

The Countdown is ON !

It is hard to believe that we are in the last few days of April. It's almost May... which means RECITAL TIME! I absolutely love recital weekend. I love spending hours at the church, setting the stage and preparing for the show. I hardly sleep the night before because I am so excited to see the kids shine on stage! And now we are 9 days away!! Though the session is winding down, we aren' $\dagger$ at the end yet!! Please be sure dancers are practicing at home... We want to put our best foot forward at our big show!

May is going to be a very big month for me personally, too. The week following recital, I will be having a surgery that will require a bit more recovery time than I would like. While I prefer to keep the details private for now, I want to assure you all I am not sick and will be absolutely fine post-surgery. I don't want to alarm any of you or your sweet dancers, but I feel so much love and support from my Faith in Motion family, so I wanted to keep you all in the loop. I would appreciate your prayers and positive thoughts!

## Here is the information for the week:

- We have reached our last class of the session! This last week will be GROUP PRACTICE on Monday, April 29th. This means there will be NO classes on Sunday, April 28th!!! PLEASE plan to attend this class so we can put the finishing touches on both group dances. For level 2/3, there is an instructional video and full video posted to our YouTube channel.
- The LAST monthly payment of the session was due April 7/8!! Please pay this promptly so I can mark you free and clear for the session! :)
- Looking ahead at recital weekend, please plan to attend the mandatory rehearsal on Friday, May 3rd from 6-8pm. This date has been in the "Save the Date" box since January, so I am expecting full attendance. We will run through the whole recital from start to finish with music and props. You are welcome to bring your costumes if you feel you need to practice in them. This worked SO well last session, and it was very beneficial to dancers who attended!!! Once you have practiced all of your dances, you are free to go. Parents are welcome (and encouraged) to attend. I am happy to say all 6 of reunion dance guests will be at rehearsal... this would be a great time to see them! :)
- Recital will take place at $3: 30 \mathrm{pm}$ on May 4th at the church. Instructors will arrive at $2: 45$, and dancers arrive at 3 pm. Doors open at $3: 15 \mathrm{pm}$. Doors will remain tightly closed until 3:15. When you drop your dancers off, you will not be permitted to enter the sanctuary to ensure the sanctuary is clear before 3:15. This allows us to prepare any last minute details; thank you in advance for your cooperation.
- I have the order of recital figured out... I think! Before you look at the list, I will warn you, many dancers only have one song between dances. I apologize, but please remember, we have 35 dancers with the vast majority in $2+$ classes. I would appreciate you explaining this to your dancers, as I received lots of unhappy feedback on this at the Komets.... Please let me know if I mistakenly put your dancer back to back, left a dance out, or put a routine in twice!!

Level 1 Group Dance
Hip-Hop 3
Hip-Hop 1
Musical Theater
Ballet 3
Hip-Hop 2
Ballet 1
Lyrical
Ballet 2
Poms
Joslyn Solo
Abby Solo
Community Class Performance
Toddlers in Tutus
Boy's Hip-Hop
Devotional moment w/ Miss Holly
Reunion Dance
Jazz 1 -
Jazz 2
Tap 3
Tap 2
Tap 1
Jazz 3
Level 2/3 Group Dance
dance camp July 25-27. Camp will take place the evenings of July 25 \& 26 and the afternoon of July 27, ending with a block party and performance at the church. Our theme is going to be TobyMac!!

Thanks, and enjoy your weekend!!
Holly


## SAVE THESE DATES:

Recital Rehearsal: Friday, May 3rd 6-8pm

Recital: Saturday, May 4th 3:30pm
Last Group Practice: April 29th


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## WEEKLY DANSPIRATION



## A Smile That Lights Up The Room!

This week, I am excited to take about ADDY! Little Miss Addy started with us a few years ago as the youngest tapper in her class. She all but hid behind her big sister and had us fooled that she was shy. I remember making silly faces at Addy during her firs $\dagger$ couple performances to get her to look up and smile. Over the years, we have watched Addy not only improve but start to LOVE dance! From one class to $3+$ classes, Addy is not only a tapper but a budding ballerina and spunky hip-hopper. Addy is also one of the youngest dancers participating in the reunion dance. When I taught Hip-Hop 1 last year, I really connected with Addy and really got to see her cute personality. She is a joy to have in class and a friend to all of the other dancers. Her energy and spirit spread like wildfire when she enters the room! Something so special happened at the Komets performance a couple weeks ago... I watched Addy line up with the other hip-hoppers. She was the first one, at the front of the line. As she not only walked out to the performance area but LED the group, she flashed the biggest, happiest smile toward the crowd!! She looked up with confidence. It was in that moment that I was reminded of the timid little tap dancer in a poofy red costume a few years back... Addy's confidence is growing along with her dance ability. We are so excited to see her passion and skills continue to grow!!!

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