

MVMT DANCE CENTER

Recital Newsletter 2017

This packet will provide all the information you will need regarding our annual recital “Legends, Divas & Superstars”. Please read through all the information, keep it in a safe place & refer to it as needed. We will do our best to run on time according to schedule. Your cooperation and adherence to requested arrival times would help keep us on track. Please remember that all of the scheduled events are exciting for your child to be a part of. These events are for them; they are our stars. Please help us keep this excitement alive and have it be a stress free time for our children. They have worked very hard for this and have been looking forward to it for many months. Please be sure to read through the recital information provided as well as the specific costume instructions pertaining to your child that are attached in the packet. Please bring any concerns to our attention immediately.

Dress Rehearsal is Saturday June 3rd, 2017 and Recital is Sunday June 4th, 2017 Both the dress rehearsal & recital will be held at Becton Regional High School in East Rutherford. It is a fully air-conditioned, 1,008 seat auditorium with ample viewing from all seats. (Directions are included as a link on our website)

DRESS REHEARSAL

Dress Rehearsal will be **Saturday June 3, 2017** beginning on stage at 9:30am. Attached you will find a schedule for dress rehearsal. **Your arrival time & onstage time are listed on the dress rehearsal schedule.** It is not necessary for all dancers to be at dress rehearsal the entire time. Dancers should arrive based on the arrival time listed on the dress rehearsal list in costume, ready to perform. This will allow us to keep moving, and in the event we are waiting for a dancer to change, there will be others ready to go. It is important that each dancer be in full costume with hair done as instructed, and the costume fully sewn, as per your **costume instructions (available on the website)**. We can then determine if hairpieces are secure, and if hairstyles work as planned. Adjustments will be made as needed. We don't want any unexpected “surprises” on Sunday during the show. Once a class has gone on stage and rehearsed their dance, they will be brought back to the dressing room. At that time they are free to be taken home. Once we have moved on to the next dance, we will not be able to re-rehearse any dance. Please plan to be on time so that your child will not miss her/his turn on stage. We cannot hold up the dress rehearsal for an individual, it is unfair to the class who is present, and to those who are waiting their turn.

The order of dances for the dress rehearsal is NOT the same as the order for the recital. Please review both lists.

NEW: Families will receive 2 wristbands for Dress Rehearsal. There will be no admittance to dress rehearsal without a wristband. Siblings DO NOT need to wear wristbands. If you wish to purchase additional wristbands they are available for \$10 per person. Additional wristbands can be purchased along with your recital tickets.

Flash photos and video cameras will be allowed at Dress Rehearsal ONLY. To protect the rights of the children & choreographers, videos ARE NOT allowed to be posted to social media sites.

RECITAL DAY

Recital is scheduled for **Sunday June 4, 2017**. This year we will be showcasing all of our talented dancers in 2 shows: Matinee show at 10:30 am, followed by our Afternoon show at 2:30 pm. Both shows will be broken down into 2 acts: Act 1 & Act 2. The two acts will be separated by a short 10-minute intermission. Attached you will find a list of dances in each of our shows. Actual show orders will be posted closer to the recital day.

Please plan to arrive at least 45 minutes prior to show time. Girls must be dropped off in the gym & boys in the cafeteria. Everyone will need to check in with the dressing room chaperones before the start of the show. Chaperones will be with the children the entire time they are there. Parents will be responsible for changing their children if they are in more than 1 dance. Please arrive in costume with hair and make-up done. Children who require car seats may get dressed at the recital so that the buckles in their seats do not wrinkle their costumes. Please plan your arrival time accordingly. We will provide crayons & coloring books as well as video feed of the recital to keep the younger children busy. They will have access to bathroom facilities and will only be allowed to go to the bathroom with a chaperone escort. Children may have a plastic water bottle backstage.

NO FOOD OR DRINK of any kind (with the exception of water) will be allowed backstage at any time. Please refrain from bringing any food or drink that may stain.

No flash photography or video cameras will be allowed in the auditorium during the recital.

Please be sure to leave ample time to get to the high school. We will have security directing any traffic the day of the recital and parking is minimal.

FINALE (MANDATORY) & AFTER SHOW DETAILS

We ask for all dancers and families to stay until the completion of our recital, as we will have all students on stage for our Finale and final bow. It is a chance to close our show with all of our hard working performers on stage together as a group. Following the grand finale all children will be brought back to the dressing room.

