A Note from the Director

Hi everyone,

I would like to welcome everyone to ADC and personally thank all of you for making the start up of the year so smooth.

We have some fun activities coming up over the next couple of months. Our next special week is **PAJAMA DAY** the week of Nov 3rd to 8th..... Break out your best wooly jammies and come to class in comfort.... as on Nov 2nd.

**Miss Chantel**

Things Around the Studio

**Costume Fees Due November 2, 2014**

All fundraised amounts have been calculated and credited to your accounts as of Nov 2. Tuition will be taken on the 1st and Costume fees on Nov 2nd. This way you will be able to easily distinguish tuition from Costume fees.

We will email out a detailed statement to each client so that you can see the individual entries to your accounts.

If you are unsure of your outstanding amount please feel free to log into your account online. The outstanding balance will show on there.

Please drop off your cheques during the first week of November Classes. You may also pay by Visa, Mastercard or Debit in the office. Just advise the office how you would like to pay.

If you have you tuition debited from your account and would also like your costume balance taken from your account please inform the office in writing (email) of your wishes.

Littlesteps Costumes $60 plus taxes

Recreational Costume $65 plus Gst

Competitive Costume $75 plus taxes (with the exception on comp acro which is $100)

There will be a late fee imposed for any costume fee received after December 1, 2014. This costume fee is Non-refundable

**Keeping our Studio Clean**

We would like to maintain the cleanliness of our studio therefore we ask that all of our students be responsible with thier food items. There is no food or drink (other than water) in the dance room. All water bottles need to be cleaned up at the end of class and we would appreciate if everyone pitched in to keep our studios clean.

Pretty soon the weather is also going to change and the rain and snow will be upon us. There are shoe racks provided at the top landing for dirty and wet shoes to be kept. Please wipe your feet upon entering the front doors and again at the bottom of the stairs, as to avoid a lot of the outside mess being tracked into the carpet. Please place all boots and dirty shoes on the racks on landing.

**Winter Registration Now open**

January Twinkle babies 2- Saturday 9:30-10:00am
8 Week Parent and Tot for the dancer under 2 yrs old.

January 6th and is $66 + Gst

January Littlesteps Saturday 11:30-12:00pm
We have added a new class for 3/4 yr old dancers for as little as $28 per month. These classes will perform in Recital.

January Twinkle Star - Wednesday 330-430pm
Beginner Class for dancers 6-8 which is a combo class incorporating Jazz, Tap and Ballet. The cost is $40 per month for this one hour recreational class. This class will perform in the recital.

Jan Showstars Hiphop/jazz combo - Wed 430-530pm
Beginner Class for dancers 6-8 which is a combo class incorporating Jazz, Tap hiphop. The cost is $40 per month for this one hour recreational class. This class will perform in the recital.

**Competition Corner**

ADC Intensive handbook will be sent home in November. Please ensure to read it as some aspects have changed from previous years. December we will be starting to fill out our competition entries for the year. Please advise the office of the competitions that you would like to submit your solo-duo and trio entries into. Please budget $40 per group per competition. Please note that the Director will select which groups will be going into which competitions. But the solo-duo-trio’s are entered based on your ( parental) selections.

**Congratulations Mia Lum !!!**

Mia attended the Jump Dance convention in Vancouver, on Oct 18,19th and came home with a full scholarship to next year's convention. Way to go Mia, all that hard work sure paid off !!
**Important Dates**

**Key event dates for by Abbotsford Dance Center**

- Sept 8, 2014 - Start of classes
- March 9 – Tentative Pep rally for Comp students
- May 30, 31 Picture Day
- June 8 to 13 the – Last week of Classes
- June 16, 17, Recital dress rehearsals- Abby Arts
- June 20th, Matinee/Evening show Recital Day

**Abbotsford Dance Centre Closure Dates:**

- Monday October 13 Thanksgiving Day
- Friday October 31 Halloween Day
- Tuesday Nov 11 Remembrance Day
- Dec 20 to Jan 4th Winter Break
- Monday Feb 9 Family Day
- March 16 to March 29 Spring break
- April 3-6 Easter long weekend
- May 16-18 Victoria Day
- May 30, 31 Picture Day

**Costume Fees Due**

November 2nd, 2014

Please make arrangements with the office if you would like this fee taken from your account.

