

THE DANCE WAREHOUSE

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THE DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Dance Families and Friends,

MAY is here! What? ...and we are off to the races! Final rehearsals for Daddy-Daughter Dance, Opening Number, are up,, **25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee** opens **May 20th - 22nd** and then our end of season show **#DANCEISLIFE** is, in an instant, ready to roll. It has been an amazing year at TDW. I have seen tremendous growth in so many of our dancers in many ways and that always is the most fulfilling. Beyond the love and passion of the art of dance, is seeing the many other components of growth that have taken place over the year. It is my hope that every dancer is able to see their growth in some of these places as well.

I want to thank each and every dancer and their family for putting your trust in TDW and our faculty this dance season. It has been a pleasure to share in your dance journey. We hope to see you in one of our Summer Programs, either our Camps, Lessons, or Intensives! There is something for everyone: Day and Evening, Before and After-care, Drop in class rate for summer, Day rate for Intensives and Camps.

If you are away for the summer, please check out our website soon. Our Fall Schedule 2016-17 will be posted the first week. We hope you enjoy your Summer Break and that we will see you in August. Classes will resume Monday, August 15, 2016.

Merde'

Cheryl

UPCOMING EVENTS

✪ MAY

May 7: Broadway Intensive Rehearsal, 1-5pm

May 9-14: Photo Week

May 14: Broadway Intensive Rehearsal, 1-6pm

May 15: Opening Number Rehearsal 1-3pm, AND Broadway Intensive Rehearsal, 3-8pm

May 20-22: Broadway Intensive: THE 25TH ANNUAL PUTNAM COUNTY SPELLING BEE

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- May 20 – 7:00pm
- May 21 – 2:00pm & 7:00pm
- May 22 – 2:00pm

★ JUNE

June 3: #DANCEISLIFE Dress Rehearsal Day (See packets for schedule breakdown!)

June 4: #DANCEISLIFE RECITAL DAY

- **Show I:** 1:00pm
- **Show II:** 4:30pm

June 5-12: STUDIO CLOSED

June 13: Summer Programs Begin!

TDW – ABA

Ballet Academy Photo Week: Due to Ballet I/II & Ballet III/IV performing together for recital, we will all be taking our photo on Friday, May 13th. We will also be rehearsing the dance together after pictures. Please plan to have your child dressed and at the studio by 4:00 p.m. for pictures and then practice until 7:30 p.m. I'm sorry for the extra rehearsal; however, this may be the only time they practice together before recital so it's imperative that they are here! I'm super excited to see the dance routine come together and on stage June 4th! Thank you for a wonderful ballet season!

Ballet Academy Attire: Please make sure that they have a grey leotard, pink ballet tights, and ballet shoes. Hair must be in a bun! Here is the website where you can purchase the leotard: www.discountdance.com

- “Mabel” Sweet Heart Tank Leotard- color: grey, style number: WM185

--Mrs. Patti

BROADWAY INTENSIVE

*****TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!*****

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee is well on its way to becoming a fun-filled audience participation show that you do not want to miss! The cast and crew have been in rehearsals and are now in full runs for what promises to be a great show! Filled with quirky, catchy songs and intelligent comedy, you

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do not want to miss the hilarious mishaps of the geeky, fun, and lovable characters who cannot live without SPELLING!

Join us for a weekend of frivolity amongst our stellar spellers. Who knows – you may be a speller in the show yourself!

WHEN: May 20 @ 7pm, May 21 @ 2pm & 7pm, and May 22 @2pm 2016 **WHERE:** The Heights Center

We are still in need of the several props and have sent information out in our class email. However, if anyone has access to a “school uniform” for a parochial school child, a girl scout uniform - badges and all, 2 full body aprons (the more frilly the better), we would appreciate a loan of those items for our show.

Please make sure your extended rehearsal schedule that was sent home for our extra rehearsals is on your calendar. Those will be our only days to run full show outside of the week of the show and it is imperative that ALL CAST members are in attendance. Information was sent via hard copy and email.

Tickets will be ready for distribution and sale on April 19th. Reminder that each cast member will be required to sell 20 tickets for the shows. We have 4 shows so our hope is to have a good audience for each show, especially since it is an audience participation show. Being that it is our first year to do a full scale musical and run of 4 shows, it will give us the opportunity to share with Lee County how talented these students are and what the hard work looks like at seasons end! I cannot wait! The payoff for each is going to be tremendous!

INSIDE THE CLASSROOM

For those family members who are unable to observe your dancer in class, this section of our newsletter will give you an overview of what they are doing and learning in class each month and information that faculty would like for parents to know. **We're looking forward to the #DANCEISLIFE RECITAL, happening on June 4, 2016!**

✪ MISS CHERYL

We continue to work hard on our dances. However we are now able to ease back into a more focused time on technique and work toward the skills that our next level classes will require in the Fall!

✪ MISS KERI

***Please have the girls dressed in proper attire: pink footed tights, black leotard, and hair in a bun or pulled back from the face. Thank you!**

All Classes: We are finished with our recital dances and will be spending the coming weeks cleaning. We will still continue working on our technique, turn out, and confidence.

