



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER



APA ~ Celebrating 21 Years

MAKE UP CLASSES

Please remember to get a yellow slip from the front desk when you are making up a class. Remember, NO make-up classes are allowed after January 31st.

FINAL COSTUME PAYMENT

The final costume payment is due **December 8th**. Any costume payment and/or costumes ordered after that date will accrue a \$10 per costume late fee. No costumes can be ordered after December 19th. If you don't order a costume, you can't be in the show!!

LIGHT STICKS

Did you forget to sign up for Light Sticks? In 4th grade or older? You still have time!

We have extended the deadline to December 15th!

Light sticks will be on MONDAY nights from 7:30-8:00pm starting February 6th.

For more details see the front desk. Don't wait!

Register! Our teachers are trying to plan and choreograph now!

KEEPING US INFORMED!

Please make sure you let the office staff know of any phone number, mailing address, or email address changes. Thank You!

STUDIO CONDUCT

Students, if you see someone misusing APA property, please say something!! **Parents**, please remind your students and their siblings that proper studio conduct includes respect towards our facility, as well as other parents and dancers! We KNOW dance is exciting, and we're so glad you feel the same way, but there have been a few too many accidents in the waiting area and dancers lounge. Please watch your tap shoes and dancing feet in the waiting room and lounge so we don't have people getting crushed fingers or kicked shins! Tap shoes, especially, are very painful to be on the receiving end of!

Also, we take pride in providing a state of the art facility right here in Montana, for you! Help us maintain it and keep your costs low. **Do not let your children play in the boutique area! Please watch your children at all times and don't allow them to run and jump around the facility and play in the bathroom, boutique, and student lounge.** We have already had many repairs on broken things, including furniture, decorations, and fixtures!

Finally, **dancers**, we have lockers in the bathrooms and cubbies in the lounge. The stuff that is being left lying about in the lounge and hallways needs to find a home in one of those areas before someone trips and is seriously injured! **Please put your coats, bags and backpacks away in a locker or cubby prior to dance classes or sitting in the waiting room chairs.** This will make more room for all of us!

Thank you for your help and consideration!

BOUTIQUE SALE

Looking for the perfect gift for your dancer this holiday season? Check out the holiday sale in the Technique Boutique! Now through December 19th! APA presents, *12 Days of Dance Class!* New sale EACH day of dance! No need to just sit and wait for your dancer to be done with class. Get your holiday shopping done at the same time!

CHRISTMAS BREAK

December 19th is the last class this month. Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd. All of us at APA would like to wish each and every one of you a very happy holiday season and a

fantastic new year. See you in 2017!

RECITAL INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding the information included in the Performance Packet, how the recital is run, rehearsal days, performance expectations, or volunteering, please don't hesitate to call, email, or stop by the front desk. We are happy to answer any questions you may have. We understand that you are given a lot of information this time of year, so make it easy on yourself and get all of your questions answered from the gals in the know.

FACEBOOK

Are you checking the APA Facebook page? You should be! You'll find updates, reminders, pictures, and Boutique Deals that won't be posted on the public page. If you haven't already, friend "Shoni APA" and we will be sure to add you to the VIP group!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sarah Gilbert - 12/4
Payton Edwards- 12/11
Emily Sweeney-12/11
Jaelynn Grotberg- 12/14
Kara Ort - 12/22
Abbigail Reynolds-12/27
MyKaelah Miller- 12/29

WHAT'S AHEAD

-Opening Number begins – 1/16
-Volunteer sign-ups - 1/23
-Show order and rehearsal schedule posted - 1/30
-Personal and Business Ad info available - 1/19

NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Abbigail Reynolds

Abbigail is new to APA this year! She is 7 years old, and in 1st grade. She is currently taking all of the 1-3 grade classes for her level which are: Ballet, Tap, and Jazz!

On why Miss Shoni chose Abbigail as November's Student of the Month: "Abbigail ALWAYS comes to class ready to learn. She is extremely focused and honed in every class! She comes dressed appropriately in a leotard, correct shoes, with her hair up, and does not fool around in class with friends, but instead listens intently to what is being taught and asked of her. She is excited to share what she has learned and practiced each week. She is a sweet little girl and always has a smile on her face! She aims for perfection and yet graciously takes corrections and applies them like a champion! I am continually impressed at her natural ability and her ability to focus so intently for 3 consecutive classes! Abbigail is a great asset and leader to others in her classes and yet is humble and sweet to everyone!"

Way to go Abbigail! We are proud of you!



Rihanna Sanchez

This is her second year at the academy, and I've seen such an improvement from last year to now! Rihanna's technique has really taken off. Her personality is starting to come out, and she is such a positive light in class. She's working hard in class and is kind to everyone. Rihanna's bubbly enthusiasm will make for great stage presence, so watch for her at the show! Great job so far this year! Keep up the hard work and great attitude!

Want to be Student of the Month? Each month, Miss Shoni, and Miss Erika will each choose a student who has demonstrated behaviors above and beyond expectations to become Student of the Month. Want that to be you? Then get in there and knock their socks off!

QUESTIONS?COMMENTS?

APA is open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2:00pm – 8:00pm. Call the office at 755-0139 or email us at academyoftheperformingarts@hotmail.com

October Star Students!



If you were a star student in Nov, please join us Dec 8th for a group picture at 6:45PM. (dance attire not required!)