



KIDS IN MOTION FAMILY HANDBOOK

Welcome to Kids in Motion's 2017/2018 Dance Year! Here is an overview of our studio programs, important dates, policies and additional information that can be accessed throughout the season to help assist you and improve your experience at K.I.M!

ABOUT

Kids In Motion (K.I.M.)

Kids In Motion offers high quality dance training, in a non-traditional dance studio setting. Our mission is to enrich our students' lives through the art of dance, imaginative play and the power of creativity. By engaging students in social and physical activity, we hope to lay the foundation for a healthy, balanced lifestyle. We firmly believe that dancing and the performing arts can be a catalyst for self confidence, strong social skills and a joyful life.

SEASONS

2017/2018

The Kids In Motion Dance Year is divided into 4 Seasons:

FALL

Tuesday, September 5 - Monday, December 18

**No Classes October 7-9 & October 31 from 3:30pm classes onwards*

**Parent Watch Weeks - October 17-23 & December 12-18*

Tuition based on 14 classes & classes are technique focused

WINTER

Tuesday, January 2 - Monday, April 30

**No Classes February 12 & March 19-April 1*

**Parent Watch Weeks - February 20-26 & April 24-30*

Tuition based on 14 classes & classes are choreography focused

SPRING

Tuesday, May 22 - Monday, June 18

Tuition based on 4 classes

SUMMER

2018 Dates TBD

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PROGRAMS

At Kids In Motion, we offer non-traditional, high quality training in Parent Participation Rhythm Babies/Rhythm Kids, Ballet, Jazz, Hip Hop, Highland, Tap, Musical Theatre, Acro, Breakdance & Motion Dance Co. (Lyrical, Jazz & Ballet). For a description of classes visit kidsinmotiondance.com and hit "Register/Log in".

Motion Dance Company (MDC)

Motion Dance Company is a performance focused program, designed to greatly enhance a dancer's skills and artistic ability. The program is modeled after the experiences of professional dance companies, giving students opportunities for artistic creation, collaboration and a deeper knowledge and experience of the dance world. MDC choreography will focus on mainly on jazz, lyrical and ballet, but additional disciplines such as musical theatre, highland, acro, hip hop and tap will be incorporated as well to create a well rounded and diverse dance company.

Who is this program for?

This program is for dancers ages 7+ who want to incorporate dance into their lives and dedicate themselves to growing as a dancer and performer. The program requires a high level of commitment to weekly technique, ballet & choreography classes as well as extra rehearsals and workshops/performances.

If you would like more information on the requirements, tuition and registration for MDC, please email jess@kidsinmotiondance.com



LEVELS

What Level should my dancer sign up for?

Pre - Allows 2.5yrs (no experience necessary, must be at least 2.5yrs)

Pre/Kinder - Min age 3yrs (no experience necessary)

Kinder - 4-6yrs (no experience necessary)

Level 1 - 0-3 years experience in discipline or 6-10 years of age

Level 2 - 3-6 years experience in discipline or 8-12 years of age

Level 3 - 6-8 years experience in discipline or 10-14 years of age

Level 4 - 9+ years experience in discipline or 15-18 years of age

**1 year experience = Full Year (Fall & Winter Sessions consecutively) in a specific discipline starting with level 1 classes (pre & kinder classes do not count towards years of experience).*

These are general guidelines and instructors will let parents know in the first couple weeks if we feel the class is too easy or too hard for your dancer

Motion Dance Co. (Placement is based collectively on ability, experience and age)

Novice - 1-4 years ballet or MDC experience

Junior - 3-6 years ballet or MDC experience

Intermediate - 5-8 years ballet or MDC experience

Advanced - 9+ years ballet or MDC experience

STUDIO ETIQUETTE

We ask our K.I.M. Families to please review these few notes:

- **Only dance shoes are allowed on the dance floor (or socks, or your bare feet)**
- **Absolutely no food in the studio**
 - *If you have back to back classes, please email me if your child requires a snack*
- **Please label your water bottle & only put water in it (no juice or milk)**
- **Be on time. Doors open 5 minutes before class begins**
 - *Please avoid dropping off more than 5 minutes before class, this is your teacher's prep time, but do be on time to avoid disruptions*
- **Use the washroom before class**
 - *This minimizes class disruptions and maximizes dancing time*

Thank you everyone!!

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CLASS ATTIRE

Acro

- Shorts, fitted leggings or footless tights with a bodysuit or tight fitted top (no loose clothing or flared dance/yoga pants please)
- Bare Feet
- Hair pulled back off the face in a ponytail, braid, bun etc.

Ballet

Pre, Pre/Kinder & Kinder (All Ballet/Jazz combo classes Jazz attire is also acceptable)

- Easy to move in and fitted clothing such as tights, tutu, bodysuit, leggings, fitted shirt etc.
- Leather Ballet shoes (no padded slippers please) or bare feet
- Hair is to be pulled back off the face in a bun, ponytail, pigtails, french braid etc.

