

The Dancing Astorian

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A note from Maggie...

Welcome back! Winter break is over and classes will begin Monday, January 5th! I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season and that you are willing to prolong it a little longer! Don't forget, ASB's Holiday Party has been rescheduled for Friday, January 9th! It will be Christmas-time again at ASB! Hope to see all of you there!

In the weeks following our party your dancers will begin preparing for our spring show, *A Little Princess*, based on the classic children's novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett. If you have not already, please note the dates of the shows under Important Dates. Most Music and Movement students will participate only in Friday's performance. Roles will be announced in February, when costume payments will also be due. Please come for Bench Days, the last week in January, to see the beginning elements of *A Little Princess*!

I am so excited to see everyone back at the studio in this new year! Please remember to feel free to contact Nate or I anytime if you have any questions or concerns! See you soon!

Maggie

Holiday Party Details

Friday, January 9th at ASB

Doors open: 5:30 pm
All dancers must arrive by 5:45 pm
Performance will begin at 6 pm
Party and refreshments afterwards!

Girls must wear ASB embroidered leotard with pink ballet tights and pink ballet slippers.

Boys must wear ASB t-shirt with black pants and ballet slippers.

A Little Princess

May 28th and 29th

The Liberty Theater

Please let Maggie know if you are willing to help with set design/building and/or dressmaking for the show! Now is the time for us to get going on things and we do need help! Let us know if you have anything in mind you would like to help with. Thank you in advance. Parents and other volunteers play a huge role in making school productions a success! It'll get your name in the program too!



A Little Princess illustration by Jon Fay

ASB Dress Code Note

If you have not already, please make sure your dancer has the appropriate leotard *including embroidery* for ASB special events and Bench Days. We are already approximately halfway through the year and students must have and wear the appropriate leotard for each class. No exceptions!

Please make sure your dancer's hair is done up and away from the face; in a bun for girls ages 6 & up!

Important Dates

2nd Semester Begins	January 5
ASB Holiday Party	January 9
Bench Days	January 26-30
Bench Days	March 16-20
Spring Break	March 21-29
Bench Days	May 4-8
<i>A Little Princess</i>	May 28 & 29
Bench Days	June 15-19
Last Day of Class	June 19

A Little Princess Side Note

Dancers in Intro Ballet I and above will be required to miss school in order to participate in the May 28th performances. Please let Maggie know if you foresee this being a problem for your child!

A Studio Reminder

Please remember that when you enter ASB's building, the noise level needs to be kept down. Parents, please keep an eye on your children. Consider that very often there is a class in progress immediately prior to or following your dancer's own, and that noise carries easily into the studio. The general enthusiasm is terrific and does warm my heart, but it needs to be a *quieter* enthusiasm.

Also, if you bring food or drinks into the dressing room, please be sure to pick up the mess left behind. Keep in mind that this is a common area and try to keep it nice for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration!