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The Newsletter of the Burlington Dance Academy
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2024 October Newsletter



All of us at the Burlington Dance Academy would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our returning and new families. We hope everyone is settling into the new dance season and enjoying these beautiful Fall days!

DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov 13 - Dec 11	Parents' Day (see insert)
Dec 21 (Sat)	Last day of class before Christmas
Dec 22 - Jan 5	Christmas Break (inclusive)
Jan 6 (Mon)	Classes Resume
Jan 21 - 25	Jammie January (Rec classes only)
Feb 10 - 15	Have A Heart Week
Feb 17 (Mon)	Family Day / School Closed
Feb 23 (Sun)	Competitive Show (held at Burlington Performing Arts Centre)

OPEN HOUSE

Please find enclosed our Parents' Day Letter. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's instructor and observe your child's progress. We would like to invite either parents/guardians/grandparents (maximum 2 adults per child) to this exciting opportunity. This year the Open House will take place between Wednesday, November 13th to Wednesday, December 11th. Please note, classes will end 5-10 minutes early to ease class change-over. We look forward to seeing you all there!

STAFF UPDATES

We are extremely fortunate to have most of our teachers returning again this year. We'd like to welcome our newest staff members, *Tyler Smith*, Saturday acro and jazz and *Jayden Ridpath*, Saturday lyrical, jazz and tap.

●●● Halloween Week ●●●
October 24th - 30th We invite students to wear their Halloween costume (as long as they can move freely and their costumes are danceable and NOT distracting) OR orange & black during the week before Halloween.

Halloween -- Thursday, October 31st
ALL Classes CANCELLED!!!

MEDICAL CONCERNS! Please let the office know if there are any medical concerns (anaphylaxis, epilepsy, diabetes, etc.) that teachers and/or office staff should be aware of, and specific instructions on what to do in case of any incidents. We have Anaphylaxis Emergency Plan forms in the office for those with life-threatening allergies. We also suggest that, if you are not remaining in the school with your child, you advise staff of what “plan of action” is required if there is a potential incident that requires medical attention.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT PERIOD

The first few weeks of our year are a hectic time as we assess students and try to place them in the most appropriate classes according to their age and ability. This can often result in changes to your child’s schedule. We are very committed to the best interests of each and every student, and always try to accommodate schedules of both parents and students. You will, however, notice some schedule changes as we assess class sizes.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to focus on our philosophy here at the Burlington Dance Academy, where our goal is:

- ✓ to create an atmosphere that fosters the love of dance
- ✓ to treat each student as an important individual
- ✓ to give each student an equal opportunity to learn and grow
- ✓ to encourage self-discipline and respect for others

Recital Deposits due December 1st!

Recital deposits have been added to your accounts and are due on December 1st for your child(ren)’s non-refundable Recital Costume Deposit(s) for the Year-End Performances. Recital deposits can be paid:

- online through the parent portal (convenience fee applies)
- by e-transfer to [bdacademy@aol.com], OR
- by debit ONLY in the office (no credit card payments in the office, only via portal).

THANK YOU TO OUR TEAM OF ASSISTANTS

We have a fabulous group of assistants this year helping out with our classes: Jessica Boyer, Madelyn Hynek, Jessica Leonardo, Helen Liu, Katelyn Lynam, Amelia Mirecki, Delaney Miron, Angela Molouba, Sloan Pearce, Ashlyn Puddington, Caitlin Sargant, Taylor Scherle, Ella Suddes, Jia Yoon, and Saejin Yoon.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Coyote Sightings Parents, please BEWARE, our area is often a habitat for coyotes. At the time of this writing, we had not seen any in our immediate area but Burlington seems to be seeing more of these creatures. Please ensure you either walk your child in/out of the school, make sure they arrive safely through the doors, or ensure they do not go outside unattended.

No fathers (or brothers) in the girls’ dressing room. Please note that **fathers (or brothers) are not allowed in the girls’ dressing room.** If you need to assist your daughter(s) with getting dressed for dance, please do so in the Preschool Room or the washroom situated within the Preschool Room.

For the safety of your children, please arrange to meet your children inside after dark rather than in the parking lot as we are in an isolated area. Children should not be outside in the dark by themselves at any time. Also, it’s always prudent to remind your children of the dangers of approaching someone they don’t know.

Please respect our office space. It becomes very difficult for people to enter the office when they have to tip-toe over children, toys and food. For your children’s safety please be considerate and kindly use the Preschool Room downstairs for such activities.

