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A note from Maggie...

Our dance year is well underway now, and we have a lot of exciting things coming up. Please read over this month's newsletter and find out about the great performance opportunities we have coming soon.

I would also like to share with all the parents how impressed and pleased I have been with your children's work and improvement in just the last month. My time at the School of Oregon Ballet Theatre this past summer really helped me to shape our curriculum this year, and I feel as though it's made a huge difference in our dancers' progress and determination. Please share with them how proud I am of the effort they are putting in, and how much I have enjoyed teaching them so far this year. There is more great progress to come and I am looking forward to every second of it. Thank you for your support and dedication parents, and for believing in ASB!

~ Maggie

December Performance

ASB has been invited to participate in a great charity event at the Liberty Theater on December 12th. *Gifts That Make a Difference* is an alternative gift charity that provides donations toward community oriented non-profit organizations, and ASB has been asked to perform. All students in levels Intro Ballet I and up are invited to participate. Rehearsals will be held Saturdays, from 12-2, beginning October 24th. Dancers wishing to participate need to be signed up by Wednesday, October 21st. This is a great opportunity to contribute to a terrific charity event, and an extra performance experience for ASB dancers. Please see the flyer displayed on the school bulletin board for more information on the event.

ASB Class Dress Requirements

All dancers need to have a knot tied in the drawstrings of their ballet slippers, with the extra string cut off, and tucked into the shoe for class. No underwear under leotard and tights. Tights are your underwear for dance! Students must have the appropriate style shoes, tights, and leotards in time for Bench Days, November 16th –21st. Please refer back to the dress requirements on ASB's website for details.

Tuition Payment Reminder

For those of you on the monthly tuition program, payments are due on or before the 1st of each month. Any payment received after this date will be considered late, and a \$15 late fee will be attached to the following month's bill. Payments can be mailed or dropped in ASB's black mailbox which is locked at all times. If it is easier for you, please pay at your student's class time the week before the **1st of the month**.



Spring Performance

ASB's Annual Spring Performance will take place the third week in April at the Liberty Theater. The Liberty has asked us again to take part in their School Enrichment Series. This year, class time will not be used to rehearse dance numbers for the production (except for Music & Movement B) so although all ASB students in levels Premier Steps and above are strongly encouraged to participate, only those who sign up and will be available to attend rehearsals on Monday afternoons, Thursday evenings and/or Saturday afternoons (depending on age group) will be taking part. Please keep in mind that performing is an essential aspect of a dancer's training and experience when considering whether or not your child will take part. Music & Movement dancers will perform in the public performance only. All other students who repeatedly miss scheduled rehearsal times may be pulled from the show. Rehearsals will begin in January, but students must be signed up by October 30th if they wish to participate, as costume orders need to be placed in early November to ensure that they are received in time for the performances. Costume letters will be handed out to those participating by November 7th and costume payments will be due the following week, by November 14th.



The Spring Break dates provided in September's newsletter were incorrect. ASB's Spring Break will coincide with the Oregon Schools Spring Break, March 8-13. Sorry for any confusion!