

PDC MAY Newsletter

I hope you have all been spared any losses due to this pandemic, and that you are all managing with work (or lack of it), helping with your child's school work, and managing life as we know it. This is a difficult and challenging time for us all! Plans and discussions are underway as to how to move forward, and how we will be able to have our recital. For the time being, we have Aug 1st put aside for a recital date, and our hope is to have all of July for in studio classes. This is uncharted territory, and we are doing our best to navigate through it with as many zoom classes as we can offer, along with material on the Band app. I will keep you updated with any new changes as we go along. I wish you all peace and patience as we move forward through life as we know it now.
My best to you all, Annette.

PAYMENTS

Please let Annette know if you are experiencing any hardships during this time. We know that this is not an easy time at all for families, and we will be happy to work out a plan for your family while you continue to use resources like the Band app and Zoom.

Once your account balance has been paid off and your account is at zero, you will not owe any more money for the rest of the 2019-2020 season despite when our in person/zoom classes may take place. In total, your tuition will cover band uploads, zoom classes and as many in studio classes we can have when we return.

If you have not yet finished paying your tuition, you can send a check or money order to the studio at:

The Putnam Dance Center 554 Liberty
Highway, Putnam CT 06260

Or, contact Annette directly at 774-232-6391 to set up a date to run your card.

STUDIO VIDEO!

We miss our dancers so much! Let's **create a studio video** with everyone in it! Your job is easy 😊 Follow these steps and we will take it from there!

Please take all photos/video with your phone SIDEWAYS!!

1. Take a picture of your dancer making a half heart with their hand to right side edge of the frame (and smile!). Now, take a second picture on the left side. We will put two dancers together to make a full heart!
2. Videotape your dancer dancing however they want to the song "Better When I'm Dancing" for about 10 seconds (or 2 counts of 8).

*** Number 3 is important! ***

3. Have them **start** the video by pointing to THEIR right, and **end** the video with pointing to THEIR left!
4. Send both heart pictures & video to **putnamdanceinfo@gmail.com** by: **May 16th!**

Have fun!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Picture Day, Dress Rehearsal, and the Recital have been **POSTPONED!**

As of right now, we would like to aim for the following Dress Rehearsal/Recital dates.

THESE DATES ARE NOT SET IN STONE

and will depend largely on the status of our community/government orders.

July 28th-July 30th

Tentative Dress Rehearsal Dates

Saturday August 1st

Tentative Recital at

The Putnam Middle School

Happy Birthday to...

Amelie
Angela
Miss Annette
Clayton
Corrin
Ella
Gretta
Isabel
Julia D
Katelyn
Natalia
Rori
Rose
Salem
Thea
Yvie
Zoey N



KEEPING TRACK OF ZOOM AND BAND

A NOTE FROM ANNETTE:

By now I'm sure you're all familiar with the band app and zoom process.

Our teachers are continuing to learn how to make this adjustment as we move along with our classes, teach new choreography, and go over old choreography all leading to our goal, the recital. This new process has doubled our work, in some ways tripled it. I'm sure you feel the same way as you maneuver through this process during the day yourselves. It is so nice though to see the dancers through zoom and through pictures and videos sent on the band app. Thank you for your involvement!

Currently, all our families are having to share space and time for each other's activities, including their own work schedule. We understand that some of you feel that the band app is not working for your child. This is a hard way for many children to learn, but does have some benefit even to those children not engaged in the videos.







In order to not forget choreography, younger students will need a family member to play the video fairly often to follow along and do their choreography so they don't forget it. We are not sure at the moment how many in studio classes we will get and this will make moving forward with new choreography a lot quicker and make your child feel as comfortable as possible on stage. Older students should not only be watching and following along to videos, but should be practicing doing the routine on their own to the music in the Band app.

UNDERSTANDING THE CODES

- Each Sunday, the studio will send out a list of ALL the Zoom codes for the week. When you log into your zoom account, you click on "join" to enter the Meeting ID and password
- We have also sent out an organizer to help you keep track of your dancer's zoom classes, and what is going on in their BAND app



GUIDELINES FOR ZOOM- DANCERS AGES 8 & UNDER

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|  1 | Space: Dancer's should aim to have around 4 feet all around them to avoid injuries with furniture. |  4 | Being Prepared: Water, snacks, bathroom before class starts. |
|  2 | Limit Distractions: One parent should be in the room with the dancer to keep out distractions and to help keep them focused on the teacher. |  5 | Starting Early: Sign onto zoom right when class starts or 5 minutes before the class starts to ensure you are all set and ready to go. This will allow for more class time. |
|  3 | Proper Attire: Appropriate dance shoes, and dance clothing with leotard and tights. Shirt and leggings are acceptable, as are sneakers/socks for tap if you don't have a floor you can tap on |  6 | Communication: We will leave five minutes at the end of each class so the students and teachers can chat to see how the kids are doing. |