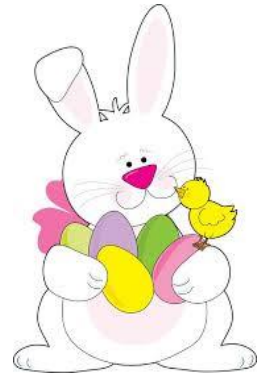


FUN 'N' DANCE LTD. - APRIL NEWSLETTER 2024

We hope that all our students and their families had a safe and enjoyable spring break and we welcome you back for our final and *busiest* term. This newsletter contains **important** information about the year-end performance and registration for next year, so please read it *carefully*. Thank you!



April Fees

April fees are now due and *we would prefer fees to be paid by email transfer to office@funndance.com* Monthly fees are due on the **1st day of each month** unless an alternative date has been arranged with Miss Julie.

Last Class for Storybook Ballet

A reminder that the last Storybook Ballet class will be held on **Saturday, June 1**, there will be in-person parent viewing on this date. The last monthly fee payment for Storybook ballet will be due on **May 1, 2024**.

2024 YEAR-END PERFORMANCE – “THE SNOW QUEEN”

Our year-end performance of “*The Snow Queen*” will take place at the end of May at the *university theatre* in the *University of Calgary*.

The performance will involve all students currently registered in the school except for students in our *Storybook Ballet and Adult classes*. Our rehearsal day at the theatre is booked for **Thursday May 23** (rehearsals will take place throughout the day with a dress rehearsal starting at 6.00pm, so please be aware that some school will have to be missed). There will be 2 performances, one on **Friday May 24** and the second performance on **Saturday May 25** both starting at 6.00pm.

Year-End Performance Fees & Consent Forms

At the beginning of March, all students in participating classes received a **performance consent form** by e-mail; this form should now have been completed, signed and returned with the correct performance fee to Miss Julie. The performance fee helps cover the cost of renting the theatre for 3 days and includes a student’s costume rental fee. By returning the completed form and performance fee, you are confirming your child’s participation in the year-end performance. If you have NOT yet returned your consent form, then please do so **as soon as possible** as Miss Julie needs to know *immediately* of anyone unable to participate in the performance. This is very important as choreography and organization of costumes is already well underway. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the year-end performance, please call Miss Julie at **403-289-6493** or e-mail her at office@funndance.com

A reminder that good attendance over the next several weeks is **very** important as Miss Julie, Miss Natasha, Miss Amanda, Miss Mikaela and Miss Alena will be teaching and cleaning choreography during regular class time. Thank you!!

Rehearsals for “The Snow Queen” at Fun ‘n’ Dance

One week *before* the performance we will be holding extra rehearsals at the **Rosedale community centre** for all participating students. These rehearsals are **COMPULSORY** for ALL students and will take place upstairs in the dance studio on **Tuesday, May 14** and **Wednesday, May 15** from **4.30 to 7.00PM** both days. These Tuesday and Wednesday rehearsals will replace ALL regular classes on these days, ***please note*** classes will run *as normal* on **Thurs. May 16**. The rehearsal schedule will run as follows:

Tuesday, May 14 (in dance studio) – 4.30PM to 7.00PM

First Half of “The Snow Queen”:

