

# NDAD - November 2011 Newsletter

## Paper work - Term 2

All parents and guardians are expected to have signed a waiver of liability and photography release form prior to enrolling in dance class. The studio has contacted all parents of those students with missing forms. Please have them signed by this week to ensure your child's continued participation in dance class.

The second dance term will begin the week of Monday, November 28th. Post-dated checks received during registration will be deposited on Friday, November 4th. If this is inconvenient, please let me know prior to this day so that I can put your payment aside. All Term 2 fees are due prior to Monday November 28th.

## Costume Deposits & Measurement Forms

All recital costume deposits (\$60 for each dance) are due at this time as well. These can be post-dated to December 1<sup>st</sup>, if that is more convenient. Costume deposits are non-refundable after January 1st 2012. Students not returning for Term 2 should let me know prior to November 7th so that they are not billed. No refunds will be given after the first class of Term 2 has commenced. Students with unpaid fees will not be allowed to participate in class until all fees are paid in full. Measurement forms will be handed out shortly - Please sign them and return them as soon as possible. Costumes cannot be ordered for students who have not paid deposits and/or returned a completed form.

## Demerits

The studio has begun a demerit system, whereby students are given one demerit every time they aren't properly prepared for class, are disruptive in class, fail to let staff know that they will be absent, or disregard any other policy that

they have already been made aware of. A loss of five demerits will require a meeting between staff and parents, and a loss of ten points will result in dismissal without refund at any time within the dance year. It is our hope that this system will encourage students to take responsibility for their own behavior and preparedness for class, and will build the discipline that is required to study and enjoy the art of dance effectively.

## Classroom Etiquette

All student expectations are clearly defined in the studio handbook. We will be insisting on appropriate dress and footwear for all classes. Please read your dress code and student behavior guide, as these rules will be strictly enforced. Come to class prepared, or sit out. Students not complying with proper dress code will receive demerit points. All students are expected let us know by email, phone call or in writing when they will be absent. Failure to notify the studio will also result in a demerit point

Now that all students have adapted to their teacher and the routine of class, we will start closing the blinds on Saturdays. All of the activity in the entrance makes it difficult for the younger students to focus. We will have better success with all our younger students if parents and siblings would only watch the first few minutes or the last few minutes of the class. The blinds are usually but not always opened the first Saturday of every month.

## Ballet Exams

Ballet exams are scheduled for Saturday December 10th, and Sunday Dec. 11th. Our examiners name is Mrs. Hughes. All students taking exams will be invoiced for them this week if they have not already been paid for. Exam study sheets are available

online. Practice CD's are available for purchase for \$5 each.

## Wild & Wacky Week

Congratulations to all of our dancers who participated in dressing up this past week. We saw some very creative costumes, and were very impressed with the original choreography that our students came up. Remember that the class spirit award is up for grabs, and your participation in all of our events will help win your class the trophy.

## Bring a Friend Week

**Our final bring a friend week will take place from Monday Nov. 7th to Saturday Nov. 12th.** Please ensure that your friends are dressed in exercise clothing that will allow freedom of movement. Your friend should be around the same age as the class they plan to participate in.

## Workshops

A very high caliber of dance instructors is coming to Timmins November 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at Cedar Meadows for a two day intensive workshop. Please register online at [dance@bediscovered.net](mailto:dance@bediscovered.net) or by phoning 1-416-657-4202 or toll free at 1-888-657-4202.

***Don't miss out on all the excitement!***



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