

WELCOME

We are lucky to have your family at CoPA. Please let us know if you have questions or concerns. We like the chance to solve problems and make things better, if we can.

Attached to this DanceNotes should be: Acknowledgement Policy Book Parade Information Sheet
Parade Sweatshirt order form Calendar/Payment Costume Order Form

E-mails: We would like to have your e-mail address, if it isn't already in our system. What an easy fast way to communicate. Your address is only used for studio use. Each year I try to utilize this tool more. Maybe this will be a year to use it even more. I'll try to send reminders of up-coming dates and payments.

Statement / Tuition: You will receive a pre-bill each month. This statement will show items due for the next month. It will allow you the opportunity to see any overpayments that have been applied to the tuition for the next month. If you have questions on any item, please ask. Since the August/May and September payments are closer together than other months, we will not charge a late fee for September. However, starting October 10, a \$15.00 late fee is applied to accounts with outstanding balances due on tuition or fees. You may make payments by check, cash (get a receipt) or credit card. You may also fill out a studio form to have your payments drafted each month.

Outside Performances Centre students have been invited to perform at the following events. Notes to individual classes will be given. Wed., August 27 was suppose to find our Stompers Clogging Teams at the Alamance County Fair. The weather had different ideas and we were rained out.

Saturday, October 4 Some classes and teams will dance at 11:00 in downtown Graham near the courthouse for the Graham Business Association. These will be a bar-b-que cook off, car show and the Band of Oz will perform at 7:30.

Saturday, October 18 CoPA has been asked to perform at the Fall Festival at the First United Methodist Church of Graham / 303 N. Main St. We haven't been given a time to perform yet. This is a fun event with crafts for sale, inflatables and lots of food.

Saturday, Dec. 6 We will perform after the Graham Christmas parade near the courthouse. This is a full day of booths for shopping, entertainment and fireworks at the conclusion of the day.

If you are asked to perform, please let your instructor know if the date doesn't work into your family schedule and you can't perform. We need to know how many will attend from each class so that children will not show up be faced dancing by themselves.

Costume Deposits – Young students (3-5 year olds) will have only one costume deposit for tap/ballet. Instructors work together to find one costume to fit both the ballet and tap dances.

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Parents of young tap, ballet and acrobatic students - During the last few years parents have developed a system that works well when students are changing classes. Parents wait in the large lobby while the previous class is leaving the classroom before letting their child go the class. Students leaving class can then see parents more easily. Staff is also able to make sure every child is with an adult..

Reminder - Wear dancewear for all classes except cheer, clogging, and hip hop. No jeans! Hair needs to be pulled up and back from the face for all classes. Buns for all ballet students.

No gum!!

Please take all young students to the bathroom before class!! We, of course, always let students go to the bathroom when they ask in class. However, if we don't have an assistant in the classroom, the staff must make sure an adult is with the child leaving class. Also, there is a domino effect. Several more students "need" to go to the bathroom.

Food - Please be aware of the food that is dropped and clean up after yourself in the lobby. This would allow others to use the lobby and enjoy the space when the staff doesn't have time to clean between classes.

Dance Masters of America National Convention / Competition in Florida – Tori Melby and the Stars traveled to Disney World in Florida in July to compete and have fun together. The groups and solos were great as performed the wonderful routines. Tori also had a student from Sanford recognized in the Champion of Champions competition for the routines with the highest scores. Congratulations Tori's imaginative choreography was recognized when she received the Sherry Gold Choreography Award! Our North Carolina Chapter, Carolina Dance Masters, came home with two national winners! What talent we produce.

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September 2008

Preliminaries – On September 20, several of our soloists will travel to Sanford for selection in the Miss Pageant to be held in November in Greensboro. Students from around North Carolina, sometimes 40 in each age group, perform with the top 10 scores advancing to the Pageant in November. Blair Foust, Sommer Smith, Caroline Mundy, Bailey Foust, and Aysia Bradsher will attend. Good luck girls!