ALL STORY CHARACTERS

Inter. Lyrical – *demons/mirror*
Pre-Prim. Ballet (Miss Natasha) – *ladybugs*
Gr. 5 Ballet (Miss Natasha) – *roses*
Gr. 1 Ballet (Miss Natasha) – *Jack Frost*
Jr. Tap (Miss Amanda) – *icicles*
Begin. Acro. (Miss Mikaela) – *ice crystals*
Gr. 2 Ballet (Miss Julie) – *snowflakes*
Pr. Tap/Jazz (Amanda) – *little Gerda + Kay*
Beginner Tap/Jazz (Amanda) – *snowmen #1*
Primary Ballet (Miss Julie) – *snowmen #2*
Gr. 6 Ballet (Miss Julie) – *river*
Pre-Prim. Ballet (Miss Julie) – *buttercups*
Gr. 7 Ballet (Miss Natasha) - *flowers*
Gr. 4 Ballet (Miss Julie) – *flowers*
Senior Contemp. (Miss Alena) - *roses*
Inter. Fdn. Ballet (Miss Julie) – *nightshade*
Disc. Rep. (Miss Julie) – *seasons*
Gr. 6 Ballet (Miss Julie) – *ladies in waiting*
Pre-Inter. Tap (Miss Amanda) – *suitors #1*
Sr. Jazz (Miss Alena) – *suitors #2*
Inter. Fdn. Ballet (Miss Natasha) – *shadows*
Gr. 5 Ballet (Miss Julie) – *maids*
Gr. 3 Ballet (Miss Julie) – *horses*

Wednesday, May 15 (in dance studio) – 4.30PM to 7.00PM

Second Half of “The Snow Queen”:

ALL STORY CHARACTERS

Inter. Jazz (Miss Alena) – *SQ helpers*
Inter. Acro. (Miss Mikaela) – *ice puzzle*
Jr. Jazz (Miss Amanda) – *robbers*
Jr. Hip-Hop A (Miss Mikaela) – *trolls #1*
Gr. 4 Ballet (Miss Natasha) - *reindeer*
Gr. 8 Ballet (Miss Natasha) – *N. Lights*
Gr. 3 Ballet (Miss Natasha) – *Lapland dance*
Ukrainian (Miss Natasha) - *Ukrainian*

Gr. 2 Ballet (Miss Natasha) – *Finn dance*
Beginner Pointe (Miss Julie) – *angels #1*
Jr. Hip-Hop B (Mikaela) – *guards #1*
Inter. Pointe (Miss Natasha) – *angels #2*
Pre-Inter. Jazz (Miss Amanda) – *guards #2*
Adv. Pointe (Miss Julie) – *angels #3*
Jr. Lyrical (Miss Natasha) - *spring*
Musical Theatre (Miss Alena) – *trolls #2*

N.B.

Students should only attend on the days that they are needed (please refer to the lists above). Younger students in *Pre-Primary, Primary and Grade 1 Ballet, Beginner Tap/Jazz, Primary Tap/Jazz, Jr. Hip-Hop Group A and Beginner Acro.* will **not** be expected to stay for the full rehearsal and parents should arrange to pick them up at **6.00pm**. **ALL** other students will be expected to be in attendance from **4.30pm to 7.00pm** and we would recommend that they bring something non-messy to eat and drink and a quiet activity for when they are not dancing. Should there be any conflicts with the above schedule, please let Miss Julie know **as soon as possible** by calling **403-289-6493** or by e-mailing her at office@funndance.com

Rehearsals and Dress Rehearsal at the University Theatre – Thursday, May 23

A reminder that on **Thursday, May 23** we will be holding rehearsals *throughout* the day at the **university theatre** (therefore students will have to miss some school) followed by a full dress rehearsal starting at *6.00pm*. The **senior ballet students** (i.e. Inter. Fdn. Ballet and higher) will be at the theatre in the morning on **Thursday, May 23** until the end of dress rehearsal. All other students will be required to be at the theatre for afternoon spacing rehearsals **and** the dress rehearsal (a detailed schedule for the full day of rehearsals will be in the May newsletter). Students should make sure that they have brought plenty to eat and drink to the theatre with them as well as homework and other quiet activities to keep them occupied while they are not rehearsing. *A reminder that cell phones or ipads/laptops will be allowed in the dressing rooms for entertainment and homework purposes **ONLY**, the use of social media and taking photos/videos in the dressing rooms is **strictly forbidden** and will be closely monitored by parent volunteers and teachers.*

Miss Julie is still confirming the rehearsal schedule for **Thursday, May 23**, so should there be any concerns regarding students missing school, then please let Miss Julie know *as soon as possible* so she can address them, she appreciates that it is a busy time of year for everybody. Thank you!

