



MAY NEWSLETTER

Our last month of classes is upon us; with this comes events like Picture Days, Dress Rehearsal, Recitals, Competitive Auditions, Ballet Exams and our final competition of the season. Please be sure to read the following for all the details you'll need to know to prepare for the busy month ahead!

Any e-mails you are receiving through the month of May will all have important information included.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

THE STORE

Regular store hours for May:

Monday - Friday | 2:45 – 6:00pm

Saturday, Sunday | CLOSED

STORE CLOSED May 13th – 18th

LOST & FOUND

We will display all Lost & Found items at the front of THE STUDIO from May 11th – 27th. Anything unclaimed will be donated to The Thrift Store. Please be sure to come in and claim what's yours before we close for the summer. Anything left behind in the change rooms after recital will also be donated.

BIPOC SCHOLARSHIP FOR DANCERS

For the second year in a row, we have a scholarship available for a student identifying as part of the BIPOC community. This scholarship has been donated by Hilary Zeeuwen, Jade Berril and THE STUDIO Dance & Wellness as a way to give back from the success of our Adult Dancehall series. The scholarship is valued at \$280 and can be used towards more training in dance. Please email the office if your child identifies with BIPOC and would like to apply to this new and exciting scholarship! Applications will be accepted until December 1st, 2026. This scholarship is open both recreational and competitive.

CANCELLED CLASSES DUE TO COMPETITION

While dancers are competing at competition ALL competitive classes and some recreational classes will be cancelled. Below is a list of recreational classes cancelled during May competition days. **If your child's class is not listed below, their class will run as usual.**

Wednesday, May 13th: COMPANY Grooving

Thursday, May 14th: Level 3 Ballet, COMPANY Stretch & Strengthen

Friday, May 15th: Level 3 Exam Ballet, Level 4 Exam Ballet

MAY LONG WEEKEND CLOSURE & MAKE UP CLASSES

THE STUDIO will be closed from Saturday, May 16th – Monday, May 18th for the long weekend.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE STUDIO

PICTURE DAYS

Pictures will be taken for **competitive groups on Tuesday, May 19th & recreational groups on Wednesday, May 20th** at THE STUDIO. The schedule for pictures is included below. **ALL Regular dance classes are cancelled while this event is running.** Students are expected to wear proper stage makeup (if required of their level), have their hair done as per the "What To Wear" document and costume with new tights. If your child dances in a combo class, please bring their shoes and tights from each style, along with any extra costume pieces from the Winter Production for pictures. They will have a photo taken as an individual and as a group of both dance genres. Socks will be provided on Picture Days for recreational classes that require them. Socks are

\$3.00/pair and will be charged to your account right away. If you have any questions, please email thestudiodanceandwellness@gmail.com or call/text 250.683.9040. Technique classes that do not have a dance in the shows, do not have pictures.

PICTURE DAY 1 SCHEDULE - TUESDAY, MAY 19TH			
TIME	CLASS	TITLE	TEACHER
3:00PM DANCERS ARRIVE READY 30 MINUTES BEFORE SCHEDULED TIME			
3:30 - 3:40	ECLIPSE Jazz	"Bad Medicine"	Jacqui
3:40 - 3:50	Lyrical Special Group	"I've Held Your Hand"	Jacqui
3:50 - 4:00	CALLISTO Jazz	"The Real Housewives"	Jacqui
4:00 - 4:10	ZENITH Pom	"Black Betty"	Jacqui
4:10 - 4:20	STELLAR Jazz	"The Roadhouse"	Jacqui
4:20 - 4:30	CALLISTO & ECLIPSE Hip Hop	"Happy Gilmore"	Brynn
4:30 - 4:40	STELLAR Hip Hop	"Rich Girls"	Brynn
4:40 - 4:50	COMPANY Parent & Dancer	"Generations"	Emily
4:50 - 5:00	Level 5 Ballet	"Ballroom Dancers"	Emily
5:00 - 5:10	STELLAR Contemporary	"Swan Lake's Curse"	Emily
5:10 - 5:20	CALLISTO Lyrical	"Hold On"	Emily
5:20 - 5:30	STELLAR Open	"Divide & Conquer"	Jacqui
5:30 - 5:40	Jazz Special Group	"Disco Party"	Emily
5:40 - 5:50	STELLAR Lyrical	"Happy"	Kenley
5:50 - 6:00	Level 3 Ballet Choreo	"A Day At The Market"	Emily
6:00 - 6:10	ECLIPSE Lyrical	"Marjorie"	Brynn
6:10 - 6:20	Intermediate Ballet	"The Greatest Change"	Emily
6:20 - 6:30	CALLISTO & ECLIPSE Contemporary	"Robots"	Emily
6:30 - 6:40	Intermediate Pointe	"The Grande Parade"	Kenley
6:40 - 6:50	Level 4 Ballet Choreo	"Magical Forest"	Emily
6:50 - 7:00	Modern Special Group	"The End Of Love"	Kenley
7:00 - 7:10	CALLISTO & ECLIPSE Musical Theatre	"Revoluting Children"	Olivia
7:10 - 7:20	STELLAR Musical Theatre	"Hairspray!"	Jacqui
7:20 - 8:00 ALL REMAINING SOLOS & DUOS - Dancers with a break can shoot their solo and/or duo photo whenever possible throughout the evening -			
8:00PM FINISHED			

