

MARCH NEWSLETTER

APA ~ Celebrating 21 Years

ALL 1-3 JAZZ CLASSES

All 1-3 jazz classes will use their pink ballet slippers for their performances.

HIP HOP CLASSES

All 1-3 & 4-6 Hip Hop classes will wear the silver sparkly shoes, silver sequin shoes, or will need black jazz shoes. Jr/Sr Hip Hop students will wear their gold sequin shoes. If you would like to order sequin hip hop sneakers, please stop by the front desk. We will be putting in an order in two weeks!

RECITAL & REHEARSAL DATES

Don't forget to mark your calendars for rehearsal and performance dates and times! These dates are provided to you months in advance so you have the opportunity to plan accordingly. Be sure to let all additional caregivers know this information as well! Please be at least 15 minutes early for your scheduled rehearsal time, and 45 minutes early for recital. (30 minutes for PreK) If your dancer does not attend the dress rehearsal, they cannot perform - NO EXCEPTIONS! The rehearsal and performance

will be at Whitefish Performing Arts Center. If you have questions about your rehearsal and performance times, stop in and look at the information sheets in the lobby. Or talk to Nikki at the front desk!

SPRING BREAK

Spring Break is March 27th - April 2nd. No classes will be running that week and the office will be closed. Have a great break!

RECITAL T-SHIRTS

Recital t-shirts will be available to order until March 24th! They are \$20 each, and will have our recital logo, name and year printed on them. Check the front desk to see an image, and for the sign up sheet!

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 800 people! That's 1600 captive eyes waiting to read about your business! See the front desk for more information. All ad forms are due March 23rd!

MAY CLASSES

There will be no regularly scheduled classes the week of recital rehearsals and performances. The last regularly scheduled class day will be **May 4th**. Rehearsals and performances are counted as classes during the month of May.

PERSONAL ADS

Make your dancer feel like the star of the show with a Personal Ad in our program! Personal Ads turn an ordinary program into a recital keepsake, perfect for scrapbooks or journals. Prices start at just \$8.00! Information and forms are available at the front desk. All ad forms are due March 23rd!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

A big "thank you" to all of the wonderful parents who have already volunteered to help at the shows!! However, we are still in need of additional volunteers to help out backstage for the Spring Recital, **especially for our Pre/K, 1-3 classes!** 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 their recital tickets before the general public! (Limit 4) Spaces are limited, so sign up as soon as you can!

TICKET SALES

Recital tickets go on sale for volunteers Monday, April 3rd (limit 4 per volunteer). Regular ticket sales begin **Monday, April 10th**. All tickets are reserved seating. Tickets will be \$17 through April 30th. Beginning May 1st, tickets will be sold for \$20.

PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-registration for current students will be **April 10th – 30th**. Registration will open to the public on **May 1st**. **REGISTRATION FORMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT A SIGNED DANCE POLICY AND ESTABLISHED PAYMENT PLAN, INCLUDING ALL POST-DATED CHECKS.** Be sure to reserve your spot early! We had waiting lists on our evening preschool classes, 1-3 grade classes and 4-6 grade classes this year! Don't miss out on your favorite classes! **Class cuts and schedule changes will be made August 1st!**

V.I.P FAMILIES!

Want to be a V.I.P.? If you register **before May 1st** for next year's 2017-2018 dance season, you will be an APA V.I.P! What is a V.I.P? V.I.P's get lots of cool extras and perks and an average

savings of \$75 each dance season!

SUMMER DANCE WORKSHOP

APA has an AMAZING opportunity to host a Flow 40 Dance Workshop this summer! Two days, 8 classes, several genres! We MUST get 35 girls registered to book this workshop, so sign up ASAP!! For APA members, the cost is \$200--\$25 down now, \$100 by May 1st, and the remainder by July 1st! Normally to go to a workshop of this magnitude, we would have to travel out of state! No airfare, no hotels, no travel costs on top of the workshop, they are coming to us!

COSTUMES

If you have any questions regarding your recital costume, feel free to stop by or call the front desk. They have tons of experience dealing with costumes and will be glad to assist you!

DOUBLE CHECK

Check the cast list in the lobby to make sure your name is spelled correctly for the program. Inform the front desk if any changes need to be made. Any changes must be made by **March 16th**. Also, make sure you have at least one song to change costumes between your performance pieces.

PHOTO DAY

Dancer photo days are scheduled for April 7th and 8th. The schedule is posted in the foyer. Jr/Sr dancers –

please let the front desk know if you will or will not be attending pictures Photos will be taken by AM Photo at APA. Want to know more about the photographer? Check out the photo book at the front desk or visit the website: www.amphotobiz.com.