Please put your **child’s name in all personal belongings** (dance shoes, clothing, winter boots, BDA bags, etc.). This will assist you in recovering lost items.

Absolutely no food allowed in the office area. Kindly use the Preschool Room downstairs for any food consumption, including snacks.

BDA is a **peanut/nut-free facility.** Please do not bring anything into the building that “may contain nuts or peanuts”.

For those with younger children, we have a **change table available** in the downstairs Preschool Room washroom for diaper changes. Please dispose of diapers into a plastic bag before putting into our garbage.

In the event of **poor weather, school closure notification will be available** via e-mail, Facebook, or Instagram. Classes missed due to inclement weather cannot be made up.

If a student **misses classes due to illness, they may be able to make them up** during the season. Please check with the office for alternate classes.

Beware of parking in cul-de-sac and on the street For the safety of the children, please be **extra careful** when exiting the lot. The cul-de-sac should be used as a 'drop off' and 'pick up' area ONLY.

If you park at Fairview Glen next to the school, you will be towed! Please do not use their parking lot.

The lower level Preschool room, in addition to the Lower Level **waiting room** may be used by parents and students as an additional "Waiting Room" during classes, as our office can become congested, especially on Thursdays and Saturdays.

Please **refrain from opening up the cupboards in our Preschool Room. The cupboards and toys belong to the Preschool.** Please do not help yourselves with items in the cupboards or any of the toys.



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Parents' Day

2024-2025 Season

Wednesday, November 13 - Wednesday, December 11
Classes will finish 5-10 minutes early to ease class change-over

Parents' Day is a wonderful opportunity to watch students in action at their dance classes! You will see tremendous progress in what they've achieved over the past few months. It will also give us a chance to meet and chat.

We are pleased to include either parents, guardians or grandparents (limit of 2 adults per child). Because of limited seating, we ask that siblings sit on your lap or on the floor. If younger children become distracting to the dancers, we ask that you kindly take them out of the studio. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there!

OPEN HOUSE DATE	CLASSES	TEACHER
Saturday, Nov 16 th	Ballet & Creative Mvmt	Miss Carruthers
Monday, Nov 18 th	Senior/Elite Jazz Technique Intermediate Contemporary TECH (8:30-9:30)	Miss Emily/ Miss Brooke
Tuesday, Nov 19 th	Standard 1 Ballet Grade 2 Ballet Grade 3 Ballet	Miss Infante
Wednesday, Nov 20 th	Part-Time Intermediate Jazz Technique Part-Time Senior Jazz Technique	Miss Emily
Thursday, Nov 21 st	Ballet & Creative Mvmt	Miss Carruthers
Friday, Nov 22 nd	Senior/Elite Contemporary Technique	Miss Brooke
Saturday, Nov 23 rd	Jazz, Lyrical & Tap	Miss Jayden
Monday, Nov 25 th	Intermediate Ballet & Pointe (7:30-8:30) Advanced 2 Ballet (8:30-9:00)	Mr. Patrick
Tuesday, Nov 26 th	Mini Jazz Technique Intermediate Jazz Technique	Miss Emily
<u>Wednesday, Nov 27th</u>	Mini Acro Technique Elite Acro Technique Senior Acro Technique (6:30-7:00) Intermediate Acro Technique (8:00-8:30)	Miss Stefanie
Thursday, Nov 28 th	Junior Hip Hop Junior/Elementary Hip Hop Elementary/Teen Hip Hop Senior Hip Hop	Miss Deanne
Friday, Nov 29 th	Intermediate Tap Technique (7:30-8:00) Senior/Elite Tap Technique (8:00-8:30)	Miss Aly
Thursday, Dec 5 th	Acro, Jazz & Lyrical	Miss Ashleigh
<u>Saturday, Dec 7th</u>	Micro-Mini Jazz Mini Acro Junior Acro Elementary/Teen Acro Micro Acro Technique Micro Jazz Technique (1:45-2:15)	Mr. Tyler
Wednesday, Dec 11 th	Grade 4 Ballet & Pointe (7:30-9:00)	Miss Gibney

PLEASE NOTE: Company classes that are preparing dances for competitions are not included in Parents' Day, but their technique classes are, with a few exceptions (combo classes).

Happy Halloween

Halloween Week

October 24th - 30th



wear your Halloween costume to dance this week OR orange & black



please make sure you can move freely in your costume & it is danceable but not distracting



please note, company students - hair must still be worn in a "bun"

**** NO COSTUMES FOR COMPANY CHOREO CLASSES OR TECHNIQUE CLASSES "EXCEPT" BALLET TECHNIQUE ****

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