

Spring Updates and Recital 2023 Information Packet

This year's Recital (and Rehearsal) will take place at Wyoming Junior High School at 2125 Wrenwood Ave. It is near 28th street between Burlingame and Byron Center Ave. We will be having 1 show divided into 2 sections on Saturday, June 3rd. The rehearsal for the show will be on Thursday evening, June 1st, also at Wyoming Junior High School.

*****Costume:** Costumes are starting to come in. We will be holding onto your dancer's costume until picture week. After picture week, dancers can take the costumes/tights home. You can read more about picture week later in this email.

*****Hair:** Recreational dancers: for both picture week and for the Rehearsal/Recital, hair may be to your choosing. If the costume comes with a hairpiece, we ask that you incorporate it, but not everyone needs to be the same. Competition team dancers: picture week is to your choosing, rehearsal and recital is competition team French braids (or dutch braids is fine for this performance). (mini team should do their space buns).

*****Makeup:** Recreational dancers: for both picture week and rehearsal/recital, makeup can be to your choosing. Although children do not normally wear makeup it does help so that the dancers do not look washed out onstage. We recommend that dancers should wear silver/charcoal colored eye shadow, foundation, lipstick and LOTS of blush that match your child's skin tone. Mascara and eyeliner are optional but are a good idea. Glitter and sparkles are encouraged! Again, this is not required.
- Competition team members should wear their usual competition team makeup.

******Other:** For the dancer's safety, no other jewelry should be worn other than the dance team members approved jewelry. For the best appearance, it is recommended that dancers should not be wearing any nail polish (on fingers or toes) and skin should be free from pen markings, temporary tattoos, etc. If your child has a piercing that cannot be taken out for any reason, please make sure they have a stud in.

Recital Songs

2-4 Year Combo Tap Song "Zero To Hero" (Miss Laura Wednesdays 5-5:50pm)
2-4 Year Combo Ballet Song "On Me" (Miss Laura Wednesdays 5-5:50pm)
4-6 Year Combo Tap Song "You've Got The Magic Inside" (Miss Jillian Monday 5-5:50pm)
4-6 Year Combo Ballet Song "Keep On Dancing" (Miss Jillian Monday 5-5:50pm)
6-8 Year Combo Tap Song "Let's Go Crazy" (Miss Erin Tuesdays 5-5:50pm)
6-8 Year Combo Ballet Song "I Will Always Dance" (Miss Erin Tuesdays 5-5:50pm)
5-9 Year Acro "Totally Spies" (Miss Anna Wednesdays 5-5:50pm)
5-9 Year Ballet/Lyrical "Imagine" (Miss Zoe Tuesdays 5-5:50pm)
5-9 Year Hip Hop "Thrift Shop" (Miss Brenna Thursdays 5:30-6:20pm)
9-12 Ballet/Lyrical "Oceans" (Miss Jennifer Mondays 7:30-8:20pm)
9-12 Year Hip Hop "Let It Shine" (Miss Brenna Thursdays 6:30-7:20pm)
10 & Up Acro "Fired Up" (Miss Anna Wednesdays 6-6:50pm)
13-19 Hip Hop "In Da Mood" (Miss Brenna Thursdays 7:30pm – 8:20pm)
Pointe "Swan Lake" (Miss Zoe Tuesdays 7:00-7:30pm)
Adult Ballet "Hurricane" (Miss Kelly Wednesdays 7-7:50pm)
Adult Tap "Sabada" (Miss Anna Wednesdays 7-7:50pm)
Adult Jazz "Hold Me Closer" (Miss Jennifer Mondays 6:30pm – 7:20pm)
Adult Hip Hop "Black Eyed Peas" (Miss Jennifer Mondays 6:30pm – 7:20pm)
Kiera Solo "Unstoppable"
Analisa Solo "Slipping Through My Fingers" & "Mamma Mia"
Theresa Solo "Rainbow"

Parents/Dancers: Please look over the recital order and if your dancer is in multiple dances, please make sure there are at least 3 dances in between. Notify us ASAP if there isn't!