Ballet 1, 2, 3, 4

- Leotard colour of your choice
- Pink ballet tights (FYI the tights are called pink but look white), a light ballet skirt is allowed, but may be asked to be removed to see body alignment by instructors
- Pink leather ballet shoes
- Hair is to be pulled back off the face in a bun, ponytail or french braid.

Highland

- Body suit, fitted shirt or tank top
- Shorts/kilt or skort with knee high socks (knees must be exposed to perform proper placement and sock sits just below the knee)
- Hair must be pulled back off the face in a bun, braid or ponytail
- Black Highland Shoes, which can be found at Tartantown (first year dancers can wear black ballet shoes)

Hip Hop & Breakdance

Tot Hip Hop

- Athletic clothes, no jeans
- Long hair pulled back off the face
- Bare Feet or Clean, indoor, flat soled sneakers

Hip Hop/Breakdance 1, 2, 3, 4

- Athletic clothes, no jeans (pants that cover the knees are better for knee slides)



- Long hair pulled back off the face
- Clean, indoor, flat soled sneakers

Jazz

Pre/Kinder Jazz (all combo classes ballet or tap attire is acceptable)

- Athletic, form fitting clothes such as leggings, tights or yoga pants, a tank top, bodysuit/leotard or form fitted t-shirts. No jeans
- Hair pulled back off the face in a ponytail, braid, bun etc.
- Bare feet

Jazz 1, 2, 3, 4

- Athletic, form fitting clothes such as leggings, tights or yoga pants, a tank top, bodysuit/leotard or form fitted t-shirts. No jeans
- Hair pulled back off the face in a ponytail, braid, bun etc.
- Beige leather jazz shoe (bare feet is OK for the Spring Session only)

Musical Theatre

- Form fitting clothes such as leggings, athletic shorts, tights, yoga pants, a tank top or athletic top, bodysuit/leotard or form fitted t-shirt. No jeans
- No shoes required
- Hair pulled back off the face in a ponytail, braid, bun etc.

Rhythm Babies & Kids

- Comfy clothes for both you and your child
- Bare feet or socks/slippers with grip for your child

Tap

Pre/Kinder Jazz (all combo classes ballet or tap attire is acceptable)

- Form fitting clothes such as leggings, athletic shorts, tights, yoga pants, a tank top or athletic top, bodysuit/leotard or form fitted t-shirt. No jeans
- Black tap shoes
- Hair pulled back off the face in a ponytail, bun, braid, pigtails etc.

Tap 1, 2, 3, 4

- Form fitting clothes such as leggings, athletic shorts, tights, yoga pants, a tank top or athletic top, bodysuit/leotard or form fitted t-shirt. No jeans
- Black tap shoes (level 2+, no Payless Shoes, they don't fit properly for this level)
- Hair pulled back off the face in a ponytail, bun, braid, pigtails etc.



Where can I find this attire?

New Attire

*Please do not buy padded slippers from H&M or other stores, they are not real ballet shoes and are dangerous to dance in

- ***The Dance Box*** on North Road (Dance Specific Attire, All Shoes except highland)
- ***Walmart*** (Seasonal Dance Attire, sometimes Ballet/Tap Shoes)
- ***H&M and Sears*** (Seasonal Dance Attire, sometimes Ballet/Tap Shoes)
- ***Payless Shoesource*** (Ballet, Tap and Jazz Shoes)
- ***Other*** many stores have kids athletic sections now, these make great “fitted dance attire” outfits

Used Attire

- ***K.I.M. Shoe & Clothing Swap Program*** (Any used shoes and dance attire can be labelled with your name and asking price and we will sell it for you! All items will be out for display the first week of the Fall & Winter Sessions to purchase, but are available year round. Items are non-refundable)
- ***Once Upon A Child*** in Coquitlam by IKEA



TUITION

The Seasons tuition is due one week prior to the Season start date. Fall & Winter Deposits must be paid at the time of registration in order to be placed in the class. Please note:

- A **\$20 Non-refundable Deposit per class** is required at the time of registration for the Fall & Winter Seasons. This deposit is not an additional fee, but will go towards your total tuition payment and will hold your place in class.
- **Tuition is due 1 week prior to the Session Start date.** Payment options will be emailed to you on your tuition statement.
- A **\$10.00 Recital fee** is automatically added to all Winter Classes except Rhythm Babies & Rhythm Kids. Please email us if you know that you will not be attending.
- **K.I.M. reserves the right to give up your space in class** if tuition is not paid in full or post dated cheques are not received one week prior to the Season start date

Seasons Tuition

30 minute classes - Fall \$100, Winter \$100, Spring \$30

45min classes - Fall \$190, Winter \$100, Spring \$50

1 hour classes - Fall \$210, Winter \$210, Spring \$55

1.5 hour classes - Fall \$225, Winter \$225, Spring 65

Regular Tuition Fees do not apply to Motion Dance Co.