PICTURE DAY 2 SCHEDULE - WEDNESDAY, MAY 20TH			
TIME	CLASS	TITLE	TEACHER
2:30PM DANCERS ARRIVE READY 30 MINUTES BEFORE SCHEDULED TIME			
3:00 - 3:10	Tiny Dancers - Ballet - Monday	"Reindeers"	Olivia
3:10 - 3:20	Tiny Dancers - Ballet - Thursday	"Reindeers"	Olivia
3:20 - 3:30	AURORA Jazz	"That Don't Impress Me Much"	Olivia
3:30 - 3:40	Tiny Dancers - Tap - Monday	"Little Lions"	Olivia
3:40 - 3:50	Tiny Dancers - Tap - Thursday	"Little Lions"	Olivia
3:50 - 4:00	AURORA Hip Hop	"The Homies"	Brynn
4:00 - 4:10	Pre & Primary Jazz	"Magic"	Olivia
4:10 - 4:20	Level 1-4 Jazz	"Wolves"	Olivia
4:20 - 4:30	AURORA Lyrical	"Me & My Snowman"	Jacqui
4:30 - 4:40	Pre & Primary Acro	"We Like To Party"	Olivia
4:40 - 4:50	Level 1-4 Acro	"Flowers Need Rain"	Olivia
4:50 - 5:00	AURORA Musical Theatre	"I Think I'm Gonna Like It Here"	Elle
5:00 - 5:10	Level 1-4 Hip Hop	"Soulja Boys"	Olivia
5:10 - 5:20	Pre & Primary Ballet	"Ballet Bunnies"	Emily
5:20 - 5:30	Level 1 Ballet	"Be My Valentine"	Kenley
5:30 - 5:40 ALL REMAINING SOLOS & DUOS - Dancers with a break can shoot their solo and/or duo photo whenever possible throughout the evening -			
6:00PM FINISHED			

BALLET EXAMS & ADDITIONAL REHEARSALS

Ballet Exams have officially been set for **Sunday, May 31st**. Please keep practicing at home and always feel free to ask if you need help with exercises. Exam Balances are calculated after exams and will be posted and charged to your account in June. There will be some extra classes leading up to exams so please mark your calendars for the dates below. The schedules for exams, mock exams and additional rehearsals will be sent out in the coming weeks.

Exam Music Rehearsal = Thursday, May 21st

Mock Exams = Tuesday, May 26th

Exam Date = Sunday, May 31st

DANCER REST DAY

In preparation of a very busy recital weekend all classes on Thursday, May 21st are cancelled as per the IMPORTANT DATES document. Please use this time to ensure you are organized and have all costumes ready for the dress rehearsal and recital performances.

RECREATIONAL DRESS REHEARSAL

We will be hosting a Dress Rehearsal for our recreational dancers to prepare for the upcoming recital shows. This will take place on **Friday, May 22nd at The Revelstoke Performing Arts Centre**. This is your child's only opportunity to work with their team and dance on stage before the shows, so attendance is very important! A schedule for the event along with the "What To Wear" information has already been sent out and is included in the newsletter e-mail. We've also included links to our hair and makeup tutorial videos to help make things as easy as possible. This event is required for all classes mentioned in the schedule. Please remember that we do not have volunteers for our Dress Rehearsal. Parents should stay and watch in the theatre and help their children get changed and ready. Once a dancer is finished for the evening, they are welcome to leave. All dancers need to arrive 30 minutes prior to their scheduled dance time with hair and makeup done. **Competitive dancers will not need stage makeup however must have their hair properly done.** ALL REGULAR CLASSES ON FRIDAY, MAY 22nd ARE CANCELLED as we'll be rehearsing at the theatre.

