

Reminder of Important Dates

February 21	Hose Order Due	April 19	Individual Pictures @ Harper Studio
March 6	Costume Balance Due	April 24	Accounts Paid In Full
March 17-20	Observation Week	April 26	Dogwood Festival
March 20	T-shirt order due	May 5-8	Dress Rehearsal-Williams High
March 24-27	Spring Break	May 9-10	Programs-Williams High
April 10	Recital Fee Due	July 13-18	Stars at Disney in Florida
April 14-17	Group Pictures @ CoPA		

8 Week Mini Session Classes Offered during the months of March and April

No Dancewear or Shoes Required

Tuesday 11:00-11:45	Tap/Ballet	3-4 year olds	Micki
Tuesday 11:45-12:30	Acrobatics	3-4 year olds	Micki
Tuesday 7:15-8:00	Acrobatics	5-8 year olds	Micki
Thursday 5:00-5:45	Acrobatics	2-4 year olds	Carla
Thursday 5:30-6:15	Tap/Ballet	3-5 year olds	Micki

Adult Classes started February 7 – It's not too late to register!

Thursday 5:30-6:00	Tap	Adults	Lindsay
Thursday 6:00-6:45	Ballet	Adults	Sarah

We do not always follow the schools when school is cancelled because of bad weather. Often by class time the roads are safe although they were not at school start. Please call the studio when in doubt of class being held.

DANCE CLASS WILL BE HELD ON TEACHER WORKDAYS.

PROGRAM INFO

Dress Rehearsal – May 5-8, 2008
Walter Williams High School

Programs – May 9 and 10, 2008
1307 S. Church Street, Burlington

Attached is a form showing the show, dress rehearsal and dressing room assignment for each class. We tried to have each family only come to one show. Impossible unless the show started and didn't end ___ a marathon show. All classes had a relationship with other classes. We want the students to have fun on stage, enjoy their experience and know how pleased you are with their talents and efforts. We hope you will enjoy watching all the "little unexpected things" that make the programs so much fun. We realize that you come to see your "pride and joy" but we also hope that you will stay till the end of the show so each child can be in the finale dance and get that last applause and excitement of being on stage with all the other dancers.

GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL PICTURES IN COSTUME – Sheryl Harper from Harper-Canovai is doing the photography again!

Group Pictures: During the week of April 14-17 (Monday-Thursday) at CoPA we would like students to wear their costumes to class. During regular class time we will have a group picture made and dance in costume. We love using this time to make sure hair and make-up are correct and that there are no questions on accessory placement. This makes dress rehearsals at Williams High School a breeze since costume questions have already been answered. Our group pictures are great remembrances for years to come and we love using them on the display in the hallway. New students LOVE to see all the groups and start picking costumes they like and students they want to look like when they start dance.

Individual Pictures: On Saturday, April 19, Sheryl Harper will take individual pictures of students in costume at her studio at 125 Foust Rd. in Graham. There is a sign up sheet on the board beside the water fountain. We will work as many individual pictures into the schedule during the week of April 14-17 but cannot guarantee that individuals can be made. They have to be worked into time between groups since group photography is first priority. More time can be used to get the best pose on Saturday, April 19.

A price list will be posted on the board. We were very excited with our pictures last year ___ a wonderful experience for students, parents and staff thanks to Sheryl.

B & H Trophies will be at dress rehearsals May 5-8 (Monday thru Thursday) at Williams High School. Pick out and pay for your trophy gift at rehearsals and it will be on a table in the auditorium lobby, engraved and ready for you to pick up at our shows May 9 and 10. You may then present the gift to your child at the end of the shows after the finale dance as they are leaving with you.

Gifts for End of Program: Jo will have gifts (no flowers) and balloons available at the studio in April and in the Williams High School lobby during performances.

STATEMENTS In order for Costume Balances to show up on your account we will put March and April on your February statement. It will appear you owe more than is due. Our dance program is designed to only show amounts that are due on the 1st day of the next month. Your costume balances are due March 6 and will only show on a statement that has April tuition on it.

As dances are completed, our staff welcomes you to video the dance so students can practice at home. Our next observation date during the week of March 17-20 would be a wonderful opportunity.

COSTUMES are arriving ___ YEAH! We cannot give a student the costume to take home unless the costume is fully paid and the tuition is up to date. Please make sure your account is current. We feel like crying when we can't give a child a costume when all the other students are receiving theirs because payment is due.

Souvenir Program Book

There are now forms available from Centre Stars team members or at the receptionist desk to fill out to pre-order one of the Souvenir Program Books. Pre-order \$10 Purchase at the Door \$12

We hope students, parents and family members will enjoy looking at the book both now and in future years. I happened to meet someone that was in dance class with me from years and years ago. I went through pictures to find us together in class. What memories. I would have loved to go to a book to look for her picture . . . so much easier.

The order of the shows, pictures of students in class, ads and student pictures are included in the memory book.

There are personal ad order forms at the reception desk with a deadline of February 29. A donation of \$3.00 will be donated to Hydrocephalus Research Fund for every page created.

Centre Spirit Cheer Team

Lots of yelling at the Dean Dome in Chapel Hill for the Sweetheart Spring Loaded Classic Cheer Championship ___ the Centre Spirit Cheer Team was in the building. Who had more fun the cheer members or the parents? Toss up. It was fun seeing our teams who had grown from last year in stature and in technical stunts. We were extremely proud. Team 1 finished 9th and Team 2 took home a 3rd. We were all smiles. Michelle and Jennifer have worked with the team members to create fun, challenging routines. Great Job Girls!

The teams performed at the Champion Cheer & Dance All-American Cheerleader Competition in Greensboro February 9. Team 1 was 4th and Team 2 received a 2nd place. Some of our cheerleaders were recognized by All-American Cheer and Dance and the NFL Pro Bowl. *Meredith May, Nayeli Celedon and Natalie McNeill* have been invited to participate in a pro bowl in Hawaii. What an honor.

Our "Miss Kim" is coach for the Turrentine Dance Team who performed jazz, hip hop and lyrical at the competition. Several of her team members and our students also were selected. They are *Morgan Rudd, Natalie Damman, Abbigayle Brandenburg and Megan Butler*. Congratulations Girls!

NEWS OF STUDENTS AND STAFF

Talie Patalano: The Reflections program is sponsored by PTA. It is a program that allows students to express their creativity through visual arts, music, dance, photography, literature, and film/video production. The theme this year was "I Can Make A Difference By...." This year Guilford County had 56 schools that participated. The students first submit their entries at their school where they are judged. If they are winners, they move to the county level. Talie had the following entries that all moved to the county level, 2 visual arts, 1 photography, 1 literature, and 3 dance. At county she won 1st place for her dance entry "Even though I am a kid I can make a difference ", which was performed to I'm Just A Kid, by Simple Plan. She was judged on her choreography, costume that she designed, and how the song related to the theme. The judge was a dance instructor and also an employee of Showstoppers Talent Competition. At this point Talie's entry moves to the district level of competition. So let's keep our fingers crossed.

Kimberly Potts, our ballroom instructor, had a baby boy, Michael David Sanchez on October 7. He weighed 5 pounds 6 ounces and is adorable. Aren't children miracles?

The North Carolina School of the Arts offers classes for serious ballet students during the week-end of Feb. 22-24 at their Winter Festival. *Morgan Rudd, Jamie Barbuto and Blair Foust* will attend taking class in ballet tech, pointe variation, character, jazz and contemporary. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to meet and dance with students from all over North Carolina.