

# APRIL NEWSLETTER

## APA ~ CELEBRATING 21 YEARS

### SPRING RECITAL

It's almost here! The spring recital is just around the corner. Be sure to pay special attention to the emails and postings you see from APA. There's so much important information this time of year. Don't be the one person out of the loop! If you have any questions, please stop by the front desk. The staff is more than happy to answer any and all questions!

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations will be given out starting April 3rd. As you read them, remember that the classes recommended by each teacher reflect the progress and effort displayed by your student in class. If you have any questions regarding your recommendation, stop by the front desk to set up an appointment with the teacher. Because the office staff is not in the classroom, they cannot answer any questions regarding placement, but they are more than happy to pass on messages to the teachers!

### FINAL CLASSES

The final regularly scheduled class and office day will be **May 4<sup>th</sup>**. Rehearsals and performances are counted

as classes for the month of May.

### SUMMER DANCE WORKSHOP!

We have an amazing opportunity to host a workshop this August!! Registration deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup>, see the front desk for more information and to sign up! You won't want to miss this!

### DO SOME DOUBLE CHECKING!!

Be sure to double-check your dancer's rehearsal and performance times and dates. Remember, if your dancer misses a rehearsal, they will not perform! We want everyone in the show, so take one last look!

### TICKETS

Tickets for the recital will go on sale at 2:30pm on April 10<sup>th</sup>. All tickets are reserved seating. They are \$17 each. Beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, tickets will be \$20. Any accounts that have a balance due will not be allowed to purchase tickets until it is paid! Tickets will be sold at the door as well.

### PICTURES

Pictures will be at Academy of the Performing Arts April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Refer to the picture schedule in the foyer

or the email you received for picture dates and times.

**Pictures are taken in costume.** This is not an required event and you are not obligated to buy any pictures! However, we ask that all students attend so those wanting a full-class portrait can have all members present. For order forms, see the front desk! **All Jr/Sr. dancers will need to RSVP for pictures so we know who will and will not be coming!**

### RECITAL AND DRESS REHEARSAL LOCATION

Remember that our recitals and dress rehearsals will be held at the **WHITEFISH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER!**

### PARENT VOLUNTEERS

All parent volunteers should receive their volunteer assignment letters after April 13<sup>th</sup>. If you do not receive your letter or do not get the group assignment you requested, please contact the front desk.

### PRE-REGISTRATION

Pre-registration for our existing students and their families begins **April 10<sup>th</sup>**! This is your opportunity to secure your dancer's spot for the 2017-2018 dance season! Classes fill fast, so

register as soon as you can! Last year we had waiting lists for our pre-school, 1-3 grade and 4-6 grade classes! Scheduled classes are subject to student minimums. Classes not reaching student minimums will be cut and the students moved to different classes on **August 1<sup>st</sup>**. **Don't wait until fall to sign up or your favorite class might be gone!** To register, have your registration form, registration fee, and payment option ready. You may also pick up a Dance Policy at the front desk, and have that signed and ready, too! We want to see all of our talented dancers back next year. Don't miss out on the fun!

### **V.I.P PROGRAM!**

What is a V.I.P and what does it include? V.I.P members are dance and music families who know the benefits of registering early! V.I.P members receive the following benefits:

- ★ 10% savings pass to use the ENTIRE dance season in the Technique Boutique on EVERYTHING including sales!
- ★ Invitation to our annual V.I.P party!
- ★ Free APA V.I.P T-shirt
- ★ Private Open House date!

### **PARENTS**

We still need volunteers for the recital! HELP! Please remember we can't make this performance possible without your help! Please

see the front desk for more information.

### **BOUTIQUE CLEARANCE SALE!**

Looking to stock up for next year? Keep an eye on the Technique Boutique! From now until the end of the year, everything in the boutique is **30% off!** This includes all leotards, skirts, apparel, sweatshirts, T-shirts, jazz pants, dance bags, gifts, and accessories! \*Excluding shoes and tights.\* All items on the clearance rack are **60% off!** Don't miss this sale! Stock up for next year or treat yourself to something new! Get it before they are gone.....

### **SHOES**

Please make sure your dancer has the correct shoes for the classes they are enrolled in. Everyone will need the proper shoes for the show coming up! If we see that your dancer does not have the correct shoes you will be notified so you can get the correct shoes before May! Don't wait until the last minute!

