

Pointes to Note



Flexpointe Studios Inc.



September 2011

Welcome to another great year of dance

Welcome everyone to the 2011/12 dance season. I would like to say a big thank you to all of our students and their families for being patient as we finish up renovations and settle into our new space. There are a few finishing touches that are still in progress, but every week we seem a bit closer to being finished.

Along with Miss Allison and Miss Danielle, our teaching staff this year also includes some amazing new teachers:

- **Miss Kellie** (Tap teacher) has a degree in Psychology and Education. She also has over 10 years teaching experience in both Tap and Jazz. Miss Kellie has successfully entered students into Tap examinations and has won many choreography awards at dance competitions.
- **Miss Diana** (Creative Dance teacher) has a degree in Education with a focus on physical education.
- **Miss Kaitlyn** (Hip Hop teacher) grew up dancing competitively in Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Modern and Hip Hop. She has been a member of the University of Alberta Dance Team for the past 3 years, is a current member of the team and also serves on their executive board. Miss Kaitlyn was also one of the original members of Octane (the Oilers dance team). She is currently in her final year of Business studies at the University of Alberta.

A big welcome to all our students and staff! We are very happy to have you with us this year!

- Miss Melissa
Artistic Director

November 1st – 6th:

Parent viewing week
Costume deposit due

November 11th:

Remembrance Day –
classes as usual

November 20st:

Registration opens for
Winter (January 2010)
start classes for current
students.

November 29th:

Last week of Fall 12
week session classes for
children.

December 13 – 20th:

In class Winter dance
presentations during
the last 15 minutes of
classes.

December 14 – 20th :

Last week of Fall 12
week session classes for
Adults,

Studio News Board

Our news board is located in the kitchen area of the studio. It consists of several coloured clipboards where all news and events will be displayed. Please take the time to quickly check out the bulletin and white boards each week you come to class.



Post Dated Tuition Payments

Post dated tuition payments for the full season should be submitted to the office as soon as possible. We have experienced some delays in the arrival of our credit/debit system. Hopefully it will arrive by the end of this week.



Parking

Parking is available on the both the North and South side of the building. Please note that we are permitted to use any spots in these lots including the spots marked "Reserved for Century 21".

Help us keep our studio clean

Please be sure to remove your footwear at the door to help us keep our studio clean.



Solos, Duos & Trios

Extra choreography classes are available for students interested in solo, duet or trio opportunities. Students must be a minimum of 6 years old and enrolled in a minimum of one Performance Program class.

A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in the studio. Interested students are able to sign up and request a teacher to work with. Students are asked to also speak with the instructor they will be requesting before signing up. Students must receive both teacher and director approval.

Fees: Solo: \$225, Duet: \$150 per dancer, Trio: \$100 per dancer

*Fees include 6 hours of private lessons and teacher presence at festivals and competitions. Costume fees and competition entry fees are extra.



Dress Requirements

Dress requirements are an important part of dance class. Wearing the appropriate clothing allows our teachers the ability to correct students on alignment and technique. This helps in the prevention of injury and helps our staff to provide our students with the best possible instruction.

Along with dress requirements, it is very important to remember the proper hair style. Having hair tied back, off the shoulders and face, is expected. It is very difficult for students to focus on their dancing when they have to focus on pushing hair out of their eyes!

Thank you for taking the time to ensure your child is properly dressed for dance class.

When do I get to see what my child is learning in dance class?

There are several scheduled parent/family viewing weeks throughout the 2011/12 season. The first watching week is scheduled for **October 24th – 29th**. During this time parents and family are welcome to observe the full dance class.



Viewing Windows

We ask that parents please do not make a habit of watching through the window every week. It has become a distraction for the dancers making it hard for teachers to run their classes. We will be putting up curtains and allowing teachers to open them at their discretion.

Triple Flip Studio Clothing is back!!

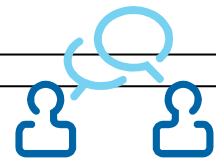
This year we have a great selection of Triple Flip clothing which will be available to order through the front desk. Clothing will arrive at the studio in time for Christmas. Ordering deadline is October 8th. Sizers will be available at the studio this week for all items. We will also have a measurement sheet available to help with sizing.

DJD Calgary Trip for dancers 13 years+

Miss Melissa will be attending the Decidely Jazz Danceworks Dance marathon on Sunday October 16th. This is a fundraiser ran by the professional jazz dance company "Decidely Jazz Danceworks" in Calgary for students 13 years+ of all levels. Classes will run all day from 9:00am – 7:00pm and include Yoga, Ballet, Jazz, West African, Hip Hop and Flamenco to name a few! Students must pay a \$40 fee to participate. See our school news board or Miss Melissa for more details.

**Please let Miss Melissa know if you are interested in attending and we will look at booking a hotel and/or setting up carpooling for the event!*

Communication



Communication is very important to us. Please be sure to bring any questions or concerns you may have to the attention of our staff.

Teachers do not have time to talk with parents between classes, so please leave a message with desk staff and our teachers would be happy to call or email you in regards to your questions or concerns.

Change Rooms

Please try to be courteous when using the change room. Students should always try to arrive to the studio dressed to dance so that only cover-ups need to be removed. A second family change room will open later in October, so that one change room may be girls only.