

Wainwright Dance Academy

November Newsletter 2014

WDA BOARD MEMBERS 2014-2015

Please contact the board through email at info@wainwrightdanceacademy.com. We will attempt to address all emails quickly. We are using Facebook for distributing information only. It is not being monitored regularly for questions or concerns so please forward questions to the above email.

Parents are also welcome to attend the beginning of our monthly board meetings to ask questions or voice concerns and/or opinions. The executives are fellow volunteer parents working to do what is best for the academy as a whole, and we value your input. The next WDA Board Meeting is on Thursday, December 4 at 7:00 pm.

President – Kari Walsh
Vice-President – Tamara Schwab
Secretary – Lori Myggland
Treasurer – Heather Tesselaar
Communications Director – Lori Steele
Festival/Recital Director – Cathy Stang
Fundraising Director – Jenifer Brophy
Facility Director – Sara Mascarin
Costume Director – Maryke de Vos

Special Events MaL – Deb Anderson
Performance MaL – Connie Harris
Communication MaL – Heather Rentz
Administrative MaL – Katherine Barass

*MaL – Member at Large

FUNDRAISING INFO – PURDY'S

Purdy's Christmas Fundraiser orders should have already been handed in, as the due date was Saturday, November 8.

The location of the Purdy's order pick up, exact dates, and times will be announced. If you are able to assist with organizing or handing the orders out please contact our Fundraising Director Jenifer Brophy via email at jbrophy@telus.net with your name and contact number. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

NOTE: The expected date of delivery will be during the week of November 24 - 28.

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BALLET HAIR & MAKE UP DEMO

Kari Walsh will be hosting a **hair & make up tutorial night on Wednesday, November 26 at 6:30 pm in the Front Studio**. She will be demonstrating how to do ballet hair and studio make up. If you are a new parent to WDA please make every effort to attend this tutorial.

STUDIO MAKE-UP 2014/2015

- Foundation:** Match to your child's skin color or go a shade darker.
- Eyeliner:** Black for around the eyes (bottom eye line only if your child wears eye lashes).
- Eye shadow:** Revlon Colorstay #500 Addictive **OR**
Covergirl #105 Cafe au lait **OR**
Maybelline Chic Naturals #35T
- Blush:** Revlon #002 Blushing Berry **OR**
Covergirl #154 Deep Plum
- Lipstick:** Maybelline Superstay 24 #015 All Day Cherry **OR**
Revlon Colorstay Ultimate Liquid #050 Top Tomatoe
- Fake Eye lashes:** #222 Mesmor Eyes Black **OR**
#105 Ardell (**Absolutely NO rhinestone or tinsel eyelashes.**)

Miss Sandy would like all dancers to wear earrings for The Nutcracker.

It is important for all dancers to wear the same color of make-up. At festivals the dancers earn/lose marks for their overall appearance. ****Also please know that we do not change our make up every year so all of your purchases will still be valid for next year.****

TREASURER INFO - INVOICES & RECEIPTS

Invoices have already been emailed to everyone. If your family did not receive an invoice by October 31, 2014 please contact the treasurer at treasurer@wainwrightdanceacademy.com. If the amount owing is less than \$50, this may be paid later when remaining costume and festival fees are due (February 2015). *If you owe more the \$50, please contact the treasurer to make arrangements for payment.* If you have a credit, it will remain on your account to cover any additional costume/fundraising costs unless you request to the treasurer to have it refunded.

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FACILITY INFO - USE & CARE

LOST & FOUND - The Lost & Found is also spilling over with items that our dancers are leaving behind. Please come in and check through the numerous garments, selection of water bottles, etc. that have already accumulated in the change rooms in both of the front and back studios.

The Lost & Found bins are going to be emptied and discarded on Saturday, November 15. Please check the bins while you still have the chance.

PRIVATE STUDIO BOOKINGS – The studio has time available for parents to book practice sessions for their dancer(s) for an additional cost. Please contact our Facilities Director, Sara Mascarin (mascarin@telusplanet.net), to book practice times. **NOTE:** *Any dancers who are 16 years and younger must be supervised by their parent or guardian while using this private time as there will likely not be any instructors present.*

CLASS VIEWINGS & CANCELLATIONS

All parents are invited by our dance instructors to stay and watch the last 30 minutes of your child's class(es) during the class observation week. We will be holding these viewings two times during the year. Please see the scheduled times listed below:

- November 16 – 21
- March or April – TBA

CANCELLED CLASSES: **Miss Mack's classes will be cancelled on Thursday, November 20.** They will be rescheduled sometime in the New Year – stay tuned for dates. Because this is also a parent viewing night, the parents of students in Miss Mack's Thursday classes will have their parent viewing night on Thursday, November 27 instead.