All prices include GST

Discounts

Sibling per Season

Fall \$20, Winter \$20, Spring \$5 off each additional sibling
(Must be immediate family)

Multi-Class per Season

First Class - Full Price

Fall \$10, Winter \$10, Spring \$5 off class 2, 3 & 4

Fall \$50, Winter \$50, Spring \$10 off class 5 & 6

Fall \$100, Winter \$100, Spring \$20 off class 7 & 8

Fall \$150, Winter \$150, Spring \$30 off class 9 & 10+

Multi-Class Discounts do not apply to Motion Dance Co.

How Can I Pay?

Credit Card

Log into your parent portal account and pay off your tuition or balance by credit card.

**E-Transfer**

Pay off your remaining tuition through your online banking Interac E-Transfer sent to jess@kidsinmotiondance.com

Cheque

You can pay off your remaining tuition by mailing a cheque made out to Kids In Motion to Mrs. Jessica's home mailing address:

Jessica Hanson
703-850 Royal Ave
New Westminster BC
V3M 1A6

Exact Cash

Please email jess@kidsinmotiondance.com to set up a pre-arranged time to come in and pay. Cash payments must be exact cash.

Instalments by Post Dated Cheques

Instalments are available by request. E-mail jess@kidsinmotiondance.com to inquire.



POLICIES & WAIVERS

Refund Policy

Class deposits are non-refundable. To withdraw from a class, written notice must be sent to jess@kidsinmotiondance.com.

If you wish to withdraw and the season you are registered for has not begun, the non-refundable deposits per class are retained by K.I.M and the remainder of the paid tuition will be returned to the payee.

If you wish to withdraw and the season has begun, your account will be credited for the remaining classes in the season. This credit never expires and can be used for any family member or friend towards any classes, workshops or camps offered at K.I.M. as long as space is available in the desired class.

Missed Classes

Missed classes are non-refundable, non-transferable and non-creditable towards other sessions. Missed classes can be made up in any appropriate class that has space within the same session. Please let Jessica know in advance the date you would like to schedule a make-up class. Make-up lessons are not guaranteed and may not be available. Missed class and studio closures due to extreme weather are not refundable. However, a make-up class will be scheduled for anyone who can attend.

Waiver

I (legal parent/guardian) of student(s) on my account, realize that participation in dance classes and activities could involve some possible personal injury. Despite precautions, accidents and injuries may occur. By agreeing to this waiver, I (the participant and parent/guardian) assume all risks related to the use of any and all spaces used by Kids In Motion: Creative Arts Studio. I/we agree to release and hold harmless Kids In Motion: Creative Arts Studio including its teachers, dancers, staff members, and facilities used by both entities from any cause of action, claims, or demands now and in the future. I/we will not hold Kids In Motion: Creative Arts Studio liable for any personal injury or any personal property damage, which may occur on the premises before, during or after classes. Furthermore, I/we agree to obey the class and facility rules and take full responsibility for my/our behaviour in addition to any damage I/we may cause to the facilities utilized by Kids In Motion: Creative Arts Studio. I/we understand that Kids In Motion: Creative Arts Studio is a licensed, accredited and insured organization. In the event that I/we should observe any unsafe conduct or conditions before, during or after classes, I/we agree to report the unsafe conduct or conditions to the Creative Director, Jessica Hanson, as soon as possible.



**This waiver must be agreed to online or in person before your child can participate at Kids In Motion. We will be checking before classes begin to ensure everyone has agreed to or signed the waiver*

Photo/Video/Likeness

By registering at Kids In Motion, you, the legal parent/guardian of the student(s) on your account are made aware that Kids In Motion: Creative Arts Studio reserves the right to photograph and film students in their classes for advertising and publicity purposes, including but not limited to our social media outlets including Facebook, Instagram and Twitter, our website, and any printed advertising such as brochures, posters and newspaper articles, as well as teacher education resources including, but not limited to, instructional videos for the purposes of training new staff or teaching the dancers. Students' names and private information will never be used without permission by parents. If you do not wish to have your child's image used in any of the above listed advertising or promotional locations, notice must be given in writing and can be sent via email to jess@kidsinmotiondance.com. You also are made aware that Kids In Motion: Creative Arts Studio does allow parents to take photos and videos during, but not limited to, parent watch days and recitals.

ALMOST DONE!

We know that was a lot of information, but please do refer to this Handbook if you have any questions and feel free to email us, jess@kidsinmotiondance.com for any clarification or additional inquiries.

***From all of us at K.I.M. we look forward to an amazing 2017/2018
Dance Year!***