hour-sign up sheet is located inside the studio)

**Website:** Just a reminder to all parents and students that it is your responsibility to check website regularly to keep on track with upcoming events and news. ([www.kimberleydance.com](http://www.kimberleydance.com)) All information will be posted there. Information will also be posted on the bulletin boards at the studio for those unable to access the website. There will be a lot of information coming to you immediately before and following Spring break. All picture schedules, competition performance times, recital information and rehearsal schedules will be available online. At any time please feel free to contact us with any questions you might have.



# Important Upcoming Dates:

## 2012:

<u>Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> /2012-</u>	Classes resume.
<u>Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> -</u>	Theme week- <b>“PJ Party Time.”</b> -Prizes for best PJ’s.
<u>Jan 31<sup>st</sup>-</u>	Competition Fees due- Invoices will be e-mailed mid Jan.
<u>Feb 15<sup>th</sup> -</u>	Costume balance’s due. Invoices will be e-mailed mid to end Jan.
<u>Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> -</u>	Theme Week- <b>“Dancing from the Heart”</b> -Show the love and dress in red.
<u>Feb 16<sup>th</sup>-</u>	Anastasia- Ballet Jorgen-Key City Theater-7:30pm
<u>Feb 18<sup>th</sup> -</u>	Key City Theater- 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Gala-7:30pm
<u>Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> -</u>	Theme Week- <b>“ Funky Hat &amp; Socks Week”</b> -Prizes for best hat & socks!
<u>Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> -Apr 1<sup>st</sup> -</u>	Spring Break- <b>No classes</b> - Classes resume- Mon. Apr. 2 <sup>nd</sup> /2012
<u>Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup>-</u>	Just Dance Festival- Castlegar, BC- (Last weekend of Spring Break) More details to follow
<u>Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> (Mon) -</u>	Classes resume after Spring Break
<u>Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> (Mon)-</u>	Easter Monday- <b>Classes will be held</b>
<u>Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> -</u>	Shine Dance Festival- Vernon, BC- More details to follow
<u>Apr. 11<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> -</u>	(Wed & Thurs)-Classes cancelled due to Shine Dance Festival- Vernon, BC-
<u>Apr. 20<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>-</u>	Pictures- Wells Photography- ( more info to follow)
<u>Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>-</u>	Year-end Production rehearsals begin in Kimberley- (schedule will change for the last two weeks of classes- details will follow at a future date.)
<u>Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> -</u>	Dance works Competition- Key City Theater- Cranbrook . <b>Thursday classes will be cancelled</b>
<u>Apr. 30<sup>th</sup> (Mon) -</u>	<b>No classes</b> - Production set-up-Key City Theater
<u>May. 1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> -</u>	Production Rehearsals- Key City Theater-Cranbrook-details to follow
<u>May. 4<sup>th</sup> -May 5<sup>th</sup> -</u>	Year-end Production- Key City Theater- Cranbrook-details to follow

**Note:** Please check website regularly for Calender updates or potential changes

In closing, if you have any outstanding fees please clear them up A.S.A.P.

Yours in Dancing  
Leslie & Donna