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Newsletter

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February may be the shortest month, but there's no shortage of things to tell you about!

Thanks to everyone who brought friends to **Bring A Friend Week** – and welcome to our new friends! If *your* friend still wants to register, it's not too late!



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

We also celebrate Valentine's Day this month! Valentine Celebration Week will run from **February 12 to 17**, and we'll have special activities in class to celebrate love and friendship. Dress up in red, white, and pink to show your valentine spirit – there'll be a prize in each class for the Best Dressed Valentine!

Help us share some of the love with **Kennedy House Youth Shelter** with another **Food Drive Class Challenge!** All February long, each non-perishable food item you bring in earns a point for your class(es) – at the end of the month, the class with the most points wins! Let's send a Valentine to those who need it most.

Company members have a shorter first Saturday of the month rehearsal this month - **Saturday, February 3 from 6:30-8:00pm.**

The SPACE is **CLOSED** for the Family Day long weekend and there are no classes from **Saturday, February 17 to Monday, February 19.**

If you're aged 6-12, we'd love you to join us for **MARCH BREAK CAMP!** We'll have lots of fun dancing, acting, and singing, plus there's a special performance showcase at the end of the week as we present THE LITTLE MERMAID. Space is limited but we have room for YOU! Our full day camp from 9am-3pm is 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!](mailto:arts.express@sympatico.ca)

Ballet and Jazz/Hip Hop students who are eligible for exams this year will get more info this month. Please speak with your teacher with any questions.

Sunday, February 11 is Cecchetti Day at the National Ballet School! Dancers who registered will receive an email with details.

Every other year, our year end show is a full musical, and this year we're doing **MARY POPPINS!** All students will be involved in the show, and it's going to take some schedule coordination. Students will begin work on their pieces in class after March Break, and starting in May, we'll need to bring students in different classes together to rehearse. This means we won't have a regular class schedule in May, and to create a rehearsal schedule that works for everyone, all students need to send their availability to Linette by the end of the month. We need your availability Monday to Friday from 4:00-9:15pm, and Saturdays from 9:45am-6:30pm – let us know if you have piano on Thursdays, or play soccer in the spring, or can't make it to the studio before 5:15pm. It's very important that all students attend all scheduled rehearsals. Students who miss three rehearsals in May or June may not be permitted to perform. Everyone must be available for Final Rehearsal Week June 11-16; we cannot accommodate absences that week. We will have a matinee and an evening performance on **Sunday, June 17.** All students perform in both shows. Please mark these dates in your calendars and check dates for school shows or other commitments. The full schedule for show dates and rehearsals will be available after March Break. Please speak with Linette if you have questions about rehearsals or scheduling. We're looking forward to a great show!

A great show needs great costumes! Students will all be measured in class. All performers need to purchase a costume to participate in the show, and your costume will be yours to keep! Costume prices are as follows:

- Creative Movement - \$65
- Beginner Classes (6-8 years) - \$75
- Junior (Classes (9-11 years) - \$85
- Elementary/Senior Classes (12 & up) - \$100
- Adult Students - please ask your teacher

Costume fees are non-refundable & MUST be paid by Saturday, February 24. A \$10 late charge applies to fees received after that date.

When you purchase your costume, you are committing to participating in the show, which means attending all scheduled rehearsals. Costume refunds cannot be issued for any reason, including students not performing due to absences from class or rehearsals.

Class fees for Term II are now past due. If you have an outstanding balance on class fees, it must be paid before making costume payments. Any costume payments received will be applied to outstanding class fees first.

While all students will perform in the show with their class, we also have a few spots for students to audition solos, duets, or trios! If you're interested, please sign up on the bulletin board. You have all month to prepare. Auditions will take place on **Saturday, March 10 at 6:30pm.**



There's another sign up sheet on the bulletin board – to perform at a **Brampton Beasts** hockey game on **Sunday, April 8!** Performers see the game FREE, and friends and family can get tix for just \$20. Please sign up to perform or carpool.

A couple reminders for winter: our studio floor is a special dance floor – please remove all outdoor footwear in the lobby, and bring coats and bags to the basement where there are coat hooks rather than leaving them in the lobby, so that everyone has a place to sit when waiting for their children. It's also a good idea to arrive a few minutes earlier than usual so you have time to change out of your winter gear and be ready for class on time. Latecomers can disrupt a class that has already begun, and having a little extra time can make a BIG difference, especially for young students who need a few minutes to get settled.

Valentine Celebration Week, show prep, the Food Drive – LOTS to help you beat the February blahs! Please remember to get costume fees in on time. See you in class!

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