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Welcome to Alberta Dance Academy!

WE SURVIVED SEPTEMBER!! It's especially nice to see so many familiar faces joining us again and a warm welcome to all those who are new to Alberta Dance Academy. We hope your child is enjoying their class as we want dancing to be a positive experience for them. *If they are not enjoying their class let us know so that we can suggest something more suitable.* Sometimes we just need to try another style, another teacher, another dance suit, or even another day of the week. Let the front desk know and we will supply you with a list of alternative classes to try!

IMPORTANT CHOREOGRAPHY INFORMATION- Ballet Tech 1, 2 & 3

Miss Courtney will be teaching classes on October 26, November 2 and November 9. During these classes students will be learning a large portion of choreography. It is VERY important that everybody attends these classes and is ready to work hard! Miss Elise will clean and polish the dances in preparation for competition. Miss Courtney will return in February to complete the dances!

We know FIRST AID!

ADA is happy to announce that all ADA staff members are fully trained in First Aid, CPR and AED machines. Taking this course has made us all more aware of situations that can happen in our studio environment, in particular, allergies and existing medical conditions. If your child has allergies, or any condition that requires immediate attention should a reaction take place, PLEASE make us aware of anything that we can do to ease the situation. We also feel it would be best if you stayed in the building while your child is dancing in the event that your dancer has a reaction. Please be aware that if you are not in the studio and an emergency occurs, ADA will take appropriate measures to protect your child. Your child's health and safety is a top priority. We also have a few students with severe nut allergies. Please be respectful to them and do not bring nuts into the studio.

Flu Season:

It is no secret that flu season is here. In order to ensure the positive experience at ADA that each of your children deserve, please keep your child at home if they are showing flu symptoms.

ADA Car-Pool!

Having trouble getting your dancer to class? Then the ADA Car-pool program is for you. Simply email adaerica@telus.net with your student name and contact info. I will then forward an email to the classes in session at that time to see if anyone is available to help out. Here are two dancers that need a ride:

- A dancer coming from Dr. Morris Gibson to ADA on Tuesdays at 4:00.
- A dancer coming from Good Sheppard to ADA on Wednesdays at 4:00.

Let's get these kids to class!!

Electronic Newsletter:

Please note this will be the last hard copy of our newsletter. Newsletters will be posted on the new and improved website. Parents and dancers can subscribe to have the newsletter sent direct. Hard copies will be supplied upon request. Check out the new website available shortly at www.albertadanceacademy.com. Please note that due to the change of the website new usernames and passwords will be assigned. More details to come.

Accounts & Payments:

Please ensure your account remains in good standing, and all items will be paid for on receipt, no exceptions. If you have a credit on your account, be advised that ADA will not apply any credits to amounts owing without your authorization. **Accounts in arrears will be charged interest at 2% a month on the overdue balance.**

Monthly EFT Payments:

For those of you that have your monthly fees debited from your bank account on a monthly basis, we apologize if it has caused any confusion. October fees will appear on your bank statement as "*monthly fees.*" This will be changed for November fees and it will be obvious that the payment is for ADA. Again our apologies if we have caused any inconvenience.

Proper Dress Code:

It is essential that students attend class in proper dance attire. Guidelines are specified in the 2009/2010 Information Booklet, and are to be followed. Students that are not properly dressed and groomed may be asked to sit out and observe class. Should you have any questions about suitable dance attire, please speak to Miss Erica, Miss Lindsay, Miss Katie or Miss Tasha, at the front desk, can size and/or order new dancewear and shoes for your dancer.

Dancewear:

Start making your Christmas wish list! We are getting in an exciting assortment of dancewear, studio jackets and bags. We hope to have merchandise in the studio this month.

Adult Sessions:

Okay, we've got the kids going – now it's YOUR turn! Our adult classes will be taking place in 6 week sessions.

