



# April Newsletter – Step Above Dance

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Dear Parents,

Our busy season is here!!! I am including a lot of information below. Please let me know if you have any questions ([stepabove.dance@gmail.com](mailto:stepabove.dance@gmail.com)). This newsletter is also posted on our website under “newsletters” and at the studio.

## **Easter Weekend – April 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>:**

We continue to be closed this weekend and will resume classes as usual on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> (tomorrow).

## **April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>:**

While our performance group will be at competition this weekend, **all of our regular classes will continue to run as usual.**

**Secured Entry:** We are continuing to work on switching over to the secured entry system. We are not quite set, but hope to be soon. We will give you lots of time to memorize the password before the official start date. We will also have an intercom system set up should you forget the password in the first weeks!

## **Exams – April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>:**

Exams will be held at the studio during the daytime hours. The exam times have been sent out via email, and are currently posted in the waiting area at the studio, as well as at the bottom of this newsletter. This year, Miss Shearer will be examining us. Please be sure to arrive to your child’s exam 1 hour in advance of the scheduled time. Please make sure all dancewear is either new or in excellent condition, and your child is NOT wearing any jewellery or nail polish. We will have many teachers available to help with hair if you would like assistance; however you are required to provide your own styling supplies (**gel, elastics, pins, hairnet, hairspray, and brush/comb**).

## **Picture Day and Rehearsal – April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>:**

Fred’s Photography will once again be coming to our studio! At the same time, we will also be holding a recital run through. These are very busy evenings and we do our best to stay on, or close to, the set schedule. Please remember that only dancers are to be in the studio where pictures are taking place and in the studio where the rehearsal is happening as well. **All dancers** will need to have their hair in a formal bun and should not wear jewellery or nail polish. If you are unsure as to how to do a bun, please follow the link in this email. We will also have a team of individuals who can put your child’s hair in a bun, **but please bring your own hair supplies.** PLEASE ARRIVE 15 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR CHILD’S SCHEDULED TIME IN ORDER TO GET INTO COSTUME. Pictures will be available for purchase at the recital. There is an information sheet from Fred’s Photography currently posted on the bulletin board at the studio.

**The Picture Day line up for both evenings is listed below.** Note also, that there will be no regularly scheduled classes this evening.

## **Dress Rehearsal - Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>:**

Our Dress Rehearsal will be held at Forest City Community Church – 3725 Bostwick Rd. London. Students are to arrive in costume. Please arrive 15 minutes early and meet in the atrium (there are couches and chairs here for parents to wait). Teachers will call the students from there. You will also be shown your child’s dressing room for the next day’s recital. This is where you will drop them off on Saturday. Please note that parents are not to watch the dress rehearsal. Tickets will be available for purchase at this time (\$12).

## **Year End Recital – Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>:**

We are looking for a few parents to assist us during the recital. If you would be willing to help out, please let Miss Jacqueline know via email. We will be looking for parents to stay backstage with the children (must have a police check to do this), for ushers, and for a cleaning crew. Please let us know if you would be willing to help us out in any of these ways.

As in previous years, we will be having two recitals: a matinee and an evening recital. Each of our classes will perform in 1 recital only. Your child may perform in both shows depending on the number of classes they are taking. The line-up for both shows will be posted at the studio and emailed out to everyone shortly as well as the order of the dress rehearsal on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>. There are no regular classes on recital day!

**Videography:**

Once again, our recital will be professionally videotaped. Dvds are available for purchase at both the dress rehearsal and at both recitals for \$25 for one recital, or \$40 if you choose to purchase both recitals (HST incl.). As is the **policy at our studio, there is to be no personal videotaping, or photography of any kind, of the recital.** Thanks in advance for your cooperation... personal videotaping is very distracting to the dancers and is annoying to other parents and audience members. Both can also ruin our professional DVD, as well as violate the contract that we have signed with Miko Productions. *Please feel free to take personal video and photos of your child both before, and after, the recital.*

**Recital Tickets:**

Tickets are \$12 for adults and children 5+ and *you will need to let us know which show you will be attending when you purchase the tickets, as they are specific to each show.* Your dancer does not need a ticket as he/she will be backstage for the entire show. We will begin selling recital tickets at our picture days. They will also be available at the dress rehearsal and before each recital. We accept cash, cheque, or credit card.

**Performance Group:**

Congratulations to our Step Above Performance Group! Our first competition has brought many trophies and many beautiful moments. We are very proud of all of the hard work and effort that they have put in leading up to these events. We have two more to go and are looking forward to seeing all of the dancers do their best! If your child is at all interested in joining our performance group, please have them come and dance at our auditions on **Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**. Auditions times are scheduled based on your child's year of birth.

