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Dear Parents and Students,

I would like to take this opportunity to say how proud I am of the progress of our students. I love to see your eagerness in learning to dance, and I look forward to seeing your continued progress in the upcoming months. Parents please feel welcome to bring any questions, concerns or details regarding your child's progress to myself and the other teachers. Please don't hesitate to speak with us!

OUTDOOR FOOTWEAR:

Please remove all outside footwear at the entrance, and place on the shoe rack provided. This will ensure that nobody trips over all the shoes in the entryway and that during the wet and snowy season the dancers shoes and stockings remain dry and clean. Thank you.

VIEWING WEEK: Adult family members are invited to come into the studio and view their dancers progress during the week of Nov 30th – Dec 5th. This is also the last week of classes for Preschool dancers so parents are invited to come and watch the last class. Please note: Younger siblings can sometimes be a distraction for the dancers who are taking class, so please be prepared to leave the room if necessary. Thank you.

ATTIRE: Dancers, please make sure that your hair is neatly pulled back and appropriate dance attire is worn to all classes. A neat and tidy appearance is an essential part of dance discipline. Hip Hop students please wear only clean, non- marking, indoor running shoes inside the studio. Thank you.

PROMPTNESS: We ask that you arrive on time to prevent class disruptions. Proper warm up occurs at the beginning of each class and is extremely important in the prevention of injuries. Please be on time to pick up your child and encourage them to wait inside the building until your arrival. Teachers cannot be responsible for children after classes are dismissed because classes run consecutively.

ABSENCES: Dance training must occur regularly to improve skills. Irregular attendance may affect the ability to improve. Unfortunately, make up classes are not offered. If you or your child is going to be absent from class, it is appreciated if you call ahead to notify us. This way we will not worry about the absence.

PERFORMING GROUP TRY OUTS:

WHAT IS IT: Dancers in this performing group will take part in the Dance Power festival held during the week of APRIL 13-18, 2010 at the Yates Theatre. This is a fun and positive festival which includes dancers from Lethbridge, Calgary and Medicine Hat.

WHEN: Try out is SATURDAY DEC 5th: 12:30 – 2:30pm. (Many younger dancers may be excused earlier than 2:30pm. We will have a volunteer at the studio to assist dancers with phoning home when they are ready to be picked up)

DRESS: All dancers are to wear a bodysuit and tights with hair in a bun or pulled all the way off their face. Dancers who take more than one dance discipline should bring their shoes for each of the disciplines.

WHO: Performing Group is for dancers that are 5yrs of age or older. **Dancers must currently be enrolled in ballet and one other dance discipline, or asked to join Performing Group at the request of Miss Janielle.** This try out is for those students who are not currently involved in a competitive/festival class who are interested in being challenged further and having another performance opportunity. It is also for dancers who are currently in competitive classes who are interested in being part of a group, solo, duo other than their current class.

WHY: This try out is set in place to give teachers a clear idea of where dancers are best placed (ie. in a solo, duet or group.) Dancers must be willing to perform in a group if that is where they are placed.

HOW: The teachers place dancers by height and how well the dancers look and perform together. For this reason note dancers of different ages and different levels WILL be combined.

REHEARSALS / FEES: There will be extra rehearsals held on weekends from December to April. Dancers are only allowed to miss two rehearsals. There are also extra fees for rehearsals, entry fees and costumes. Further details for those interested will be in the Performing Group notice placed for you in the bulletin board area.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

The studio will be closed for Christmas break from Dec 14th, 2009 – Jan 3rd, 2010. Classes for full year students commence again on January 4th.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2009/2010

Nov 30 th – Dec 5 th	Viewing week for Full Year classes (Sept – June)
Nov 30 th – Dec 5 th	Last week of sessional classes (Sept – Dec)
Dec 1 st -	Online registration begins for winter session
Dec 5 th	Performing Group Try Outs
Dec 14 th – Jan 3 rd	Christmas Holidays - Studio Closed
Jan 11 th	Winter Sessional classes begin
Feb. 15 th – 21 st	Teachers Convention – No Classes
April 11 th – 15 th	Dance Power Festival
April 2 nd - April 16 th	Spring Break – No Classes
June 4 th	Last day of Classes
June 4 th , 5 th & 6 th	Dress Rehearsal & Recital for full year students

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please don't hesitate to call.

Happy dancing!

Sincerely,

Janielle Scott
Director, Exisdance Projects