

October 2009 Newsletter

We hope you had a relaxing summer. We've had a wonderful start to our new school year! It's very exciting to see all our dancers, parents, and teachers so enthusiastic.

We are fortunate to have our terrific teaching **staff** returning this year: Ms. Julia, Ms. Sylva, Ms. Nathalie, Ms. Amanda G., Ms. Amanda K., Mr. Brook, and Ms. Rolanda. Of course, I will be teaching again this year. We'd like to extend a special welcome to our new staff members: Ms. Laura, Ms. Sara, Ms. Nile, Ms. Kelly, and Ms. Shauntrese. Our friendly and efficient office managers will also be returning this year: Ms. Inge and Ms. Bev.

We'd like to remind you that our **Observation Week** is Monday, November 2nd through Saturday, November 7th. Two (2) adults per child are invited to observe their child's class at the regular class time. Due to space restrictions, no siblings are allowed. You may bring your camera or video camera that day. **Please remember that this class is the first lesson of the month and your tuition is also due that day. A late fee will be assessed after the 7th of the month.**

Other items to remember include:

We **only** follow MCPS closings for inclement weather (i.e. snow, etc.)

We will be **closed** for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26th and Friday, November 27th. We will **reopen** on Saturday, November 28th.

If you have to miss a class due to illness or other situations, please make arrangements to make up that class. We do not keep track, so you may make it up at your convenience. However, we would appreciate it if you informed us when you will be absent. **Again, please remember your tuition is still due by the 7th of the month even if you are absent. You may pay in person or by mail. We accept cash and checks only—no credit cards or postdated checks.**

Just a gentle reminder: Please refrain from double parking your car and coming into the studio. It is dangerous, ties up the flow of traffic, and illegal.

Some personal news I'd like to share--We welcomed our daughter, Savannah Marie, to the world on August 18th. She has dark hair and was 8 lbs. 1 oz. and 20-1/2 in. long. My husband, Leon, our son, Gavin, and I are very happy. We are all doing extremely well and appreciate your kind wishes. I hope to have updated pictures soon!

Happy Dancing!
Shannon Rush-Locke

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