### **DRESS REHEARSAL AND SHOW ORDER**

Dress Rehearsals are mandatory! ***Please be at least 15 minutes early for your scheduled time.*** The final order of the Spring Recital and the Rehearsal Schedule is posted in the foyer. Please make sure to check out your dancer's rehearsal times and dates and make the necessary arrangements to attend. **Remember to notify all**

**other caregivers of these dates and times.** If your dancer does not attend dress rehearsal, they cannot perform! Remember this is the time to videotape! Rehearsals are in full costume and held at the Whitefish Performing Arts Center. If you have any questions or concerns about this please speak with someone at the front desk.

### **COSTUME REMINDERS**

Remember there is no underwear worn under your costumes. Just tights! As much as everyone loves Barbie, Dora and Scooby Doo, no one wants to see them hanging out from under your costume. Bras must be strapless or clear strapped. THESE RULES APPLY TO ALL DANCERS REGARDLESS OF AGE!! Also, if you have quick costume changes, you can layer your tights with tan over pink. Think "TP". (The other way around, your legs look a lovely shade of green under the stage lights, so that won't work.) If you have any questions, please check with the front desk.

### **OPEN REGISTRATION**

Open registration for fall 2017 begins **May 1st**. Invite everyone you know to join us at APA! If they tell us you sent them, you receive a \$15 gift certificate to the Technique Boutique!

### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Sadie Vandeburgh – 4/1  
Charlotte Sunde – 4/3  
Bella Keller – 4/9  
Piper Becker – 4/11

Aurora Kelly – 4/13  
Big B – 4/13  
Chloe Davenport – 4/21  
Hannah Glantz – 4/22  
Alivia Brown – 4/26  
Harper Rose Klotz – 4/26  
Charlyzae Ryerson – 4/26  
Ryleigh Hadland – 4/28

### **WHAT'S AHEAD**

-Pictures – April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
-Mall Performance – April 15<sup>th</sup>

Next Month:

-Recital Rehearsal – May 11<sup>th</sup>  
-Spring Recital – May 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>  
- Registration is open to all!  
-Performance at Gateway – May 18<sup>th</sup>

### **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

*Zari Medrano*

Zari is new to APA this year, and came from California, where she had been dancing for quite some time. Zari is in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and currently enrolled in 9 classes! She takes both levels of the 4-6<sup>th</sup> grade classes, as well as Ballet Technique and Pre-pointe! Zari truly has a passion and love for dance and her commitment to her classes will show you that! Zari is a very humble and kind young lady and can be counted on to practice outside of classes as well as with others in between classes! She is a great team worker and will not let her teammates down! As to why she was the top student in March, Miss Shoni says, “Zari is a hard worker! When she can’t master a step, or goes

across the floor and struggles you can bet she will practice it while waiting her turn to go again, and she will take the corrections given to her and when she goes again, you can see her focusing on what was given. She will also go home and practice on the choreography given to her in recital pieces. She never complains about doing a section or step several times over and over to clean it up, even if it is for the sole benefit of another classmate. Not only does she take corrections with grace, she can be seen applying them immediately and the following weeks in classes to come, she is very determined to do her best! Zari also has a great passion for dance which can be seen in her classroom work, as well as soon to be seen on the stage! She always has a beautiful smile and a great attitude! She takes each class, and works her hardest, whether it is the more beginning levels, or the more advanced levels. You will never hear her complaining that something is too easy or too hard. This is a sign of true maturity and understanding that the best dancers and most advanced dancers have! With every class they take, they challenge themselves. A skill and concept, sadly most students today do not understand. She is also kind and compassionate towards her fellow classmates. I’m very proud of your hard work this year!” Well done, Zari!

*Teslyn Hartman*

Teslyn has been part of the APA family since 2012, and has experienced our Broadway classes, but her main focus is on ballet, with her goal to be on

pointe. She currently takes several ballet classes, along with Ballet Technique and Pre-Pointe. As to why Miss Erika chose her, “She’s my choice this month because she has such a drive and passion for ballet. Overcoming obstacles one at a time, she advances her art further. She’s kind, calm, and encouraging. Tes has wonderful stage presence too, which we’ll all get to enjoy in a few weeks. Keep up the hard work, and overcoming those obstacles! I see pointe shoes in your future!”