Recital 2023 Show – June 3rd, 2023 at Wyoming Junior High School

Part 1 begins at 1:00pm (dancers should arrive no later than 12:45pm)

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>ROUTINE NAME</u>	<u>ROUTINE DESCRIPTION</u>
1	IMPOSTER AMONG US	REGIONALS TAP -MC TALKS
2	SESAME STREET	MINI TAP COMP TEAM
3	ZERO TO HERO	2-4 YEAR COMBO TAP
4	YOU'VE GOT THE MAGIC INSIDE	4-6 YEAR COMBO TAP
5	LET'S GO CRAZY	6-8 YEAR COMBO TAP
6	UNSTOPPABLE	KIERA SOLO
7	HOLD ME CLOSER	ADULT JAZZ
8	IMAGINE	5-9 BALLET LYRICAL -MC TALKS
9	TOTALLY SPIES	5-9 YEAR ACRO
10	SWAN LAKE	POINTE
11	500 MILES	REGIONALS JUNIOR LYRICAL
12	ON ME	2-4 YEAR COMBO BALLET
13	KEEP ON DANCING	4-6 YEAR COMBO BALLET
14	I WILL ALWAYS DANCE	6-8 YEAR COMBO BALLET
15	CROWD GO CRAZY	MINI JAZZ COMP TEAM
16	BLACK EYED PEAS	ADULT HIP HOP
17	CASTLE ON A HILL	REGIONALS TEEN/SENIOR LYRICAL

20 MINUTE INTERMISSION AFTER #17

Part 2 begins at 2:15pm (dancers should arrive no later than 2:00pm if they aren't already there)

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>ROUTINE NAME</u>	<u>ROUTINE DESCRIPTION</u>
18	NO SLEEP TILL BROOKLYN	REGIONALS ACRO
19	MAMMA MIA	ANALISA SOLO 1
20	THRIFT SHOP	5-9 YEAR HIP HOP
21	LET IT SHINE	9-12 YEAR HIP HOP
22	OCEANS	9-12 YEAR BALLET/LYRICAL
23	SABADA	ADULT TAP
24	DROP DEAD BEAUTIFUL	REGIONALS TEEN/SENIOR JAZZ
25	SAFETY DANCE	NATIONALS JAZZ -MC TALKS
26	FIRED UP	10 & UP ACRO
	SLIPPING THROUGH MY	
27	FINGERS	ANALISA SOLO 2
28	HARD TO BE THE BARD	ADULT MUSICAL THEATRE
29	LOVIN IS REALLY MY GAME	REGIONALS JUNIOR JAZZ
30	PHOENIX	NATIONALS CONTEMPORARY
31	RAINBOW	THERESA SOLO
32	IN DA MOOD	13-19 HIP HOP
33	HURRICANE	ADULT BALLET -MC TALKS
34	UNDER THE SEA	REGIONALS HIP HOP
35	FOLLOW THE LEADER	FINALE

Important Notice!

Please be aware that all monies owed to Expressions Dance Academy must be paid in full by the picture week (the week of May 8-12th) those who are not paid in full will not be allowed to participate in the 2023 Recital. Thank you for your attention to this matter

Dance Rehearsal:

Dance rehearsal will be held Thursday June 1st and begin at 5:30pm. Rehearsal will also be held at Wyoming Junior High School at 2125 Wrenwood. Dancers must arrive wearing their costume, dance shoes, with hair and makeup done. We want you to be able to see the children up on stage exactly how they are going to be for the Recital so we can get the lighting correctly. Please keep in mind that these times are estimated and may take longer. There is no food or drink allowed in the auditorium, (but allowed in the lobby) please plan accordingly.

Parents/Guardians are allowed in the auditorium during the rehearsal. We ask that you please be respectful during the rehearsal. When dancers/parents get there, please take a seat in the auditorium and wait for your dancer's dance to be called. When they are called, they will come backstage and we will get them ready to take the stage for rehearsal. When they are done with that dance, they can get changed for their next dance, or they are free to leave with parents.

Our dance rehearsal has been divided up into different sections so that your dancer will have time to run through their dance on the stage a couple times if needed and this will allow parents time to take pictures and video. We will also practice the group finale dance more than once throughout the rehearsal. Please be patient as we may have to run some dances more than once. Make sure your dancer is there early and ready so that when it is their turn to go on, they can get on quickly, go over formations with the teacher if necessary, find out what curtain they need to enter and exit from, and everything else that will make their dance run smoothly. It can be overwhelming for new dancers so getting them there early will help them and the teachers.