**Performance Group Auditions Times – **May 19<sup>th</sup>**: Students should arrive 15 minutes early in order to warm themselves up.**

**6:00-6:30pm – born 2010&2009**

**6:30-7:00pm - born 2008&2007**

**7:15-7:45pm- born 2006&2005**

**7:45-8:15pm - born 2004&2003**

**8:15-8:45pm - born 2002/2001/2000**

**8:45-9:15pm - born 1999-1997**

**Summer Camp:**

Our summer camps will be running again this year! Please find the brochure attached to this email. Once again, we will be offering before and after camp programs (beginning at 7:15am and ending at 5:15pm) during the weeks of July 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. If you complete your registration package by the recital, you will receive a *complementary Step Above t-shirt* for your dancer!

PLEASE email me if you have any questions or are confused about any of the information above.

Regards,

*Miss Jacqueline*

Miss Jacqueline and the Step Above Staff

**Picture Day - Tuesday, April 28th**

Time	Number
4:30	PG Lyrical E - You are my Sunshine
	Jazz Duet - Makenzie & Jenna
	Tap Trio - Haley, Cree & Nicole
	Duet - Michaela & Paige
	Solo: Kaitlin/Madison/Holleigh/Jessica
	Tap Duet - Makenzie & William
	Solo: Jenna B./Jordann/Fayth/Michaela/Paige
	Pointe Duet - Jenna B & Kaitlin/ Jenna D Solo
5:00	PG Lyrical Tech
	PG Jazz A Tech class
	PG Jazz B Tech class
5:30	PG Headshots in a bun
	PG Jazz Line
6:00	Preschool Ballet - Tuesday 5:15 class
	Tap 2 – Friday class
	Pre Primary Ballet – Saturday 10:45 class
	Primary Ballet – Saturday class
6:30	Age 5 Ballet - Saturday 10:10 class
	Grade 2 Ballet
	PG Lyrical Large Group Made of St.
	Pre Primary Ballet - Monday
	PG Ballet C
7:00	PG Ballet B
	PG Ballet A
	PG Ballet E
7:30	PG Lyrical D
	PG Jazz B
	PG Acro Tech class
	PG Jazz A
8:00	PG Acro Little Red
	Grade 3 Ballet
	PG Jazz C
	PG Acro B
8:30	PG Jazz D
	PG Jazz E

**Picture Day - Wednesday, April 29th**

Time	Number + regular class time
4:45	Vocational Technique
	Hip Hop 1 - Thurs 4:45 class
5:00	Age 5 Ballet - Tues 6:25 class
	Jazz 2 - Sat 9:45 class
	Lyrical - Holly W.
	Jazz 1 - Thurs 5:30 class
5:30	Pre School Ballet - Mon 6:30 class
	Pre School Acro - Tues 5:50 class
	Grade 6 Ballet
	Hip Hop 1 - Tues 5:30 class
6:00	Acro 1 - Mon 5:15 class
	Pre School Ballet - Sat 9:00 class
	Body Conditioning - Miss Kelsi's class
	Age 5 Ballet - Wed 7:00 class
6:30	Musical Theatre 1 - Sat 11:15 class
	Grade 8 Ballet
	Musical Theatre 2 - Sat 2:30 class
	Acro 1 - Mon 6:30 class
7:00	Pre School Jazz - Sat. 9:35 class
	Pre School Jazz - Wed 6:30 class
	Hip Hop 2 - Sat 10:30 class
	Tap 1 - Tues 5:00 class
7:45	Acro 2 - Mon 7:30 class
	Intermediate Foundation Ballet/Grade 5 Ballet
	Grade 4 Ballet
8:15	Jazz 3
	Tap 3
	Senior Beginner Tap
8:45	Acro 3
	Hip Hop 3
	Jazz 4

9:00 CDE Tech Class

**Exam Schedule: ARRIVE 1 HOUR EARLY**

**April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Name</b>
1:20 pm	Jordann C & Toni H Grade 8
2:00 pm	Morgan F, Kaitlin J & Breanna H Grade 8
3:05 pm	Cree D, Madison H-D & Danika S Grade 6

**April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Name</b>
9:30 am	Jessica S & Haley P Grade 6
10:10 am	Amber W, Faith S, Kade K, Kyra R, Abigail F, Parker S & Josie D PRE PRIMARY
10:55 am	Maddi C, Emily M, Grayson W, Olivia M & Allison P GRADE 1
11:35 am	Alexia F GRADE 4
12:05 pm	Lauren S, Fyn V, Annaliese S, Shayla K, Lily-Anne D & Mabel L PRE PRIMARY
12:35 pm	Reese H, Brooke R, & Isis, H PRIMARY
1:55 pm	Regan P, Paige T & Molly K GRADE 3
2:25 pm	Jenna D, Jaimie L, Makenzie R & Kaitlyn P GRADE 3
2:55 pm	Ella G & Fayth W GRADE 5
3:45 pm	Emily M, Nicole W, Nicolette K & Morgan H-D GRADE 5