Children will not be released to their parents in the hallway. Please have **1 adult** come to the gymnasium (girls) and/or cafeteria (boys) to pick your child(ren) up. This will keep crowding to a minimum. Please be sure to retrieve all of your child's belongings from the dressing room. We will not be responsible for items lost or left behind. **All children 10 & under will need to be signed out of the dressing room. This is done to ensure the safety of our students.**

DRESSING ROOMS

Dressing rooms will have assigned seating for both the dress rehearsal and recital day. The girl's dressing room will be in the **GYMNASIUM**, in which each class will have assigned seats. There will be signs posted around the gym stating the name of the dance, the day/time of the class. Students in more than one dance will have seats assigned next to one another. The **BOYS** will have their own designated dressing space in the **CAFETERIA**. **NO MEN ARE ALLOWED IN THE GIRLS DRESSING ROOM AT ANY TIME DURING THE DRESS REHEARSAL AND THE RECITAL.** We would also like to limit the adults entering into the dressing room to immediate family members only! This is for the safety of the dancers.

RECITAL TICKETS

The ticket lottery will begin on April 24th and run through until May 6th. Tickets will be available for pick up at the end of May, an email will go out as to when they are ready for pick up. **There will be a discounted rate for families attending both shows, if purchased within the lottery. Please see the ticket request form for details.** Please request as many tickets you would like: in the event the show sells out all families will definitely receive 10 tickets. Tickets will also be available the day of the show. Please let us know if you are bringing a child that will be sitting on your lap. Lap children (under the age of 3) will not require a ticket. To avoid any confusion when entering the auditorium, lap child will need to wear a wristband, which will be included with your ticket order. Any child sitting in a seat will require a ticket, as the seating is assigned. Tickets will be taken at the door of the auditorium upon arrival at the recital. Recital programs will be available at the door.

***All accounts must be up to date and paid in full before you will be allowed to pick up tickets. This includes your final installment payment along with any other existing balances.**

Tickets will not be given to the children - they need to be signed out by an adult.

STUDENT TICKETS (\$10/show) will be sold for children with one dance only (no age limit). Please see the ticket request form for details. You will need to bring your child back to the dressing room 8 dances prior to their performance & finale. The volunteers will not come to get any child from the audience. We will not hold or repeat dances for any missing students. Students with tickets need their costumes covered when they are in the audience. ****You do not need to purchase your child a ticket if your child will be staying in the Dressing Room for the duration of the show. Students will be able to watch a live feed of the recital in the dressing room.**

PHOTO DAY

Our recital costume photographer is Karen's Clix. She will be in the cafeteria at the Dress Rehearsal on **Saturday June 3, 2017 from 9:00am – 1:00pm**. Order Forms are available in studio and on website and will also be available the day of. Only individual or sibling photos will be taken, NO class photos. If you do not wish to have recital photos of your child, you do not need to attend. A schedule of available appointment times will be posted inside the studio. You may sign up for a photo time when you drop off or pick up your child from their regularly scheduled classes. Each appointment slot is for one costume. If you are ordering a photo package for more than one

costume you must fill out two time slots. If you are taking pictures in more than 1 costume, please allow time to change in between appointments. Please sign up at a later time than your first costume appointment time to allow your child ample time to change their costume. Walk up appointments may be available the day of.

Parents are not allowed in the photo area. It allows the photographer to capture the best possible photo of your child. For example, if the dancer blinks or moves, we will be able to see it right away and the photo will be shot again. Photo's take 6-8 weeks to produce and will be available at the studio for pick up. Emails will be sent out when the photos are ready for pick up.

RECITAL DVD

There will be a professional video of each show taken at the recital by our videographer X-Cap Productions. DVDs are available for purchase both prior to the recital, and on the days of the dress rehearsal and the recital. Order forms are available at the studio. There will be a discounted price for families that would like to purchase both shows. **The last day to order DVD's will be the day of the recital. No orders will be accepted after the recital.** Checks are paid to X-CAP directly. DVD's take approximately 14-16 weeks to produce and will be available at the studio for pick up. Emails will be sent out when the DVD's are ready for pick up.

