

Cambridge Just For Kix

Sept./Oct. Calendar and Newsletter-2009

Welcome: I want to welcome back all dancers and parents returning from last season! I also want to give a special welcome to all the new dancers and parents! I am really looking forward to another great season with Just For Kix!

Maternity Leave: As many of you know I will be on Maternity leave the beginning of the dance season. While I am gone I will have Becca and Annie teaching classes for me until I return. I am excited to have them instruct. While I won't be at classes I will still be answering questions via phone or e-mail. Feel free to contact me anytime.

Calendar News: We will be utilizing the Just For Kix website to access our monthly calendars and other important information. This will be your first and last paper calendar. To access the website go to: www.justforkix.com/danceclasses/cambridge_mn You may want to bookmark our site to save you time. *The calendar will be ready to print no later than the 15th of the previous month.* This will be to your benefit—quicker access, you can view it from any computer, and you can print as many as you need!! I hope that everyone has internet access at home, work, or through family and friends. Please let me know ASAP if you will not be able to access our site so I can be sure to get you printed materials.

Communication: Good communication is critical to the success of this season. Our classes run back to back, which doesn't allow much time for me to talk with parents. Your comments and questions, however, are important to me, so please note my contact information on the next page. Also note that I often make announcements at the end of each class, so please be sure to come in for those as well.

Shoes: Ballet or Jazz Shoes are required footwear for performances AND encouraged for class. Shoes are ordered through me and should be ordered right away.

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. **If you have long hair, please have it pulled back.** **No jewelry or gum chewing.**

Uniforms:

- All uniform orders must be to me by Sept. 17th.
- Uniforms can take 8-10 weeks. If orders are not in by Sept 17th, we cannot guarantee them for the 1st performance.
- Full payment is required to order.
- We will need to exchange all uniforms prior to wear, so please try it on as soon as you receive it.
- Tights are not exchangeable once the package is opened.

Class Payments:

- Core Kick Class fees are \$28.00 K-12 and \$25.00 Preschool. \$14.00 2-5 grade jazz \$21.00 6-12th grade jazz
- Class fees are due the 1st of each month.
- Payments received after the 10th will be assessed a \$5.00 late fee.
- Sibling Discount: If you have 2 or more children in the program, you receive \$1.00 off per month per child.
- First half year payments are due by Sept. 30th. Second half year payments are due January 1st. You receive a \$1.00 per month per child discount by paying by the half year. This is in addition to the sibling discount.
- You are also receiving a payment stub sheet. Please attach this to all payments.
- I will hand out payment reminders at class for any accounts past due.
- NOTE: Any NSF or "stopped payment" checks will be charged a \$20.00 service fee.

Hair Accessories: A hair accessory is required for all uniforms. If your dancer's hair is very short-this does not apply to you. Coordinating hair accessories are listed on your order form.

Props: We try to offer a variety of routines. At some point during the year, your dancer may do a prop routine that will require a minimal prop fee.

No Distraction Environment: The most productive way to run classes is without outside distraction. We want to offer the best quality class we can! Since we only meet one time per week, every minute is important! Therefore, we have a "no distraction environment". Spectators are not allowed during class time. I realize, however, that you like to watch your child's progress—so parents are welcome to watch the last 5 minutes of each class.

Cancellations: If the Cambridge Schools are cancelled, the class or performance for that day is cancelled. Cancelled classes will be made up at a later date. How will you know? I will send out an email, I will also post it on our website. **ALWAYS** feel free to call me. I often have cancellations on my answering machine.

Preschool & K -1st Gr. Parents: For safety reasons, please make sure you come in to the building to pick your dancer up after class.

Arrival/Departure: Dancers should arrive no more than 5 minutes prior to their class time and need to be picked up promptly when class is finished. Unsupervised dancers are a safety concern and may also jeopardize the use of our facility.

At Home Practice: The most important thing dancers can do at home is stretch on a regular basis. Older dancers who miss class should try to arrange to get together with one of their teammates to learn what was missed. Parents may also videotape the

class doing the routine. I will no longer be able to make CD's for dancers. **Note:** For preschoolers and Wee Petite dancers, at home practice should not be forced. Our goal is for them to enjoy the experience.

No Class! On October 15th there will be no classes due to MEA break. This class will be made up on October 9th regular times (see class schedule for location).

Bring a Friend to Class Night: On September 24th it is ask a friend to join you at class night! All dancers that bring a friend will be put in a drawing for special items. If your buddy joins Just For Kix you will receive a special dance pin. They will be learning our dance with you. Ask a friend today!

Performances: I will try to offer as many performances as possible. Please note... you may have to pay admission into some performances. For example: shows or athletic performances. Please understand that Just For Kix has no control over admission fees at school events and we try to offer free performances also.

Our Dance Season: Our dance season is broken into different parts. We utilize our fall classes to build up our skills, learn our first routines, get uniforms ordered and prepare for performance season. Our performance season begins in December. By this time we have learned our first routines and have built some of our skills. We utilize this performance season to polish our routines, work on facial expressions and confidence. We may perform routines multiple times to allow us to polish and build self-confidence while we perform. You will notice that each time we perform a routine, the facial expressions and confidence should improve as we become more comfortable with the routine. We will also continue to introduce new routines throughout the performance season. Following the Holidays our 4th-12th grade classes will also begin competing. We finish our year with a Spring Show.

Our Facilities- Please respect them:

We are SO fortunate to have a great practice facility. Please remember we are only renting our actual practice space. It is okay for you to wait for your dancer in the hallway, but the other areas of these facilities are not for our use. Please remember this & stay in our areas only. Thank you!

***Facility Rules:** I do not want to loose our location, so I need everyone to be on their best behavior. It has been very difficult to find such a great location for dance classes in this area. Please be respectful of the school and make sure you follow their rules and mine. If anyone is caught breaking a rule they will not be allowed to wait during classes.*

- Please do not arrive any earlier than 5 minutes before your scheduled class.
- All children **MUST** be supervised at all times!!
- Please be very quite when you come into the school. Sit quietly when you are waiting for your class to begin. Please do not enter this area any earlier than 5 minutes before classes start.
- There is no food or gum allowed. (water bottles are ok)
- Please use the restroom before coming to class. It seems once one has to go they will all have to go.
- No running! No flips or cartwheels.

Class location Schedule:

Important Information: Because the schools have many activities going on every week we are not always able to use the same location each week. I will post the location of the class on the online calendar. If you have questions please let me know. **NEW** this year we will be at different locations according to the class. If you have 2 or more children in the program and they are at different locations feel free to drop one of them off earlier and they can sit quietly before their class begins while you are bringing the other to the 2nd location.

I have also handed out a separate sheet for class dates and locations incase you don't have internet.

E-Mail: Please be sure I have your current e-mail address as I will be sending the calendar and important updates via e-mail. If you have not received an e-mail from my by the end of September it means I do not have one for you.

Contact Me:

- If you have questions or concerns contact me: Phone: 320-202-1670
Email: cambridge_mn@justforkix.com
My office hours are M, T and TH 10am-2pm

Thank you for being a part of Just For Kix!!
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