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Happy Holidays!!!

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- **New Classes**

We are so proud of all the hard work going on in the studio this year! Instructors have begun teaching choreography for recital and our Senior and Petite Companies are preparing for their first competition in February.

Lovely Spanish



Many of our dancers and parents finally got their Saturdays back! **Nutcracker** rehearsals were long and arduous, but your hard work paid off! Karen says this was one of her favorite **Nutcracker** performances! Congratulations to everyone! Photos were taken by the talented Lora Garcelon during **Nutcracker**



Clara and her family

New Classes Coming Soon

Barre class, a stretch and tone class for men, women and older teens will begin its second session on Wednesday, January 6 at 7pm. The 6 week session is \$55. More info available at the desk.

Non-recital classes for young ones will begin on Saturday, February 6. See calendar for the schedule. 6-wk session is \$54.



Drosselmeyer's surprise!

dress rehearsal. We will be posting more pictures on Facebook very soon.

Bits and Pieces

Tuition Reminder

Tuition is due the first week of every month. We accept cash and checks at the desk.

Weather-Related Closings

KDA will make decisions regarding class cancellations by 12noon on days when weather demands it. We do not always follow the school decisions.

Be In The Know

We keep our Facebook page, website and studio walls loaded with information: class schedules, weather-related closings, rehearsal/performance dates, extracurricular opportunities, etc. You are also welcome to call the studio or stop at the desk anytime. There are no dumb questions...!

Absences and Illness

If you are ill or will miss class for any reason, please call ahead. You are welcome to make up any missed classes by attending a similar class on a different day.

Lobby Info

Snacks are sold at the desk. Please put trash in provided bins. Lost & Found is at the desk. No rough-housing/running allowed.

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Instructor Spotlight

We are excited to add this new feature to *Foot Notes*. Each issue will highlight one of our wonderful dance instructors. We hope you'll enjoy getting to know your dancer's instructors better through these features. We've chosen to begin with the newest addition to the KDA family: **Courtney Barker.**



Courtney is originally from Washington, D.C. She is the mother of three and is married to "an amazingly supportive husband". Courtney has been dancing since she could walk! She also loves to sing and act. In fact, she recently performed in Pinckney Player's production of *Mary Poppins*. She portrayed the "practically perfect in every way" Ms. Poppins, herself!

Courtney has a degree in Elementary Education. She is a former First Grade teacher and is currently a substitute teacher in Livingston County. Courtney's dance experience is broad, having studied ballet, jazz, tap and hip hop. Courtney has an infectious passion for anything to do with dance. She is thrilled to join the KDA team and we are delighted to welcome her! You'll find her smiling face here on Mondays and Saturdays.



Mother Ginger and Baby Buns

Communication

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns about your dancer's class, our instructors, dance attire, tuition, scheduling conflicts, etc. We appreciate your interest and candor. Please make sure we have a good **Email address** for you as we use this means of communication regularly.

More Bits and Pieces

New Non-Recital Classes

Non-recital classes will begin on February 6. These Saturday classes will run 30 minutes a week for 6 weeks. Tuition will be \$54.

Mom & Tot (2-3 years old), 10am
Creative Movement (4-6), 10:30
Pre-Ballet (5-7 years old), 11am
Jazz (4-7 years old), 11:30am

Barre Class—a new session!

The first session of Barre was a great success! Ali's challenge each week was, "Don't cheat yourself!" Barre is a great addition to any fitness regimen, focusing on stretching and toning. Join us January 6! Men, women and older teens are welcome! Comfortable clothing and water are recommended.

Boots and Winter Gear

Winter means snow and salt! The wet mess can ruin our dance floors, so please keep boots and wet winter gear in the lobby area. And we'd like to remind everyone that no street shoes, even dry ones, are allowed on the dance floors.