- **Dancers who are in dances #2-9 should arrive to the school ready by 5:15pm**
- **Dancers who are in dances #10-16 should arrive to the school ready by 6:00pm**
- **Dancers who are in dances #19-23 should arrive to the school ready by 6:45pm**
- **Dancers who are in dances #26-33 should arrive to the school ready by 7:30pm**

****Please note that certain competition team dances will NOT be required to attend rehearsal. However plan on being at rehearsal for any other dances you are in – or if assistant teach a class. The following competition team dances are NOT required to attend rehearsal: Regionals Teen/Senior Lyrical (Castle On A Hill), Regionals Junior Lyrical (500 Miles), Regionals Hip Hop (Under The Sea), Regionals Tap (Imposter Among Us), Regionals Acro (No Sleep Till Brooklyn), Regionals Teen/Senior Jazz (Drop Dead Beautiful), Regionals Junior Jazz (Lovin Is Really My Game), Adult Musical Theatre (Hard To Be The Bard), Nationals Jazz (Safety Dance), Nationals Contemporary (Phoenix). We **would** still like Mini Tap and Mini Jazz to come practice if able.*

Once your dancer is done with all of their dances at rehearsal, they are free to leave; they do not need to stay until the end unless they wish to.

Your Dancer's Music is on Dropbox! You can download your dancer's song or listen to it via dropbox, courtesy of the studio. Please take advantage of this and have your dancer practice at home! Even putting on the music and having them do just what they remember will help improve their dancing greatly. If it hasn't been uploaded yet, it will be soon. Go to www.expressionsdancegr.com/media - click on the link and it will take you to our dropbox account with the music on it.

******Another great tool to help your dancer's do their best at Recital*** – As the dancer's having started learning their dance, the teacher's will invite you in towards the end of classes to watch their dance (or in the middle if they are a combo class). During this time, you are encouraged to videotape your child doing their dance so they can practice at home! Please take advantage of this opportunity.

Finale - Finale is the last dance of each section of the Recital where all the dancers in the Recital get a chance to come back out onstage and do one final very easy number together. Your dancer will be learning this finale dance during their class. It is just a very easy dance as it must be able to be performed by 2 year olds through adults. Dancers are not required to participate in the finale but it is a fun way to end all their hard work, and for them to be up on stage again. If the dancers are not already backstage, they should come back during towards the end of the section to get ready for finale. The teachers and teacher's assistants will help get them all onstage. At the end of the section, after finale, the dancers will stay on stage and wait for their parents to come up and get them. You can then take your dancer backstage if they have to gather their things. During Rehearsal we will be practicing Finale multiple times throughout the evening.



T-shirts for the 2023 Recital

If you would like to order a t-shirt for your dancer, you can pre-order those for \$25 each. These are a great souvenir for your dancer, but parents, friends, and family will get one too! The t-shirts will display Recital 2023 on the front and the names of all the dancers who participated in the Recital on the back. This year the t-shirt color will be a sky blue color with black writing (picture to the left is not yet updated from last years). In order to get a t-shirt you must pre-order them during the month of April online at <https://expressions-dance-academy.square.site>. You can also find the link online at www.expressionsdancegr.com. T-shirts may be picked up at the front table the night of your dancer's rehearsal or Recital at Wyoming Junior High School. **If you do not order your t-shirt in advance, you will not be able to receive one as there are no extras ordered.**

Picture Week

Picture week will be held in May. This will be May 8 – 12th. Dancers should arrive with their dance shoes and their hair and makeup to the parent's choosing. The costumes/tights will be given to the dancer/parent upon arrival and they can change into it. The dancers will be taking group pictures as well as individual pictures. Remember you can take pictures with other dancers (many siblings who dance in different classes like to get their picture taken together) and that is just fine as well! The teachers will help with poses but if your dancer has any they really want to do, please let us know! The pictures are not professional; they are taken by EDA staff. This is because we want a picture of all our dances as well as it gives the dancers a chance to practice being in their costume before the big day, without the feeling that you need to pay a lot of money for pictures. Parents are allowed to bring cameras and take their own pictures as well as long as it is not interfering with the regular pictures being taken. After pictures are taken, the recreational classes will do their dance in their costumes a couple of times and practice finale. The link for pictures is in the information section of the parent portal.

All Recreational Classes come at their regularly scheduled dance class time to get their pictures taken. Have your child come in their costume, tights, shoes, ect, but bring along a pair of dance clothes just in case there is time after pictures to practice the dance or finale. After pictures, the teacher may want the dancers to practice their dance in their costume so they can get used to it. Make sure you are on time for pictures as groups cannot wait because there will be other groups waiting.

The last week of scheduled dance classes is Monday, May 22nd through Thursday, May 25th. (Friday classes for May 26th will be rescheduled) We will NOT be having class the week of recital, which is the week of May 29th as that is the week we will be doing rehearsal.

Please ask all questions that you have during the last week of class since the studio will be closed the week of recital in order to prepare for the upcoming show. You can always reach us via email at expressions_dnc@yahoo.com.

