

The S.P.A.C.E.

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Newsletter

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February may be the shortest month, but there's no shortage of fun at The S.P.A.C.E.!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for **Bring A Friend Week!** If you didn't get a chance to try a class with us and would still like to register for Term II – it's not too late! Please contact Linette at The SPACE to ask about pro-rated fees for this term.



Some of our friends have birthdays this month! Happy Birthday to Juliana J, Eva C, Luke S, Cambie H, Sasha K, and our Music Director Erynn Brook!

Another **Food Drive Class Challenge** for **Kennedy House Youth Shelter** is on this month! All February long, each non-perishable food item our students bring in earns a point for their class, and you can help, too! **Kennedy House** helps youth in our community, and through our Food Drive, we want to send a Valentine to those who need it most.

Speaking of valentines – we also have valentine Celebration Week this month! From **February 10 to 16**, we'll celebrate love and friendship while wearing red, white, and pink to show our valentine spirit. We have a prize in each class for the Best Dressed Valentine!

Share some love with your family, too!
Saturday, February 17 to Monday, February 19, The SPACE is CLOSED for the Family Day long weekend, and there are no classes. Classes resume on February 20. Have a great weekend!

Register now for our upcoming **LITTLE MERMAID MARCH BREAK CAMP** – space is limited but we have room for YOU! If you're aged 6-12, we'd love you to join us for some dancing, acting, and singing, plus a special performance showcase at the end of the week. A full day program from 9am-3pm for only \$299 for the week. And to share the love, we're extending NO HST until February 14!

It's **Black History Month** - check out the music & books by and about black artists in our lobby – biographies, plays, & more! The diverse culture we enjoy in Canada today has been enriched by these artists, and this month we celebrate their contributions and achievements.

Linette is touring schools for Black History Month with two shows: "Viola Desmond Won't Be Budged" and "Sweet Clara And The Freedom Quilt". Interested in having a show at your school? Contact Arts Express at arts.express@sympatico.ca!

Our Ballet and Jazz/Hip Hop students who are eligible for exams will find out more about exams this month. Exams offer students an excellent way to measure and celebrate their progress in class.

Every other year, we mount a full scale musical for our year end show, and this year we are thrilled to announce that we will be doing **MARY POPPINS!** That's right, everyone's favourite nanny hits the stage in June, in a show that's practically perfect in every way. Students will begin working on their pieces in class after March Break. Mark your calendars now: we will have two shows this year – a matinee and an evening performance on **Sunday, June 17** at the beautiful Betty Oliphant Theatre. Show times and ticket information will be available after March Break. Please speak with Linette if you have questions about tickets or would like to know more about our show. We're looking forward to a fantastic performance, and hope to see you there!

A great show needs great costumes! We measure all our students in class to ensure a perfect fit. We work hard to make sure everyone has a special costume for the show that looks great on stage, and offers good value for parents. All performers get their own custom costume – and they get to keep it after the show!

All of our students get to perform in the show with their class, and we also make a few spots available for students to audition solos, duets, or trios! Some students choose to audition pieces to work with



friends in other classes, while others enjoy the opportunity to show what they can do outside of class. Everyone gets the month to prepare, and then we hold auditions just before March Break.

Did you know that our studio floor is a special dance floor? That's why we remove all outdoor footwear in the lobby, and bring our coats and other things downstairs. We want you to feel welcome if you come into the studio, so please feel free to have a seat and observe a class in progress anytime!

Cecchetti Day takes place February 11 this year, and at the National Ballet School, and we have a number of our Ballet students attending. This is an opportunity for our students to meet and train with other ballet students from across the province, and it is always a lovely day.

We also have a performing opportunity for our students to strut their stuff for the crowd at a **Brampton Beasts hockey game!** On **Sunday, April 8**, our students will perform the Dance In The Stands at the game, and we'll have a special dance zone set up for friends to drop by and learn some moves with us. Friends and family can join us at the game with tickets at the special price of just \$20 (tax included), so let us know if you'd like to join us!

Valentine Celebration Week, show prep, the Food Drive – we've got LOTS going on to help you beat the February blahs! Please feel free to drop by anytime, and you can drop off donations for our Food Drive. If you dress up in red and white during Valentine Celebration Week, you can come by the studio for a special treat!

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