DAD DANCE

Calling all dads! We want YOU to be in our Dad Dance! If you saw the show last year, you KNOW how amazingly awesome the Dad Dance number was. You KNOW you could have pulled off those sweet moves and looked super-spiffy with those dollar bills. You KNOW you were jealous of the thunderous applause. Well? Don't just be jealous! Be a part of it! There's no cost to be part of the class. Just a willingness to show up, have fun, and keep a good sense of humor. This year, your daughter will even be joining you on stage!!! Still hesitating? We'll even use your 'stage name' in the program! Dad Dance class begins **April 6th** and runs every Thursday up to the recital from 6:45p – 7:15p. Pleeeeeeeeaaaaaaase Daddy?

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

APA has been invited to perform at Kalispell Center Mall on **March 25th** AND **April 15th**! Not all classes will be invited to perform due to safety concerns and KCM regulations regarding their tile floors. Classes invited to perform will receive a note with more information about

the performance. We need to know who can perform! This performance is completely optional. However, we must have a minimum number of students available in order for that class to perform. For these performances, the time commitment will be approximately **12:30p – 2:00p** If you receive a note regarding participation, PLEASE contact the front desk with a yes or no to performing ASAP!

RECITAL MUSIC

Help your dancer practice at home! Bring a blank CD-RW to the front desk and we'll put your dancer's recital songs onto it! The CD must be blank and must be a CD (not a DVD). Include your dancer's name and classes desired. APA cuts their music to fit the recital piece, so using the original song from your iPod often won't do the trick! Bring in a disc and we'll make sure your dancer has the right music to make their dance perfect.

If you don't have a blank CD, you can get one for \$1.00 at the desk!

BOUTIQUE SALE

Technique Boutique will be having a "Luck of the Irish Sale"! Look for great deals! All GOLD jewelry is 20% off, as well as all long sleeved shirts, sweatshirts, PJ sets, dance bags, and GREEN items marked with a shamrock! Stock up before it's gone! Sale runs through

March 23rd! Sale does not include tights and shoes.

WHAT'S AHEAD

Next month:

- General ticket sales begin April 10th
- Dad Dance begins April 6th
- Parent Volunteer Information mailed out April 10th
- Pre-Registration begins April 10th
- Personal and Business Ads due March 23rd
- Pictures – April 7th & 8th.
- Performance at mall on March 25th
- Performance at mall April 15th

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Amy Galt – 3/5
Marie Holden- 3/5
Isabel Phillips - 3/6
Ilse Schulze – 3/17
Sydney Fletcher – 3/19
Fiona Fuller - 3/19
Morgan Friar – 3/22
Vanessa Foultnr – 3/23
Luella Jump – 3/29

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



Chloe Davenport

Chloe has been part of the APA family since 2015. As a 1-3 grade dancer, her current focus is on ballet. Chloe has great attendance and can usually be found stretching and practicing in the lounge and in the hallway. As to why she was top student for March, Miss Shoni says, "Chloe is a hard worker! When she can't master a step, or goes across the floor, or has trouble with her piece for the upcoming show, you can bet she will go and work on it and come back the next week knowing it better and having worked on it! She takes corrections with grace and can be seen applying them immediately and in the following weeks to come. She is very determined to do her best and truly wants to get things correct and polished. Chloe also has a great passion for dance, which can be seen in her classroom work. Chloe does a great job of going home and working on choreography and then coming the following week remembering the sequences and order! She always has a beautiful smile and a great attitude! She is compassionate and humble.

She is always focused whenever in class and on what is being taught. I'm very proud of your hard work this year!" Well done, Chloe!



Alyssa Roberts

Alyssa started at APA in 2007 as a PreK dancer. She has experienced all of the genres of dance, and is currently in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Broadway, Ballet Technique, and is part of Light Sticks AND Opening Number! As to why she was top student in February, Miss Erika says, "She's been a wonderful dancer at APA for years, and has also started assisting in my younger classes. Alyssa has such a kind and gentle nature that makes her a perfect aid to any student needing help. She has a great attitude and works hard in all her classes. She's a leader in her classes, doing so by example. Alyssa embodies many values of APA; she's passionate, dedicated, and supportive. This year I've seen so much improvement in her technique and ability. I also see all the potential in her to advance further and further. We're excited to see what you have in store for us in the upcoming years! Keep up the hard work and great attitude!