**Parent Lounge**

At ADC we like to provide you with the information you need. But we also like to keep that information private. There is no need for the general public to see any information, as to what your dancer is doing, nor when.

For this reason we only post specific schedules in the private section of the Parent lounge or the Private Facebook page.

Please make sure to sign up for access within these sites.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/abbydanceprivate/

http://abbotsforddancecenter.com/parent-lounge/

Please Refer to your ADC Student-Parent HANDBOOK to answer some of your questions throughout the year.

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**CONGRATULATIONS AVERY & KYERA**

These two young ADC dancers will be heading to Poland in November, to participate in the IDO Worlds Dance Competition. They have both worked very hard and will be participating in the group and also have been asked to compete their solos while there. Everyone at ADC wishes them well and can wait to hear how they do against the other countries.

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**Flu n Cold season and Sanitizer**

Flu and cold season are already upon us.... For this reason the studio has located in every studio, hand sanitizer. Each student will be instructed to wash their hands down with this cleanser after each class. If you DO NOT wish your child to have any of this cleanser then please provide them with your own, for use after dance class. We have also put Sanitizer in all the common areas of the studio for families to use as needed. Chicken Pox is now also making the rounds and we have had exposure at the studio the week of Oct 14-19th.

**Snow Days and Power Outages**

If we are experiencing a “snow day” please check the webiste to see if classes are cancelled because of the weather. We have many teachers who come in from Vancouver, Langley and Maple Ridge so we will determine the road conditions when making a decision. If we will be closed this will be posted to the website by 12 noon.

The message will also be posted on the answering machine however, if there is also a power outage the machine will not be working. The website is the best place to check for the most up to date information. Many of our teachers come in from Vancouver and we do not want to risk their well being to get to classes if families/students aren’t intending on coming to class themselves.

**Safety within the Parking Lot**

Please be aware that there are lots of little ones in our Parking lot. It has been brought to my attention that there have been some scares within the parking lot lately. Parents that are in a rush to get to class sometimes don’t realize how fast they are going in the parking lot. This has caused some stress to other parents. Please remember that it is okay to be late to class due to parking availability. We just want everyone to be SAFE in our parking lot. Please use caution and do not speed.

Please Note: We DO NOT allow younger students to leave the building without a supervisor. Please DO NOT instruct your child to exit the building on their own if they are 10 and under. We require (for your child’s safety) your child’s safety is MORE important to us. We would rather your child be picked up late than to risk an injury from a child running the gauntlet of the parking lot. Any child not picked up can wait in our office for as long as needed.

**ADC PAC upcoming Activities**

Hi Everyone,

Costume fundraising is coming to a close with Lamontage due this week. Neufelds, coupon books, first aids kits and Krispy Kreme sales were all a great success. Thank You to all who participated.

The PAC is continually planning fun dinner nights, activities and fundraising opportunities so keep an eye on the bulletin board, email, Facebook page and google group for up and coming information.

Please Contact PAC Directly, and not the studio, anytime at ADCPAC2014@gmail.com

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Oct 18th - Lamontage Orders Due
Oct 20th - Booster Juice Dinner Night
Nov. 3rd - Party Basket Raffle Tickets Due
Nov 8th - ADC Burger and Brew
Nov. 15th - Purdy's Orders Due

- Nov. 17th - Milk and Cookies Day
- Dec. 6th - Holiday Babysitting Night *
- Dec. 18th - KFC Dinner Night
- Jan 3rd - ADC Studio Skating Party*

*(Sign up required) space is limited.

Remember to have your child wait for you INSIDE THE STUDIO.

For safety reasons we ask that student wait inside the stairwell for pick up

Please Note that ADC will be closed on Saturday, Dec 20th