

September Newsletter



Dream Dance Studio, Inc.
2023

Welcome to Dream Dance!

Dream Dance Studio, Inc. is a family business. We were awarded "Best Woman-Owned Small Business" in 2015 by the Anderson County Chamber of Commerce. We are celebrating our 22nd year in business this year! The owner, Mrs. Olivia, has 10-year old twin boys in fifth grade and a 12-year old son in 7th grade. Our office manager, Mrs. Kay, is Mrs. Olivia's mother. If you need to get in touch with us when the studio is closed, try to send a message through the studio's Facebook page. We should respond on any weekday, and if classes are in session, you may call the studio for immediate information. We will try our best to keep you informed. Look for a letter like this one to come home during the first week of each month, and also to your email. We are so glad your family is part of the Dream Dance Community!

MEET YOUR TEACHERS: A small bio about each of our teachers and assistant teachers can be found on the bulletin board in the hallway to studios one and two. All our teachers are committed to fostering your child's self esteem!

TUITION Policies: A detailed explanation of tuition is part of the "Terms and Conditions" everyone agrees to upon registering for classes. There is also a page in the Parent Handbook devoted to tuition. We will email an invoice each month that you can click a link to pay your balance. You may also pay tuition with cash, check or card at the front desk. Remember to pay by the tenth day of the month to receive your discount! Also, if you are interested in setting up automatic withdrawals for your tuition, please stop by or call the front desk.

Recital Planning

This year's recital theme is still a mystery and will be announced around Fall Break. You can look for clues in our social media posts. Each class will have their own unique routine, costume, and song in our recital. The recitals for this year are tentatively scheduled for May 4th. The recital gives all of our students the opportunity to show off a year's hard work and is a great way for students to work together with their classmates to create exciting art in motion!

RECITAL COSTUMES

To insure all our costumes arrive in time, we will be ordering the last week in November. Some of you have already started making costume deposits (good for you!) to ease the financial strain in November. Many families like to make payments each month, and I would like to encourage everyone to do this, especially families that are ordering several costumes. The average cost is \$80-\$85 per class due by November 30th. We are also planning to do our Popcorn Fundraiser again this year. Look for more details.

Bring a Friend to Dance!

September 18-22

September 18-21 is "Bring a Friend" week, and dancers may bring one friend to each class to receive a prize. Students will become teachers this week as they help their friends learn more about the art of dance! Studies show that when a student explains something, or teaches it, they develop a greater understanding themselves. I am excited that each student will have this opportunity on "Bring a Friend" week. Friends can also be siblings, cousins, etc. "Friends" who are close to the same age of our students are recommended. This will be a great week of friendship and fun!

Student of the Month:

Ella Duggins

Ella is our first student of the month this year! She was chosen because of the joy she brings to dance, her willingness to learn, and her beautiful dancing! She is in 6th grade and takes dance ministry, ballet, jazz, modern, tap, hip hop and dream team. Ella is a joy to have in class because she is respectful and a hard worker. To find out more about Ella, check out the bulletin board outside studio one. Way to go, Ella!

Each month, Mrs. Olivia will select a student who stands out in class. We are looking for dancers with great attitudes, respect, and work ethic. Students of the Month will receive a prize, and at the end of the year, each student of the month will be recognized during dress rehearsal.

Dream Team and Dance Conventions

We have already held our auditions for Dream Team, the intensive dance team here at Dream Dance. I would like to congratulate the following dancers for making the 2023-2024 Dream Team: Lacy Boyd, Miranda Childs, Ella Duggins, Norah Hamner, Addi Herrell, Kadence Peavley, Lydia Pyles, Caitlin Schmitt, and Mia Warren.

Dream Team gets to participate in 2 dance conventions and will perform at regional competitions. If your dancer is interested in being on Dream Team one day, I encourage you to try to attend one or both of the dance conventions with us and talk to one our staff about it! We are planning to host an in-studio convention in January and attend Dance Makers in Greenville, SC in March.

Calendar of Events

September 4: Labor Day, No Classes

September 18-21: Bring a Friend to Class

**See paragraph to the left for "Friend Week" details*

October 9-12: Fall Break, no classes

October 23-27: Halloween Dress Up Week

