

****Basic Information that Pertains to the dance season.****

Communication: Good communication is important to the success of this season. Your comments and questions are important to me. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have throughout the year. The best time way to contact me is by email at albertlea_mn@justforkix.com or calling 383-5139.

Website: We're so excited for this great tool for you. Make sure to bookmark it as one of your favorites so you can come back again and again.

Important Dates: All performance dates that I have scheduled can be found on the "Calendar" portion of the website.

Dance Attire: Please have your dancer arrive in dance or active wear. Jazz pants, leggings, shorts, bikers, leotards and T-shirts are acceptable. NO JEANS, DENIM, DRESSES or SKIRTS will be allowed. In order to be a dancer, you must dress like a dancer. Ballet, Jazz or Tennis shoes are required footwear. (No stocking feet please). Sandals, boots, or dress shoes will not be allowed. If you have long hair, please have it pulled back into a ponytail or bun. Do not wear any jewelry to class. Please remember no gum, food or candy is allowed.

Uniforms: Please make sure that your dancer has been sized for a uniform. Uniforms take 8-10 weeks to manufacture and need to be paid by the second week of class. If uniform orders are not in by that date, we cannot guarantee them for the first performance. Full payment is required to order your dancer's uniform. Once you receive your uniform, try it on. We can only accept exchanges if the uniform has not been worn. Tights may not be returned once the packaging has been opened, so check the size on the package prior to opening. If an exchange is needed, please return the uniform right away as it may take several weeks to process. We are very picky about how our dancers come to performances. Proper dance shoes must be worn. Tights or socks must be the correct color. If your dancers pants are longer than the floor length, please hem them before his/her first performance so they don't slip and possibly hurt themselves.

Payments: Class payments are due by the 1st of each month. Any payments received at the home office after the 10th will have an additional \$5.00 late fee per month added to the balance. First 1/2-year payments are due by September 30th and you will receive a \$1.00 per month discount by paying by the 1/2 year. Second 1/2 year payments are due on January 1st. I strongly encourage you to send payments directly to the home office at Just For Kix •• PO Box 724 •• Brainerd, MN 56401. You will receive a payment stub sheet the first night of class and the end of December for your payment convenience. Sibling Discount: If you have two or more dancers in the program there is a dollar discount per month per child. All state sales taxes are included in payments where applicable.

**I will hand out friendly payments reminders regularly at class for any accounts that are past due.

Please note that any dancer that is two months behind in class payments will not be allowed to participate in class.

By giving us your check, please be aware that you are authorizing Just For Kix to make a one-time electronic debit from your account at the financial institution indicated on your check. This electronic debit will be for the amount of your check; no additional amount will be added to the amount.

Please Note: Any NSF or "stopped payment" checks made payable to JFK will be charged a \$20.00 service fee per check. Thank you.

Cancellations: The calendar will provide you with a class schedule for the season. Occasionally, we may run into a circumstance where an unscheduled cancellation needs to be made. This is very rare but should it happen, you will receive a note, e-mail or phone call. Any classes that are canceled will be made up. Watch for make-up dates on future calendars. Please note: if school has closed early or is canceled due to weather, there will be NO Just For Kix classes that evening. We will typically follow the recommendation of the school's policies given to the after school activities as a guideline for canceling class. Announcements will be made on **KATE** radio, my cell phone message and on the home/front page of this website.

No Distraction Environment: We have found through the years that the most productive way to run classes is without the distraction of parents and siblings. We want to offer the best quality class we can. Since we only have a short time per week together, every minute is important. Therefore, I will have a "no distraction environment". No spectators will be allowed during class time. However, I will allow spectators in the last 5 minutes of the last class of each month. This way you will be able to see the progress we are making.

Jazz Classes: Jazz classes are additional classes that are offered to our dancers. Our core kick classes teach and work on kids learning the skills needed to dance. Dancers learn 3-4 routines in their regular core kick season classes. If your child chooses to also take a jazz class, that will be run differently than the core kick class. In jazz class, instructors spend more time breaking down JAZZ-specific skills (pirouettes, turns, leaps, flexibility moves, and much more).

Performances: I will try to offer as many performances as possible. I am always looking for new opportunities; please feel free to contact me with any ideas. Please note... you may have to pay admission into some performances. For example: basketball games, football games and shows. Please understand that Just For Kix has no control over sporting admission fees. Our annual JFK shows charge an admission fee to cover the expenses that are incurred (facility rent, sound system, insurance, payroll, custodial fees, programs, etc.)

Shoes: Ballet or Jazz shoes are required at all performances. I would also recommend that ballet or Jazz shoes be worn at practice.

Facility: Our facility is VERY important to us. There is no yelling, running or gymnastics allowed while you are in the arena (inside or outside). There are other people using the arena and we need to always respect the facility and the other people in it. This is also for your safety. Dancers should be picked up immediately after their class is finished, as there is no supervision outside of class time.

Props: At some point during the year, your dancer may do a prop routine. Some props are rented from the home office, while others are purchased. All will require a minimum fee (\$1.00-\$6.00).

At Home Practice: Often parents ask how to help their dancers practice at home. The most important thing dancers can do is stretch on a regular basis at home. Dancers should do some activity to warm muscles and then stretch as many times a week as possible. Stretching technique is covered at class. Dancers who miss class should try to arrange to get together with one of their teammates to learn what was missed. Note: For Tiny Kix - Wee Petite dancers, at home practice should not be forced. Our goal is for them to enjoy the experience.