

REMINDER OF IMPORTANT DATES

November 13	Costume Deposit Due	December 6	Downtown Graham Chriskindmarkt
November 17-20	Observation Week	Dec. 22-Jan. 1	Christmas Holidays
November 20	Dance at Twin Lakes	Jan. 5	Classes Resume
November 22	Burlington Christmas Parade	May 4-7	Dress Rehearsals
November 26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday	May 8-9	Programs
December 6	Graham Christmas Parade		

REMINDER: NO JEANS FOR DANCE CLASS / HAIR PULL IN BUN (BALLET) OR PONY TAIL (if possible)

PARADES Hope you have picked up your sweatshirt for the parade? If not, please ask at the reception desk. The receptionist will get it for you. Reminder: to be on the CoPA float or in one of the CoPA dancing units students need to be wearing a CoPA sweatshirt ___ chaperones too.

Hint: Drop off your children, if you aren't completing the parade with them, after you make sure they are with a chaperone or staff member, go to the end of the parade. Pick them up AS SOON AS they finish the parade ___ NOT at the end of the parade. When all children but a few have been picked up, the children left become worried. We can't allow a child to walk back to "where they saw" their parent as they were performing in the parade. Safety is our utmost concern and that is one of the reasons we love having parents walk with our groups. The more eyes the better. Your help makes us all enjoy the parade and see the joy through your child's eyes.

Observation: During the week of November 17-20, you are invited into the dance class to see the progress our students have made. This is a regular class that gives the students the first opportunity to perform for "an audience". Remember: that fact may make them more nervous and, of course, there are extra distractions that are not part of our normal class.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES We will be having small parties at the end of each class during December 15-18, the week before Christmas break. If your child has food allergies, would you bring a suitable snack from him/her to eat and drink? We serve small store bought cookies and water or soft drinks.

STATEMENTS We will remind you one more time and then take for granted you know. Here goes ___ Each month you will receive a statement for the items due for the next month. It will state "Amount Due Now". Unless you have a late payment, your bill is NOT reflecting tuition that is DUE NOW. Look at the date of the item and that will let you know the month the item is due. You are not behind if you receive a statement ___ it is most likely just our reminder. If you have an item that has not been paid, there will be a \$15 late fee starting in October. Always ask us if you have questions. We assume you understand your statement unless we are questioned.

REHEARSAL AND PROGRAM DATES - Costume Deposits (\$35 each are due November 13)

During November, we will be placing classes in particular programs for the May performance. We try to place families with more than one class or family in the same show. This isn't possible for everyone, but we try. If you have a conflict with a dress rehearsal date or program date, please let us know now so that can be taken into account. It is almost impossible to make changes after the class divisions have been made. Classes may have every student in the class involved in additional classes. So, you can see how many classes and students are affected if a class is changed.

Carolina Dance Masters Fall Convention and Pageants

All of our students and staff had a great week-end at the Carolina Dance Masters fall convention. On Saturday and Sunday, they took class in ballet, tap, lyrical, jazz, musical theatre, hip hop, contemporary and acrobatics. Tori Melby, the Stars director, is on the CDM board as the past president. The board members raised money for CDM scholarships by having a volleyball contest. We are glad Ms. Tori dances instead of playing sports. What fun ___ she always gives whatever she does her all. There was a flip flop contest. Talie Patalano was one of the 5 winners. You might see her wearing her prize winning flip flop creation on some of the warm days. King Neptune's Ball was the theme of the formal awards banquet on Saturday night where Tori and her mother transformed the banquet hall into an under sea adventure land. On Saturday night, Blair Foust was a part of the Teen Miss Dance Pageant. She was beautiful, posed and her talent was awesome. You should have heard her cheering section in the audience. Blair was a wonderful representative of the talented students at CoPA ___ WE WERE PROUD AS PROUD COULD BE.

Toys For Tots We will be a drop off point for Toys For Tots. If you would like your child to contribute to the Christmas for a local child, please bring an unwrapped gift and place it in the box in the lobby.