

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

APA ~ CELEBRATING 21 YEARS

PERFORMANCE FEE

The \$45 Performance Fee is due February 9th. This fee helps APA cover the high cost of putting on the spring recital. This fee is assessed per performer, not per class.

Any fee turned in after February 9th will be charged a \$5 late fee!

NO MORE MAKE-UP CLASSES

As outlined in the Performance Policy, there are no make-ups allowed for missed classes for the rest of the year! Because every dance class is now preparing for the Spring Recital, any student joining in a class that is not their own would be lost! Please do your best to attend every class.

LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found is brimming with items in search of their owners. Please check the box in the girls' restroom and take your valuables home.

WHO DO YOU LOVE SALE!!

Take advantage of our ***Who Do You Love Sale!*** This month only, take an additional **20%** off all Jewelry and gifts! We have cute little Valentine's Day bags pre-made up from \$3.50- \$12.50!

Take an additional **20% off** of any dancewear with red, pink or purple on them! Includes sale items! Sale excludes tights.

SNOW DAYS

Should School District #5 be closed due to inclement weather, APA will also be closed. If APA will be closed for the day, the information will be on the answering machine by 1:00 p.m. Thank you for your understanding.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Parents! We are in need of volunteers to help out backstage for the Spring Recital! The show is always a big event and cannot run successfully without your help! Sign-up sheets are available at the front desk. As a parent volunteer, you will be in charge of a group of students backstage and helping them with their costumes, lining them up when called, and general crowd control. Volunteers also get to purchase four recital tickets before the general public! Spaces are limited, so sign up as soon as you can!

DRESS REHEARSAL AND SHOW ORDER

The final order of the Spring Recital and the Rehearsal Schedule are posted in the foyer. Please make sure to check your dancer's rehearsal times and dates and make the necessary arrangements to attend. **If your dancer does not attend dress rehearsals, they cannot perform!** Mark your calendars now and make arrangements to be sure you are at least 15 minutes early to your scheduled time for dress rehearsal! ***Just as a reminder, the rehearsal and recital will be at Whitefish Performing Arts Center this year!***

PERSONAL ADS

Make your dancer feel like the star of the show with a Personal Ad in our program! Create your own message just for them! Include a picture so everyone can see who your wonderful dancer is! Personal Ads turn an ordinary program into a recital keepsake, perfect for scrapbooks or journals. Information is available at the front desk. ***All ads due March 23rd.*** We are sorry but due to deadlines we will NOT be able to take ads after this date. Remember, with the

purchase of an ad, you will receive a free program.

Does not include personal text ads.

BUSINESS ADS

Our Spring Recital program is the perfect place for your business ad! Our annual dance extravaganza draws, on average, an attendance of over 750 people! That's 1500 captive eyes waiting to read about your business! See the front desk for more information. **All ads due April 10th.**

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Since you can't throw a pool party, why not a dance party?! Schedule a birthday party in the month of February and receive \$10 off your package choice. Parties must be scheduled in February and pre-paid. Good through March 31st! See Nikki for details and pricing.

ATTENDANCE

Please remember in the next few months that it is VERY important to attend your classes on a regular basis. We will be working on your show pieces so please be at all your classes! Keep up the great work! If you are sick, please call the front desk to let us know!! Our dancers are like family, and we worry when you're gone!

PHONE NUMBER OR ADDRESS CHANGES

Please be sure to let the office staff know of any phone number, address, email, or any other information on your account that changes.

PRACTICE!!

All classes are now working on their choreography, and some have finished and are cleaning & perfecting it! If your dance would like to be able to practice at home, please feel free to bring a blank CD to the front desk, and we will make you a copy of the music for their classes. Most of our music is cut, or a non-original version of the song, so practicing to iTunes might confuse your dancer. Also, if you would like, please let us know, and we will arrange for you to be able to record the dance at the end of the next class so you don't forget any choreography!

DAD DANCE

It's now time to sign up your dad for the dad dance! Rehearsals will be on Thursday's from 6:45pm – 7:15pm starting April 6th. Cut off to sign up will be March 2nd. In addition, this year, we ask that your daughter be available to come to some of the practices with you, as we will be incorporating them into this year's "Dance Like Your Daddy!"

LIGHT STICKS

Remember that Light Sticks starts February 6th from 7:30-8:00pm!

WHAT'S AHEAD

- Light Stick Begins February 6th
- Dad Dance classes begin APRIL 6th
- Spring Break is March 27th thru April 2nd
- Tickets for Volunteers go on sale April 3rd.
- Regular ticket sales – April 10th.
- Personal Ads due March 24th and Business Ads due April 10th.
- Class reviews & recommendations will be handed out, and VIP registration begins April 10th!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Eddie Davis – 2/3
Zipora Engelhardt – 2/3
Bailey Windauer – 2/10
Lila Talalotu – 2/16
Isabella AuClaire – 2/18
Braylynn Clarke – 2/20
Ryan Symmes - 2/21
Adelyn Blade – 2/28

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

Bailey Windauer

Bailey started at the APA in 2013 as a PreK dancer, and is now in second grade taking Ballet, Tap, and Jazz with Miss Shoni, and Hip Hop with Miss Erika. She, along with only one other 1-3 student moved up into Miss Erika's 4-6 Hip Hop class this year, and Bailey has risen to the challenge and caught Miss Erika's eye for Student of the Month, because:

"She has such a great attitude in class, and always works so hard. I only have Bailey for one class but that class is the "big kids" (4-6th) hip hop. Now, hip hop is a hard class anyway, but she holds her own and rocks it!! Paying close attention with laser focus helps her pick up and execute choreography quickly. She's also willing to help others if they aren't getting a step. Keep up the great work Bailey with all that potential we're excited to see how high you can climb!"
Way to go Bailey!



Bailey



Anastazia

Anastazia Loveless

Anastazia has been part of the APA family since 2013. She started as a 1-3 dancer, where she experienced ballet. She is currently a 4-6 dancer, whose focus is still ballet, in both levels offered for her age. Anastazia has great attendance, and can usually be found stretching and practicing in the lounge and hallway. As to why she was top student in January, Miss Shoni says, "Anastazia is a hard worker! She is very quiet, yet is always thinking, watching, and analyzing what I am saying and asking for. She strives for perfection in a quiet, humble way. When she can't master a step or a barre technique, or goes across the floor and struggles, you can bet she will work on it, and come back the next week with it practiced! Not only does she take corrections with grace, she can be seen applying them immediately and in the following weeks of class. She is very determined to do her best, and has a great passion for dance, which can be seen in her classroom work. She is very bright and has a lot of natural artistic ability! She always has a beautiful smile and a great attitude. She is very determined, yet compassionate towards her fellow classmates, and can also be seen helping them out with things they are struggling with in an encouraging and kind manner. You have a gift! Be proud and embrace it! I'm very proud of your hard work this year!" Well done, Anastazia!