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★ MISS MARIA

Team Intermediate/Advanced Acro: This month we really focused on our recital piece. We are now finished with it and are going to really start working towards cleaning it. We are all super excited to be performing this choreography in the recital!

★ MISS TAMMY

Tween and Teen Hip Hop: It's getting close to recital time! Both classes are working super hard on executing the movement and getting into the floor while dancing! Breathe, dance, sweat, REPEAT! I love and appreciate the hard work they put into class and can't wait to see it on stage!

Lyrical I: The dance is complete and these kids are so excited to show you all they're hard work! There's so much to think about while dancing and we're concentrating on matching the music both physically and emotionally. There's nothing I enjoy more than seeing students "feeling" the music!!

INSIDE THE WAREHOUSE

★ #DANCEISLIFE

Please make sure that you have read our most updated information about our recital. We recently sent out an email regarding Photo Week and if your dancers costume had NOT arrived yet.

We also sent a VERY IMPORTANT email regarding the overwhelming and exciting response to our #DANCEISLIFE recital. With the amount of numbers we have in the show, it would place the show at nearly 6 hours. Therefore, there will be 2 SHOWS: 1 PM AND 5:30 PM. Each show will be 2 hours in length. Please refer back to the email for details about which show and dress rehearsal you are a part of and how each will run.

★ DADDY/DAUGHTER DANCE

How FABULOUS is this going to be? I cannot even begin to tell you! The Daddy's and their beautiful daughter's are dancing their way to one of the sweetest performances you may ever see! If you have not already joined us for this part of the show, it is NOT TOO LATE! Sign up now and be a part of this incredible special memory! There is no cost to participate in this piece and no costume fee, so don't miss out! Signup sheets are up. Be sure to check those out. All the information is posted there. Please contact me if you have any questions. My cell phone number is 813-753-8886. My email is asamms30@yahoo.com.

--Miss Amanda

PARENTS: Please remember our walls in the back are not soundproof. When you are observing in our hallways, we ask that you keep your volume to a whisper so as not to distract our students. We also ask that you please keep your children quiet in that area as well. Thank you!

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SPOTLIGHT:

Peyton Wittenborn



Peyton has been busy this month – and she’s accomplished a lot! At school, she was elected as a Student Senate Member (out of 5 open positions, which 20 students ran for). She also won First Place in the FACCS Junior Fine Arts Regional Competition for her polychromatic artwork, as well as Third Place in the FACCS Middle School State Competition for her Creative Writing essay.

Peyton is a member of Command Performance here at TDW, and consistently brings home high-ranking awards for her performances, this year for a tap routine to “Send Me on My Way”.

Congratulations on all of your accomplishments, Peyton! Your TDW family is proud of you!

DANCER’S HAVEN

★ REFER A FRIEND

If you refer a friend, and that friend signs up and pays for the month of classes, you can receive 50% off for one of your classes that you take for the month!

★ CONNECT WITH US



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COMMAND PERFORMANCE NEWS

Please make sure I have the most up to date grades for your dancer (through 3rd quarter). We will give out a GPA award at the Team Party and to date we do not have every team member's 3rd quarter grades.

As our Broadway Intensive Program supports CP by ushering for our All New Heights Concert, we ask that our CP dancers return the favor and Usher for their show **25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee**. There are several opportunities to usher. Saturday May 21 2 PM and & 7PM, Sunday May 22 2 PM. It is our hope that you will also come out and see a GREAT SHOW!

COMMAND PERFORMANCE TEAM 2016-17: Our faculty have submitted recommendations for our Command Performance Team for the coming year. Ms. Cheryl has also made classroom observations throughout the year and spoken with students and families she feels are ready for this step. Invitations will go out the first week of June. Information will be included for those who are interested in being a part of our award winning Command Performance Team.

TDW DRESS CODE

Please note that ALL dancers must be within code to participate in class.

At no time should socks be worn in the studio as shoes. This is a danger to all dancers and a liability to the studio. All students should have hair secured neatly for ALL classes.

Used rehearsal tutus, if needed, are for sale. We have two available. See Ms. Cheryl.

We also have used shoes for sale – check the store for available sizes, and check out at the front desk!

SUSAN NEIKAMP STUDIOS

★CONGRATULATIONS ALL AROUND!

Congratulations to **AJ Gross** for being cast in *Legally Blonde*, *Oliver*, *Little Shop of Horrors* and *Little Mermaid*.

Congratulations to **Abby Fletcher** for her upcoming performance in *Festa Italiana*.

Congratulations **Carlee Isenhower** for her National Junior Honor Society Induction.

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Congratulations to **Sarah Hoffman** for her internship at a music production studio called The Practice Worldwide, Previously known as DeeTown Entertainment!

Congrats to **Emily Holloway** for her solo with Cypress HS choir's performance of "Come Together" by the Beatles.

Congrats go out to **Abby Fletcher**. She has been selected as a finalist for the Great Composer Competition!

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*If you are always looking side to side,
you will never move forward!
Dance Strong!*