In order to maintain the highest video quality, we ask that you refrain from getting out of your seat during the dances. This way we will not have anyone blocking the dancers on stage in the video. **STRICTLY ENFORCED: ***ANYONE WHO IS SEEN VIDEOTAPING OR USING A RECORDING DEVICE OF ANY KIND DURING THE RECITAL PERFORMANCES WILL BE ESCORTED FROM THE AUDITORIUM AND WILL NOT BE READMITTED.*****

TUITION RAFFLE

Purchase your ticket for your chance to win free tuition for the 2017-2018 school year, a total value of \$550. The price is \$5/ticket. You can purchase tickets up until the intermission of the 2nd show. The winner of the tuition raffle will be announced at the end of the 2nd show. Cash or check only.

GIFTS, FLOWERS & LOGOWEAR

Located in the cafeteria for your convenience, an assortment of gifts, flowers and MVMT logo wear will be available for sale. You can pre-order your flower bouquets and we will have it ready for you at the venue.

AUDITORIUM RULES: NO FOOD OR DRINK is permitted in the auditorium. Also, please do not allow small children to sit on the floor in the aisles during the show. It is a safety hazard. Children may be in the way of a performer or a parent trying to exit the auditorium. The auditorium will remain dark from the start of the show until intermission, and then again after intermission until the end of our show.

All balloons will need to be held at the front desk, as it is a safety hazard in the auditorium and not allowed by the school.

Please respect that it is distracting to the young dancers and also gets in the way of the videotaping to move out of your seat during a performance. **You will only be allowed in and out of the auditorium between dances.**

The teachers and assistants at MVMT Dance Center are very proud of all of our students.

Enjoy yourselves and have a wonderful show!

RECITAL HELPFUL HINTS

- ⌘ **NO eating or drinking is permitted while you are wearing your costume. Water is OK.**
- ⌘ **NO jewelry is to be worn whatsoever.** Performers are not allowed to wear jewelry of any kind on stage. Please leave it home. We will not be responsible for any jewelry or valuables.
- ⌘ **NO fingernail or toenail polish of any kind.** If your toes are not exposed during any part of the show, toenail polish need not be removed.
- ⌘ **NO GUM CHEWING ALLOWED**
- ⌘ **NO underwear is to be worn underneath performance tights.** All performers have been given tights that match their outfits. Wearing tights gives a smooth appearance without the bunching of underwear.
- ⌘ **Please** be sure to remove all temporary tattoos a few days in advance to prevent any left over residue that will be seen when a costume is on. This is also important for photo day as well.
- ⌘ Please be sure your name is in everything you will be bringing to the dress rehearsal and recital. This includes costumes, shoes, hairpieces, tights, etc. If you are in more than one dance, bring hangers for the other costumes. It is helpful to prepare a list ahead of time of everything you will need to bring. Your teacher can help if needed.
- ⌘ Wear some stage make-up. Nothing too excessive. Blush and lipstick for younger children, eye shadow may be added for older children. The lights are bright and without makeup, facial skin looks washed out and pale.
- ⌘ If you are wearing hair elastics, bobby pins, etc. make sure that the colors match your hair color. Wear only the decorative headpiece (if any) that has been provided with your costume. Attach any headpieces as instructed by your teacher. Please ensure all hairpieces are pinned and secure.
- ⌘ Hair nets should be worn around all hair buns. This keeps the bun secured to head and prevents flyaways. Hair nets are inexpensive and are usually sold in packets of more than one net. Please make sure the hair net color matches your hair color. Use hairspray and hair gel to fix hair in position.
- ⌘ Check all shoes and make sure all taps are on securely. Tie all laces well, repair any torn soles, and trim long laces to prevent tripping on stage. Be sure that all ballet shoes have elastic across the instep of the foot & have the laces tucked inside the shoe.
- ⌘ Children should arrive in costume ready to go at both the dress rehearsal and the recital. Younger children who require car seats may get dressed at the show. If this is the case, please make arrangements to arrive earlier so that your child is ready to go on time.
- ⌘ If your costumes need alterations, sew as directed. Do not use safety pins. Follow sewing instructions. If you are unsure, please ask.
- ⌘ If sequins or other trim cause some skin irritation, use Johnson & Johnson Clear Adhesive Tape for protection. Apply it to the inside of the costume where it is causing irritation.
- ⌘ Carefully remove all tags from your costume so they will not show.
- ⌘ **Costume Hint:** For costumes that are wrinkled, hang them in a bathroom while someone is taking a hot shower (outside the shower stall) and wrinkles will straighten. Hang costumes with tutu like skirt upside down in the bathroom and skirts will fluff.
- ⌘ The most important thing to remember is your **SMILE!**