



April 2010 Newsletter



We hope everyone enjoyed their Spring Break and have returned re-energized. We're very excited as we prepare for our "Dance to the Beat" Informal Recitals in May—only 6 weeks to go before the performances. (Don't forget we still have 3 lessons after the shows.)

Our summer schedule is now available and we are taking registrations. The summer session is Mon., 6/21 through Sat., 7/31. The cost is \$100 for 6 1-hr. lessons. The schedule is available in the studio, as well as, on our website.

We are still accepting registrations for our fabulous summer dance camp for girls (ages 8 to 17) at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD. The camp is from Sun., 7/11 through Sat., 7/17. Come and join us for an awesome week! The cost is \$630 (\$300 was due 3/1, \$165 was due 4/1, and the final payment of \$165 is due 5/1). If you haven't registered yet, the cost is \$650. Your daughter will have an awesome time!

We will be distributing our 2010-2011 Schedules during classes in May.

Important Dates:

- **"Taste of Wheaton"** – Sun., 5/16. Come and enjoy the wonderful ethnic cuisines of our Wheaton restaurants and watch our students perform at 1 p.m.
- **Final tuition payment** – May. Please include ½ June (i.e. \$58 + \$29 = \$87, etc.) All accounts must be paid in full for the dancers to participate in the Recitals.
- **Memorial Day** – We will be closed Sat., 5/29 and Mon., 5/31 only.
- **"Dance to the Beat" Informal Recitals** – Sun., 5/23 @ 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy, 13300 Arctic Avenue, Rockville. Check the lobbies for the line-ups to see when your child will be performing. Please arrive ½ hr. prior to the performance time.
- **Last day of classes** – Mon., 6/14.
- **Registration for 2010-2011 School Year and Dance Supplies Sale** – Les Gals Warehouse will be at the studio on Wed., 8/25 from 4 to 8 p.m. You may register at that time for the new school year, if you haven't already.
- **1st day of classes for the 2010-2011 School Year** - Wed., 9/1

The costume trim will be distributed during your child's classes. Tickets for the recital (\$9 each) will go on sale at the studio soon.

Our competition groups competed in the **Headliners Regional Competition** (3/19-3/21) in Columbia, MD:

- ❖ Winning **Gold & 2nd High Overall** were our Jr. Competition Group (Ms. Nathalie Blanco's Mon. 7 Hip Hop Class)--Ms. Heidi Fay, Ms. Naomi, Ms. Tatiana, Mr. Kiel, Ms. Adriana, Ms. Yarimar, Ms. Myesha, & Ms. Ariela.
- ❖ Winning **Elite Gold** were our Sr. Competition Group (Ms. Nathalie Blanco's Mon. 8 Hip Hop Class)--Ms. Nile, Ms. Britni, Ms. Julianna, Ms. Brianna, Mr. Kevin, Ms. Monica, and Ms. Kelly.
- ❖ Winning **Silver** were Ms. Kelly and Ms. Dorienne who performed a Duet choreographed by Ms. Laura Tucker.
- ❖ Winning **Gold, the Judges Award, and Outstanding Performance in the Senior Division with the 7th High Overall Soloist** was Ms. Sara performing a Solo choreographed by Ms. Laura Tucker.

The **VIP Competition** (4/10-4/11) in Baltimore, MD was cancelled due to an insufficient number of entries.

Our final competition will be **Showstoppers** (5/14-5/16) in Woodbridge, VA. All of the groups mentioned above will be competing, as well as, the 2 Trio groups (Ms. Michelle, Ms. Lily, and Ms. Naomi & Ms. Libby, Ms. Mary, and Ms. Zoe. Their dances were also choreographed by Ms. Laura Tucker.

We will be receiving information pertaining to the competition and will pass it along to the dancers and their parents as soon as we get it. If you are available, please come and root them on. You'll be amazed and they will appreciate your support. It's a great experience for your younger dancers to see the level of the older dancers and what they can aspire to do. They look great in their WSD warm-ups too! Let's show the Wheaton Studio of Dance pride. Good luck boys and girls!!

Thank you for your continued support. It is our privilege and pleasure to teach your children and, hopefully, to instill the love of dance that we share.

Happy Dancing!
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