



## October Dance Notes

### Reminder of Important Dates

October 1	Sweatshirt Orders Due
November 13-15	CDM Convention & Pageant
November 16-19	Observation Week
November 12	Costume Deposits Due
November 21	Burlington Christmas Parade
November 25-26	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 5	Graham Christmas Parade
December 5	Downtown Graham Chriskindlmarkt
December 21- Jan. 3	Christmas Holiday
January 4	Classes Resume

**Email-** Please make sure we have your email address.

**Medical Forms-** Please make sure you have completed a Medical Form & Acknowledgement of Studio Policies. If you haven't, please stop by the office and pick up a form.

**Halloween Costumes-** Young students may wear their Halloween costumes to dance class the week of October 26-29. The exception is acrobatic classes. Since the costumes may tear or hinder a trick, **acrobatic students DO NOT wear costumes to class.**

**Statements-** Each month you will receive a statement for items due. Please review your statements carefully and let the office know if you have any questions. Tuition is due before the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. Late fees will be added to accounts not paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> starting in October.

**Costume Deposits-** costume deposits are due November 12. Most 3-5 year old classes will have only one costume deposit for tap/ballet. Instructors work together to find one costume to fit both tap & ballet dances.

**Rehearsal & Program Dates-** Please mark your calendars- dress rehearsal & recitals will be held the week of **May 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Parades-** Thanks to Cierra Payne's granddaddy, Wayne Payne with Diesel Engine & Heavy Equipment Repair for providing and driving our parade float. It is big and we can have a lot of adults. Each student riding may have 1 adult with him/her. You do not need to sign up to ride. All students and adults participating in the parades must have the new COPA sweatshirt. Shirt orders were due on October 1. Parade information is available in the office for you to pick up.

### Carolina Dance Masters Fall Convention and Pageants

During the weekend of November 13-15, students and staff will enjoy taking class from nationally known faculty at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. Those attending the convention are Meredith & Hannah Thornton, Michelle & Isleigh Sharpe, Joanna & Haidyn Warren, Millicent Linens, Jo Brantley, Tori Melby, Mikayla Storey, Caylee Johnson, Veronique Faucette, Brianna & Caitlyn McCall, Cameron Marine, Sommer Smith, Maci Smith, Ceara Corbett, Alexa Squires, Addison Strader, Madelyn Rainey, Kaitlyn Downs, Talie Patalano, Aniya & Aysia Bradsher, and Kelly Albright.

Preliminaries for the CDM Pageant were held on Saturday, September 26 and the contestants were Kaitlyn Downs, Aysia Bradsher, Sommer Smith, Mackenzie Brown & Blair Foust. The following will go on to compete for Junior title Aysia Bradsher & Sommer Smith and Blair Foust will be competing for the Teen title.

**Family News-** Chuck & Meredith Thornton are expecting another addition to their family on May 1.

**Student News-** At Dance Masters of America Nationals in DC, Aysia Bradsher's solo won a Gold, Mariah Rieves & Aysia Bradsher performed a duet that received a Platinum & overall duet for the week, Mariah placed in the top 10 in the pageant, Aysia was 1 of 6 in a ballet class at Nationals picked by instructor to perform routine at the end of class. On July 17 Tammy Patalano presented a dance program of COPA. Sommer & Talie performed their solos and taught the children at the Liberty Public Library a dance. This was part of the library Be Creative At Your Library summer program.

**Star Students for September** – Kaitlyn Downs, Macie Smith, Taylor Cheek, Abigail Bradley

**Teacher of the Month-** August- Millicent Linens and September- Kim Black