COSTUME INFO

The WDA Board and Miss Sandy would like to express how much we greatly appreciated the quick response of our Ballet 6 parents to our Nutcracker costume request for the white ballet dresses. WDA would also like to purchase these costumes from families who no longer need them so that they may be used in future Nutcracker productions. We are prepared to offer each family \$15/dress. Please contact the WDA Treasurer at treasurer@wainwrightdanceacademy.com to request the refund.

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NUTCRACKER INFO

TICKET SALES: The Nutcracker is a wonderful way to start the Christmas Season. We will be selling tickets for The Nutcracker on November 12 & 13 at the WDA Front Studio from 7 – 9 pm for \$10.00 each. There is no limit on how many tickets can be purchased at one time. However, please be aware that **parents must sign up for their volunteer job at the Nutcracker performances before being able to purchase any tickets.** The “sign up” posters are located in the WDA Front Studio and **THERE ARE STILL A FEW SPOTS NEEDING TO BE FILLED.**

If you are unable to purchase your reserved seating tickets on Wednesday or Thursday night, you can still do so at Sprouts N’ Jabbers in Wainwright starting on Friday, November 14. Tickets will be on sale until the performance dates. Be sure to let your family and friends know.

RAFFLE TABLE DONATIONS: We are looking for donations to raffle at our Nutcracker Raffle Table on December 13 & 14. If you or your company is interested in donating an item, please contact our Fundraising Director, Jenifer Brophy at jbrophy@telus.net. Any and all donations are greatly appreciated!

DRESS REHEARSAL: Dress Rehearsal for The Nutcracker will be held on Friday, December 12 from 5:00 – 9:00 pm at the Communiplex. **Parents are asked to feed their children supper before arriving as there will be no scheduled breaks for eating.** This will allow for a complete and uninterrupted rehearsal for all dancers before their first performance on Saturday.

INTERMISSION COOKIES & SQUARES: All Ballet parents (except Ballet P and Ballet 1) are requested to please bring 2 dozen cookies or squares that will be served during the intermission of each performance. They need to be dropped off at the Communiplex kitchen during the dress rehearsal on Friday night. Thank you in advance!

PHOTOGRAPHY DURING PERFORMANCES: There is NO flash photography of any kind allowed in the theatre during the performances as it is very distracting and could cause an injury to an unsuspecting dancer.

FESTIVAL INFO

All competitive groups will be registered in three festivals/competitions with the exception of the younger classes (3 – 4 year olds), which will only attend one festival. Please be aware that festival fees collected at the time of registration do not necessarily cover the whole cost of attending festivals. Remaining balances will be added to your February 2015 costume & festival invoice.

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WDA will be applying for the following festivals listed below. Please know that these dates and festivals are only **TENTATIVE** until we receive official notification of acceptance to attend. Should you make plans around these dates please keep in mind that they are not written in stone and may be subject to change.

March 20 – 22, 2015

Thunderstruck - Competition
(Edmonton)

April 18 – 19, 2015

Wanna Dance - Competition
(Bonnyville)

May 1 – 3, 2015

Dance Rage - Festival
(Camrose)

*Our little dancers (3 & 4 yr olds) will attend the Dance Rage Festival in Camrose only.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

November 1 – Studios officially open for Private Bookings where available.

November 8 – Purdy's Orders Due

November 11 – Classes will commence at their normal start times in the afternoon.

November 12 & 13 – Nutcracker Ticket Sales WDA Front Studio 7 – 9 pm

November 14 – Nutcracker Tickets for sale at Sprouts

November 16 to 21 – Parent Watch Week

November 20 – Miss Mack's Classes Cancelled

November 26 – Hair & Make Up Demo at 6:30 pm

November 24 to 28 – Expected Delivery Dates of Purdy Orders

December 12 – Nutcracker Dress Rehearsal from 5:00 – 9:00 pm

December 13 – Nutcracker Performances at 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm

December 14 – Nutcracker Performance at 2:00 pm

December 21 to January 3 – Closed for Christmas Holidays

January 4 – Classes Resume

February 16 – Closed for Family Day

March – Dance Photos TBA

March 20 to 22 – Thunderstruck (Edmonton)

April 3 to April 11 – Closed for Easter

April 12 – Classes Resume

April 18 to 19 – Wanna Dance (Bonnyville)

May – Last Day of Classes TBA

May 1 to 3 – Dance Rage (Camrose)

May 6 – Recital Rehearsal

May 8, 9, & 10 – Spring Recital