Costumes

Costuming for our year-end performance is well underway and Miss Julie would like to say a **big 'thank you'** to all the parents who have volunteered to act as the 'group parent' for their child's class, this makes the organization of costumes for each class a lot easier. We are always in need of parents who are able to do simple sewing or gluing of costumes or headdresses, so if you

would be willing to lend a hand with the final stages of costume making, then please email Miss Julie at office@funndance.com and she will put you in touch with the 'group parent' for your child's class. Thank you!

Parent Volunteers

We are looking for parent volunteers to supervise the dressing rooms and to perform various simple tasks on the day of the dress rehearsal and during both performances, a list of jobs to be filled can be found below. A detailed schedule for volunteers will be put on the Fun 'n' Dance notice board by the front door in May, please look for your name and confirm your allotted time slot. Your time and efforts toward helping our performance run smoothly are *greatly* appreciated.

* **Dressing room supervisors** - (**24** volunteers for the dress rehearsal on May 23; **24** volunteers for the performance, May 24; **24** for the performance, May 25)

* **Cleaning-up after the performance** - (**6** volunteers for the performance, May 24; **10** volunteers for the performance, May 25)

Police Information Check for Parents Volunteering at Year-End Performance

To ensure a safe, secure and enjoyable environment for everyone during our year-end performance, we are requesting that all parents volunteering backstage during the rehearsal day and both performances please complete a 'Police Information Check' (PIC).

****N.B.** We have had to revise the letter parents need to attach to their PIC online application so it is personalized. Please email Miss Julie at office@funndance.com prior to applying so she can email you a letter specific to your application.*

If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to email Miss Julie at office@funndance.com or call the office at **403-289-6493**.

Tickets for the Year-End Performance

Tickets for both performances will be available for purchase online starting **April 15**. Details on how to purchase tickets online will be emailed to families once the tickets are released. The price of advance tickets purchased online is **\$26.00 for general admission** i.e. adults, children, students and seniors are all the same price (GST is included in this price). Tickets can also be purchased on both performance days prior to the performance at the box-office; box-office tickets cost **\$28.00**. There is no limit on the number of tickets purchased per family and the students would appreciate a large and enthusiastic audience to perform for.

Photo Day

Our photo day for the year-end performance will take place on **Saturday May 11** in the dance studio at the Rosedale community centre in the afternoon and evening. Cory Harding will be coming to take group and individual photos of the dancers in their costumes. Information on how to order photos online will be emailed to parents. A detailed schedule for the photo session will be made available as soon as it is confirmed.

Advertising in the Program

Miss Julie would like to offer the opportunity for local businesses to advertise in the year-end performance program. The cost of advertising is **\$60.00** for a *business card size* advertisement and the money would be put towards the cost of printing the recital program and other performance costs. All adverts need to be handed in to Miss Julie **no later than April 30th**. Thank you for your support.

SUMMER DANCE CAMP

We are *very excited* to be offering a Fun 'n' Dance camp this summer. The camp will run from **July 8 - 12** and is for students aged **5 to 12 years old**. Registration forms for the dance camp were emailed to parents with the February newsletter, they are also available on the Fun 'n' Dance website at funndance.com or funndance.ca

IN-SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2024/2025

In June we will be holding our *in-school* registration. This registration is open to all students currently enrolled in the school and siblings are also welcome to register at this time. A *tentative* schedule for the 2024/2025 school year will be available and by registering early, parents will **not** be required to pay the registration fee.

Registration information will be emailed to each family in June and will include a class schedule, list of fees, registration form, medical/waiver of liability form and consent to receive emails form. Should you wish to register your child(ren) for next year, simply complete the forms and return them to Miss Julie via email (photos or scans of the forms are fine) or in hard copy format.

Please do not hesitate to contact Miss Julie should you have any questions regarding registration.

