



Well the dance season is officially underway. Classes have now been running for a few weeks, and I love what I have seen. I still cannot believe that in only our second year we have doubled our students! And what wonderful groups we have. It amazes me that even in such a short period of time I am already seeing improvements in students. If that is what three weeks can do, I can't wait to see the year end recital. Keep up the hard work!

PARENT WATCHING WEEK:

Parents are welcome to come to observe class **Monday October 24th – Saturday October 29th**. I know everyone is eager to see what the kids have been up to, and they are equally excited to show you what they have been working on. Please try to limit the amount of viewers that come to this class as some of the classes are extremely large. We don't want the kids to be too distracted, or squished! Please be sure to arrive early on watching days as not to disrupt the class by entering late. If you must leave early, please sit close to the doors and exit quietly. Please be courteous and turn off cell phones, it is very distracting to dancers to have phones going off in classes and to have people going in and out to take calls. Thank you!

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Please be sure to stay up to date with our website. If you lose your newsletters you can always visit the website. It will be posted under the events page. Also, on this page, you will find all of the important dates such as holidays and observation days. Newsletters will be posted outside the classroom for parents to view and sent via email. I would like to eventually go paperless with newsletters. If you do not have an email address on file with us please let me know.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Each class will require **ONE PHONING PARENT** who will be responsible for phoning each class member in case of a class cancellation or as reminders of performances, etc. Any bit of time you can contribute is greatly appreciated. Please see or contact Shannon at 996-8115 if you can offer your time. A HUGE thank you to those who have already volunteered.

PHOTOS, VIDEOS, AND FACEBOOK!

I know many of you have been taking videos and pictures in the first weeks of your child in class, and will continue to on observation days. I have no problem with this; however...out of respect to others please do not post pictures and videos on facebook unless it is absolutely only your child. When dealing with children you need signed permission, and we do not have this from every student in every class. It is not up to us to decide to put other children on the web...only our own. Please do not post classes on YouTube. Again you would need the permission from every parent, as well as the teachers to post their class for the world to see.

Thank you in advance for respecting this policy.

YEAR END RECITAL:

The year end recital is confirmed for Sunday June 3, 2012. Dress rehearsal will be held on the same day as we will only be doing one show this year. We have rented a much larger venue to accommodate the number of students backstage. This year we will be performing at MTC Mainstage! You will love it, it is a beautiful venue. Please book vacations after this date if possible, we don't want students missing classes right before performances. Let your friends and family know ahead of time! Tickets will go on sale in the spring.



A few (or more) general reminders...

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!!

- Please plan to arrive a minimum of 10 minutes before class begins dressed in appropriate attire. This will allow ample time to change shoes so classes can begin promptly. For the preschool classes it is easier for the children if they all go in as a group. We would like to have them lined up a few minutes before class begins, dressed and ready to go.
- Allow time for young students to go to the washroom before class. The less interruptions in class the better!
- Please label all of your child's shoes and belongings. We do not have a lost and found. Exhale Dance Studio is not responsible for lost or stolen items. (Silver sharpie's work great in black shoes!!)
- Students are to be dressed in appropriate dance attire for each class. Be sure hair is pulled up for every class. For students with short hair, please have bangs pulled off of the face with hair clips or a headband. If you have any questions regarding dress code please contact us.
- No jewellery is to be worn in class. (All necklaces, bracelets, and dangly earrings should be removed.)
- It is important that students attend every class. If a student will be missing a class please let us know. For the development of the dancers, we do not want students missing out on their training and choreography.
- If a student is more than 10 minutes late for a class they will participate at the teachers' discretion. The warm up at the beginning of class is very important to reduce the risk of injury.
- Please be sure to send your child with water for class to ensure they stay hydrated. Though there are water fountains at the community centres, it takes too much time to be having "water breaks" in the middle of class. If students bring a water bottle it is easily accessible and only takes a few seconds. **Only water will be allowed in the class – absolutely no other food or drinks. NO GUM!!**
- All classes are closed to observers. Please refrain from opening doors to watch students in the middle of class. Watching week is on its way!! It will be worth the wait!
- For the safety of your child, please be sure to pick them up on time. And have them wait inside the building at all times.
- At Exhale Dance Studio we have firm policy of respect. This applies both to teachers and students, as well as parents. Disruptive or rude behaviour will not be tolerated in any way.
- Please contact the Director with any questions or concerns.

Thank you all for your dedication and support. It is going to be a fabulous year!!

Sincerely,

Shannon Putter
Creative Director