RECREATIONAL DRESS REHEARSAL FRIDAY, MAY 22, 2026				
TIME	CLASS	TITLE	HAIRSTYLE	TEACHER
DANCERS ARRIVE READY 30 MINUTES BEFORE SCHEDULED TIME				
2:30PM				
3:00-3:20	PRE & PRIMARY BALLET	"Ballet Bunnies"	MID BUN	EMILY
3:20-3:40	LEVEL 1 BALLET	"Be My Valentine"	MID BUN	KENLEY
3:40-4:00	LEVEL 3 BALLET	"A Day at The Market"	MID BUN	EMILY
4:00-4:20	LEVEL 4 BALLET	"Magical Forest"	MID BUN	EMILY
4:20-4:40	TINY DANCERS TAP - MONDAY	"Little Lions"	PONYTAIL	OLIVIA
4:40-5:00	TINY DANCERS TAP - THURSDAY	"Little Lions"	PONYTAIL	OLIVIA
5:00-5:20	LEVEL 1-4 HIP HOP	"Soujja Boys"	MID PONYTAIL	OLIVIA
5:20-5:40	PRE & PRIMARY ACRO	"We Like To Party!"	MID PONYTAIL	OLIVIA
5:40-6:00	LEVEL 1-4 ACRO	"Flowers Need Rain"	MID BUN	OLIVIA
END - 6:00PM				

RECITAL INFORMATION

Tickets for recital will go on sale ONLINE ONLY beginning on Friday, May 1st at 9:00am. All groups will participate in 2 out of 3 shows and solos/duets/trios will only dance in our NEW Solo/Duo Showcase. Please see the Recital roster document attached to the newsletter e-mail that lists which dancers are dancing on which day. The website where tickets are purchased also has a search option so you can look up which shows your dancer is in. Follow the link to make your purchase:

<https://29270.danceticketing.com/>

RECITAL DATES:

Dress Rehearsal for **ALL** recreational classes: Friday, May 22nd @ 2:30 – 6:00pm

Solo/Duo Showcase: Saturday, May 23rd @ 11:00am

Show #1: Saturday May 23rd @ 5:00pm

Show #2 & #3: Sunday, May 24th @ 11:00am & 5:00pm

All dancers are to show up to the theatre dressed with their hair and makeup done 1 hour prior to show time. **Competitive Dancers will have their hair in a mid-bun, centre part with bright red lipstick for the entirety of each performance.** All dancers 12 & under MUST sign in as they go backstage and MUST be signed out by a parent to leave. Awards and scholarships will be distributed after both evening performances so we encourage dancers to stay until the end of the evening shows. Please send your dancer backstage with as few belongings as possible. ONLY CLASS VOLUNTEERS ARE ALLOWED IN THE BACKSTAGE AREA UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE.

We have hired a videographer to film the evening recital shows. The Solo/duo showcase is not. All groups will be included in 1 final video which can be purchased and downloaded directly through our website. We will email everyone once videos are available.

RECITAL VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for parents to help out backstage with dancers to ensure the recital runs smoothly. This includes ticket scanning, signing dancers in/out of the backstage and being a class parent. Please e-mail the office to let us know if you can help. If we do not receive enough help backstage for any particular class, that class will not have anyone to supervise them and run the risk of not being able to perform.

LAST DAY OF CLASSES

The last day of regular classes for dance is Friday, May 15th, with Picture Days, Dress Rehearsal and Recital the week to follow. After the recital performances, we will be closed for the summer.

EVOLVE PROVINCIALS

We are thrilled that so many of our routines from Evolve Dance Competition have qualified for provincials in Calgary on June 8th & 9th, 2026. We have sent a survey out to the routines that have qualified to gauge whether we'll have enough interest to take our groups. Please be sure you have responded to the survey by **April 30th**. If your dancers' solo/duet has qualified and groups do not attend you are still welcome to take your dancer on your own and we can take care of registration for you.

COMPANY AUDITIONS

All students are invited to audition for our competitive dance division called COMPANY. Auditions will be held in STUDIO 2 on Wednesday, May 27th. All dancers wanting to compete are required to attend this audition. Please have your child speak to their teacher if they are currently enrolled in our recreational program and hoping to move into competitive dance. Any dancers wanting to be a part of competitive dance are required to audition regardless of whether they are already a competitive dancer or not. All dancers must have a permission form filled out by a parent in order to participate in COMPANY auditions.

AUDITION SCHEDULE

3:00 - 4:00pm | Ages 6-9 & 0-2 Years of STUDIO Company Experience
Permission From:

4:15 – 5:45pm | Ages 10+ & 0-2 Years of STUDIO Company Experience
Permission Form: <https://forms.gle/7sz7kMnpbDdYGSwP9>

6:00 - 8:00pm | Going into Grade 8 & 4+ years of STUDIO Company Experience
Permission Form: <https://forms.gle/72GJd8PeTFdusgZ36>

SAVE THE DATES FOR OUR SUMMER DANCE INTENSIVE & RECREATIONAL CAMP

New this year we have dedicated a whole week to our Summer Dance & Wellness camp, meaning we are able to offer a full day camp! Our Summer Dance Intensive for competitive dancers will now include ALL levels of competitive dancer and will have a dedicated separate week. The dates are as follows:

Competitive Summer Dance Intensive: August 10th – 14th, 2026

Summer Dance & Wellness Camp: August 10th – 14th, 2026



Sincerely,

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