



Rappin' & Tappin'

February 2010

Holidays:

The studio will be closed:

- Presidents Day
Feb 15
- Spring Break
April 5-9
- Memorial Day
May 31

Notes:

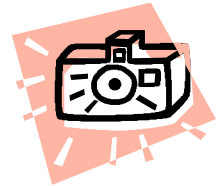
- Pictures Day is
April 17
- Recital will be on
June 5th

From Joanne: Is it me, or is time moving faster and faster?

Recital Update:

I just received notice that we will not be able to use the new theater this year. They aren't quite ready to open it to the public. So we are booked and ready to go in the Pavilion on Saturday June 5th. So, I will be billing the recital fees in February's billing. For my new parents the recital fee includes unlimited tickets for the performance and a recital tee- shirt

You Oughta Be In Pictures!



Studio Pictures will be at the studio on

Saturday April 17th.

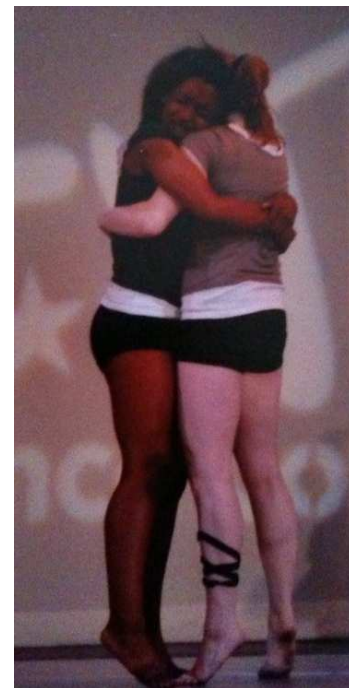
A schedule will be available at the beginning of April.

Competition Dates:

Encore at Chabot	Feb 19-21 Fees due Dec 12
On Stage NY Westin Santa Clara	Mar 6-7 Fees due Jan 12
NY Dance Alliance Workshop	Mar 27-28 Fees due Jan 12
Dance USA Westin Santa Clara	April 10-11 Fees due Feb 12
KAR Alameda Invitational	May 14-16 or May 21-23 Fees due Mar 12

JBD performs at MLK Celebration

In January, Alexis Gaines, Kelli Vandermoer, Chelsea Miller, Sasha Carter-Sloss, Isabelle Martinez, Victoria Mahanpour, Sabrina Baclig and Makenna Johnson performed the lyrical dance, "MLK" at the First Presbyterian Church of Newark's celebration, "Remembering Dr. Martin Luther King."



Alexis Gaines and Chelsea Miller in "MLK."

Fun at the Hannukah Potluck and Gift Exchange

In December we had our 3rd Annual holiday party. It was a yummy pot luck with the traditional latkes and jam donuts and lots of other delicious dishes as well—including Amanda's famous brisket.

Joanne told the kids the Hannukah story and they lit the candles on the menorah. The kids did a Secret Santa gift exchange and then, of course, there was dancing as a couple of the groups tried out their costumes and entertained the crowd.



JBD Dancers at the UC Leisure Services Holiday Show

Several of this year's classes tried out their routines and costumes by performing at Union City's Leisure Services Holiday Show at the Holly Community Center in December. It was a lot of fun and the girls all left with jingle bell necklaces.

Amber Fradlis, Madison Cunningham, Rebecca Gelfer, Naomi Ayala



New Competition Season

We kicked off our competition season this weekend at the Encore Performing Arts competition at Chabot College. It was a great first competition. All the dances performed with great technique and personality. It was exciting to see all on stage especially my newbies.

Alex Kim won 1st overall in the junior solo division with her tap solo: "Don't Stop Me Now."

Sara Reiserer and Sasha Carter-Sloss won scholarships for Nationals in Las Vegas

Amanda Herrera, Kylie Abe, Ilianna Ayala, Leighanna Hugyh, Serena Escobedo, and Miranda Baclig won a special "Muy Caliente" award for their tap dance, "Mambo Italiano."

Chelsea Miller, Susan Anderson, Sara Reiserer, Brandi Blossom, Anna Bowerman, Calyx Embry, Alexis Gaines, Alexi Calubiran-Gonzales, Sasha Sloss, Melissa Guzman and Alex Kim won a special "Hot Foot Tappers" award for their dance, "Cotton-Eyed Joe."

Our next competition, OnStage New York, will be at the Westin Hotel in Santa Clara on March 6th & 7th

The girls would love to have you come and see what they can do.....

Things to Remember For Competition

Bring all your costumes, make-up, accessories, and hair stuff you will need.

1. Be on time. This means a minimum of 2 hours before you are scheduled to dance.
2. Be respectful. Please do not walk up and down the aisles while there are dances going on. Do not talk loudly while in the theater watching. It is courtesy to us and to others dancers.
3. NO NAIL POLISH ON FINGERS OR TOES. Please remove all polish the night before competition. We don't carry nail polish remover!
4. Be flexible with your dance time. Many times in competition there are unexpected actions by our studio or other studios that will cause a dance to perform earlier or later than their call time. Please be flexible!
5. Please eat before you dance. Please make sure each dancer has food before or just after the normal meal times. This makes for a happier dancer and teacher backstage.
6. Bring water. Many times, there is water provided, but on occasion we have been without water. Please bring a water bottle with you.
7. Be Positive! Negativity brings negative outcomes. Stay positive! It is okay to compliment other dancers on a great performance, even if they are not with our studio.
8. Be Responsible. Remember, you are responsible for your own stuff. Teachers often are the last to leave and find lots of "goodies" left behind. Please throw away all your trash before you leave. This includes the back side of tape, bobby pins, food trash and water bottles.

When you leave a competition, please immediately hang up your costumes and make sure all your accessories are accounted for. Don't assume everything made it in your bag!!!

These are some simple rules to follow that will make everyone's life a little easier. Please also make sure any guests who attend to watch are made aware of rule number 3. This is one of the biggest complaints from any dancer. It is very rude to a person on stage! Thanks and remember to have fun!!!!

