

# MAY NEWSLETTER

## APA ~ CELEBRATING 21 YEARS

### IT'S THE FINAL MONTH!

May brings about the close of another successful dance year! We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the hard work and dedication you've shown in and out of your classes. We know this year's recital is sure to be a hit! With only a week to go before the big performance be sure to give it all you've got! We know you can do it!

### TUITION

All accounts must be paid in full by **May 4th** or your dancer will not be participating in the spring performance. If your account is not set up for automatic payments, be sure to get your tuition in on time! May 4<sup>th</sup> is the last day the studio will be open! The rehearsal and recitals are considered classes, so the full tuition amount for May is charged to all accounts.

### DRESS REHEARSAL

Dress rehearsals will take place at the **Whitefish Performing Arts Center on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**. Be at least 15 minutes early for your scheduled rehearsal and in costume! Full hair and make-up are optional. Parents may videotape and

take pictures at the rehearsal only!

### LAST DAY OF CLASS

The last regularly scheduled day of class is **May 4th**.

### BOUTIQUE CLEARANCE!

Clearance sale in the boutique! **Everything is 30% off! Clearance rack is 75% off!!** Stock up on T-shirts, jazz pants, dance bags and accessories now!

### OFFICE HOURS

During the dress rehearsal and recital, the office is closed! Any messages left on the answering machine will not be returned until after the recital! Make sure all your questions have been answered before rehearsal and recital days!

### TEACHERS

Please remember that dress rehearsals are the teachers' time to watch their students dance and fix any problems. Please be courteous and let them work! Observe the roped off seating areas and approach teachers only after the rehearsals have finished. Or, you may also set up an appointment with the front desk to meet with the instructors.

### PERFORMANCE

Performances will take place on **May 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Whitefish Performing Arts Center** students must be at the auditorium **45 minutes to one hour before show time!** Remember, every dancer must sign in at the backstage hallway door and sign out at their designated sign-out area. Please refer to your Performance Policies for this information.

### PARENTS

**Unless you are a volunteer, parents are not allowed backstage for any reason.** No performer is allowed to leave before the recital is finished! The backstage help is very strict on this rule! Please be prepared to stay for the whole show!

### SIGN IN AND SIGN OUT PROCEDURES

All dancers except Jr. and Sr. dancers must have a parent sign them in upon arrival. **The same person to sign in the dancer must sign out their dancer after the performance as well.** Please understand we must do this to ensure the safety

of ALL dancers! If you have any questions or are having someone other than yourself pick up your child after the recital, be sure to see the front desk before performances!

### **VOLUNTEER MEETING**

All parent volunteers should have received their volunteer assignment letters. If you did not receive your letter, please contact the front desk as soon as possible. All volunteers must be at the meeting on **May 9<sup>th</sup>**, at APA, at either 4PM or 6PM. All volunteers must be at **Whitefish Performing Arts Center** 1 ½ hours before curtain on the day they are volunteering by 5:30 the day they are volunteering. Please remember that dancers begin arriving one hour prior to show time and ***we must*** be ready! At that time, you will receive your name badge, meet the Backstage Heads, and be given a tour of the backstage area. These meetings are very important! ***All volunteers must attend!***

### **REGISTRATION**

If you haven't already registered for Fall classes, be sure to do so! To register, have your registration form, registration fee, Dance Policy, and financial arrangements ready. We want to see all of our talented dancers back next year! We have several classes that are already ¾ full! **Classes that do not meet student minimums by August 1<sup>st</sup> will be cut, so**

**let us know what you want before they're gone!!**

### **OPEN REGISTRATION**

Open registration for fall classes begins **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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! Get your dance shoes for ***FREE*** next year by simply referring people! The more people you refer, the more technique boutique money you get!

### **LOST AND FOUND**

Please check the lost and found in the girl's restroom! There are a lot of dance shoes and clothes that are looking for their owners! All items left in the lost and found will be taken to Flathead Industries on May 30<sup>th</sup>!

### **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

Introducing the Students of the Month for May:

Fiona Fuller



Fiona is a seasoned APA dancer and has been dancing at the Academy for 9 years now. Fiona is in 6th grade and currently enrolled in Broadway, tap and jazz classes! Fiona truly has a passion and love for dance and the performing arts and her commitment to her classes will

show you that! Fiona is always making everyone smile and laugh in class with her constant love for life and people! Her great attitude and contagious energy make every class fun for all! 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, "Fiona is a hard worker! She takes corrections with a great attitude and is a very teachable student who will take corrections, choreography and steps and work on them. She will also go home and practice on the choreography given to her in her recital pieces. She never complains about doing a section or move 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! She always has a beautiful smile and a great attitude! She takes each class and works her hardest! Fiona is a joy to have in class and her fellow dancers love her too! I'm very proud of your hard work this year as well as how far you've come since preschool/kindergarten classes!" Well done, Fiona!

## Kaylee Miller



Kaylee has been an APA member for 4 years now, and is taking Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary, and Illuminations! She will be starting the 2017-2018 as a High School SENIOR!!! Miss Erika says, "I chose Kaylee because of her love of dance. It shows in her stage presence when she dances, and also in work and effort she puts in. Kaylee is part of, and helps build a strong team and sense of family here at the studio and always lifts up the mood with her upbeat and positive personality. Keep up the great work. We look forward to watching you shine on the stage!"

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

Opal Phillips – 5/4  
Violet Bulgar – 5/5  
Addisen Crofts – 5/5  
Raleigh Sperry - 5/6  
Teslyn Hartman – 5/8  
Sophia Elletson – 5/13  
Elise Pitts – 5/16  
Hailey Sturzen – 5/16  
Story Norman – 5/18  
Rose McKinzie – 5/26  
Emma Degele – 5/27  
Amaiah Contreras – 5/29

### SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

Aubrie Connor-Lindsey- 6/4  
Kahlan Baumgartner – 6/5  
Lavea Talalotu – 6/13  
Royanne Wiedenmeyer- 6/23  
Molly Moody – 6/24  
Aleigha Preston – 7/6

Hannah Keller – 7/8  
Squishy - 7/8  
Ashlyn Sivumaki – 7/10  
Kira Hadland – 7/12  
Alivia Johnson – 7/17  
Melina Askvig – 7/19  
Kaylee Miller – 7/24  
Lanee Anderson – 7/29  
Kinzley Carptenter – 7/29  
Makayla Davenport – 8/9  
Ani Grigoletti – 8/9  
Alyssa Roberts – 8/14  
Teagan Syckes – 8/16  
Alyssa AuClaire – 8/17  
Brooke Blair – 8/19  
Rihanna Sanchez – 8/19  
Makenna Sivumaki – 8/26  
Brennen Anderson – 8/27

### WHAT'S AHEAD

- Dress Rehearsal - May 11th (WFPAC)  
- Recital - May 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> 7pm (WFPAC)  
- Registration for 2017-2018  
-Customer Appreciation Day at APA May 20<sup>th</sup> 11AM-2PM  
-4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade  
- Flow 40 Workshop August 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>