Jazz	Wednesday	8:15 to 9:15 p.m.	October 28 - December 9 (no class Nov 11)
Tap	Wednesday	8:15 to 9:15 p.m.	January 6 - February 10
Stretch & Strength	Wednesday	8:15 to 9:15 p.m.	February 24 – March 31
Hip Hop	Wednesday	8:15 to 9:15 p.m.	April 14 - May 19

Ballroom

Friday

6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

November 6 - December 11

Outdoor Shoes

In order to keep our 1 year old carpets looking like new please note that **absolutely NO outdoor shoes are permitted** inside the building. Please your footwear immediately upon entering the building and place them on the boot racks provided.

Parent Association:

Attention all dance parents: Looking for a way to offset some of the costs of dance? The Alberta Dance Academy Parent Association is a great way to help support your dancer in their training. Their next meeting will be held October 20, 7:00 PM at the Okotoks Public Library. Activities for the A.D.A.P.A will include workshop contributions, scholarship donations, fundraising opportunities, as well as bingos and casinos. All parents are welcome to join.

Their current fundraiser is Hutterite Chickens! \$65 will get you 4 HUGE Chickens, and a delicious pie! Plus, for every Package you sell \$12.50 will be credited to your ADA account which you can spend on any of your ADA dance costs.

Studio Etiquette

In order to provide each dancer with the experience they each deserve, it is very important that everybody practices the same etiquette at all times while in the studio.

Parents please ensure that:

- Your child is on time
- Your child is in proper attire
- You do not enter the classroom or speak to teachers during class time. Please leave a note at the front desk if you would like the teacher to contact you
- You maintain a positive attitude in our hallways. If you have concerns or suggestions...Please leave a note at the front desk for Miss Erica.

Pictures & Videos:

DVDs and class photos from last year are available for pick-up at the front desk.

Thanksgiving:

Just a reminder, there are no classes Monday, October 12 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Please refer to the yearly schedule online for the list of upcoming events and holidays, at www.albertadanceacademy.com

Halloween:

All students are invited to join in the Halloween fun and wear their costumes to class the week of October 26-31st!

Used Shoes:

Thanks to all those who brought in their used shoes. Please note that all used shoe sales will be credited directly to ADA accounts. If you would like to have that credit applied to an amount owing you must let the front desk know. ADA will not apply any credits to amounts owing without your authorization. We are not responsible for shoes left to be sold as many people are going through these bins. Shoes shall be left at your own risk. Should

you require new shoes or dancewear please speak with Miss Lindsay, Miss Katie or Miss Tasha as we will be making bi-weekly trips to our supplier.

Optional Competition Classes:

The follow classes have the option of going to competition. The decision will be made based on the response from the parents and students. **We ask that the Parents please come to these classes the week of Oct 19 - 26.** We will be having a competition information meeting the first few minutes of the class allowing you to make an informed decision about taking your dancer to competition. We will need your final decision to be made during the week of November 9-14 during our competition costume week.

Tap Tech 1 – Mon at 4:00pm

Jazz Int Teen - Tues at 8:15pm

Jazz Jr. 2 – Thurs at 4:45pm

Jazz Jr. 3 - Thurs at 5:30pm

Tap Jr. 2 – Thurs at 4:45pm

Hip Hop Inter Teen – Thurs at 7:00pm

Hip Hop Beg Teen – Thurs at 8:00pm

Musical Theatre 7-9 – Tues at 5:30pm

Musical Theatre 7-9 - Fri at 4:45pm

Musical Theatre 10-12 – Fri at 5:30pm

Dates to Remember:

Oct. 12- Thanksgiving- **No Classes**

Oct. 15- Chicken Orders Due

Oct 20- ADAPA Meeting 7:00 pm @ Okotoks Public Library

Oct 26-31 Wear your Halloween Costume to class

Oct 31- Class as scheduled

Nov. 9-14 **Competition Costume Week**

Parents please come to class and view costume and help us size dancers. Also any questions about competition will be answered at this time.

Nov. 11- Remembrance Day – **No Classes**

Nov. 16- 1st Competition Entry Payment Due

For Classes/Solos/Duos/Trios etc.

We hope you and your family have an enjoyable dance year. Help us to ensure the greatest success for your child – whatever that may be. Parents make sure you are receiving your newsletters so that you stay updated with studio events. Newsletters will also be posted on the website every month and a current newsletter is always hanging on the front bulletin board. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact the office 403 938-3125 or email adaerica@telus.net.