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from the director

I hope that everyone had a very healthy and happy holiday season! It was great to have a break and enjoy the holidays, but I know we are all excited to get back to the studio. We are definitely anxious to start working on the year-end show with our students.

We hope to see you all during Parent Observation week this month! Thanks for reading!

Lina Ball

Baby News

We are extremely pleased to inform you that Tomiko Robson and her husband are expecting their second child this June.

Tomiko will continue teaching for the remainder of the season and rejoin our teaching staff in the the fall.

Congratulations to Tomiko and her expanding family!

Children's Fitness Tax Credit

As of January 1, 2007, parents of children under 16 are able to claim a non-refundable tax credit of up to \$500 to help cover the costs of certain programs of physical activity, including your child's dance classes.

We will be issuing and mailing tax receipts for the 2009 tax season before the end of February; Please keep these receipts for your records.

Year-End Performance – The Wizard Of Oz

Our theme for the year end show is *The Wizard of Oz*

All dance students, with the exception of adult students and Parent & Tots, will have the opportunity to participate in our year-end recital. Students attending classes regularly and who do not miss more than four classes from January through May will be asked to perform. It is assumed that all students (except Adult and Parent & Tots) are participating in the show. If, for some reason you do not intend to perform, you should have already informed the office in writing. Costumes have been ordered and choreography will be started over the next few weeks.

We will be performing at NACC @ 7:00pm on Thursday June 3rd and Friday June 4th and two performances on Saturday June 5th, 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Rehearsals will be held at NACC on the Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday preceding the show. The dress rehearsal for all students will be held on Wednesday, June 2nd @ 7:00 pm. Most students will have at least one other rehearsal during the week. We will post a rehearsal schedule after Spring Break. Attendance to all rehearsals is mandatory.

All classes that are 6 and younger (All Mini Movement and Combo classes, Preliminary ballet, Primary ballet and Primary tap) will only be performing in two of the four shows. We will post a schedule of classes before tickets go on sale in April, so that you can plan accordingly.

Observation Week January 18th- 23rd (Dance Classes)

Observation week is just around the corner and we do have certain guidelines to ensure that viewing days go smoothly.

- A maximum of 2 observers per student are allowed due to space constraints of the studio (only 1 observer for the Parent & Tots class).
- All parents and observers must remove their shoes before going inside the dance studio.
- Please remember that this is a chance for parents to view their child's dance class. We want to keep it as close to a normal class as we can. Please do not talk amongst yourselves while class is in progress as it is very distracting to dancers and instructors.
- Cameras and video cameras are permitted.
- In some classes we may incorporate you into the class, so please come ready to move!



Student of the Month Sarah du Plessis

Sarah du Plessis is 10 years old and is in grade 5 at Range Lake North school. She has danced off and on at Bella Dance Academy since the year of its opening. She has taken ballet, tap and is now enjoying modern dance.

Sarah loves figure skating, getting together with friends, has enjoyed gymnastics, and sitting down with a good book. Sarah works hard in her activities and has been named as an alternate for the 2010 AWG Figure Skating Team. She is really enjoying modern dance and especially loves "across the floor" work. Sarah is really looking forward to Bella Dance Academy's year end show.

Congratulations to Sarah on being selected as BDA's Student of the Month for December 2009!

Bella Birthday Parties

Students can celebrate their birthdays at Bella!

We are now hosting dance birthday parties on Saturday afternoons for children aged 5 and up.

Parties include a 45 minute dance class, time for food, cake and gifts and then a short dance presentation for parents.

To book your party, please leave a message on the studio voicemail (873-2623) and Keri-lyn (the Party Coordinator) will call you with all the details.



Kindermusik Our Time Class (18-36 Months)

**Register Now!
Class Starts on January 18th**

Away We Go! -- Hop on the train, get in the car, board the plane, and Away We Go! This class focuses on transportation, a favorite topic for toddlers who are on the go, go, go! Sing and play along with favorite songs, such as "I've Been Workin' on the Railroad" and "Wheels on the Bus". Explore fast and slow, smooth and bumpy, and high and low. Read stories about ways to get around. Shiny Dinah tells the story of a train, and Giddy-Up! has a horse, speedboat, racecar, and more to help you get where you want to go.