Videos for the 2023 Recital

Parents can feel free to videotape or photograph their children's dance, as long as they are remaining courteous to those around them. We will probably do an informal video as well of the dances, upload to either Band or Dropbox and give you all the link. Here is the invite link to our Band: <https://band.us/n/a8a58e33k0Z3X>

Tickets for the 2023 Recital

We will be using an online ticketing system this year again. Tickets will be \$12.50 each and you can purchase them here starting May 1, 2023. (You can also go to our homepage and click from there). Dancers in the show do not need a ticket. Infants who can sit on laps do not need a ticket. You can buy tickets up until the middle of the Recital. Purchasing them online will make the process more smooth, but you can purchase them at the door with cash (will just take a bit longer). Tickets are general admission. Remember this link will not be active until May 1st. <https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/3983204/2023-recital>

2023 Open House

Our 2023-2024 season open house is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday August 30th from 4pm – 8pm. You can come to the open house to register, or starting Tuesday August 1st you will be able to register online at www.expressionsdancegr.com.

Dance Team Tryouts for the 2022-2023 Dance Year

We will be having competition team tryouts on Tuesday, May 30th, 2023. Anyone who wishes to be a part of our competition team can tryout (this includes dancers already on the team from the year prior). Tryouts are free and for dancers who will be age 7 or older next fall. (Dancers Ages 3-6 do NOT need to try out to be on the Mini Team).

5:00 – 5:45pm Hip Hop Tryouts

5:45 – 6:30pm Jazz Tryouts

6:30 – 7:15pm Lyrical/Contemporary Tryouts

7:15 – 8:00pm Tap Tryouts

8:00 – 8:45pm Musical Theatre Tryouts

8:45 – 9:30pm Acro Tryouts

Letter of acceptance will be emailed out middle of July and will give more information on the meeting held in August. You can find out more about our Competition Team online at www.expressionsdancegr.com.

NEW for next year's Competition Teams: As we are growing, we will be implementing a few new teams. This MAY change, but this is what we are thinking of regionals wise just so you can keep it in mind:

Mini Dancers aged 3-6

Junior Dancers aged 7-10

Teen Dancers aged 11-14

Senior Dancers aged 15-19

Adult Dancers aged 20 & up

- Mini Jazz/Mini Tap
- Junior Jazz/Junior ContLyrical
- Teen & Senior Jazz/Teen & Senior ContLyrical
- Mini & Junior Hip Hop
- Teen & Senior & Adult Hip Hop
- Adult Jazz/Adult ContLyrical
- Junior & Teen & Senior & Adult Tap
- Acro (ALL ages)
- Musical Theatre (ALL age)

Expressions Dance Academy Offering Summer Classes! - This summer, Expressions Dance Academy will be offering summer classes for your dancer to keep up with her/his dance technique! Or, if you have a child that is interested in dance but unsure if you want to sign them up for a whole year of dance, this would be the best time to try out the classes! Classes are \$10 each, or you can purchase an Unlimited Summer Class Pass for \$75. Classes are drop in style – come as often or little as you want! The classes run for 6 weeks total. Classes start the week of June 12th and the last week will be July 24th. No pre-registration necessary, but you can register online for easy payment options. **There will be no class the entire week of July 2-8 for the Holiday.**

The **tentative** schedule is posted below:

TUESDAY	ROOM 1 (ZOE)	ROOM 2 (JEN)
5:00 PM - 5:25 PM		1.5-3 Year Old Intro to Dance
5:30 PM - 6:20 PM		3-6 Year Old Tap/Ballet Combo
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Advanced Ballet -for anyone ages 10 and up who has taken ballet before, or 7 years and older on the comp team	
6:30 PM - 7:20 PM	Pointe - for anyone who has taken pointe before. If you have never taken pointe but would like to start, please contact Miss Zoe or Miss Kelly to discuss.	5-9 Year Old Jazz

WEDNESDAY	ROOM 1 (KELLY)	ROOM 2 (ERIN)
5:00 PM - 5:50 PM		Acro 1 (for dancers aged 3-5 any level, dancers 6-7 beginner)
6:00 PM - 6:50 PM		13 Years & Up Jazz/Contemporary
7:00 PM - 7:50 PM	Advanced Technique (Leaps/Turns) ages 10 and up, or ages 7 and up if on comp team	9-12 Year Old Jazz

THURSDAY	ROOM 1 (ANNA)	ROOM 2 (BRENNNA)
5:00 PM - 5:50 PM	9-12 Year Old Pom/Cheer	4-8 Year Old Hip Hop
6:00 PM - 6:50 PM	4-8 Year Old Pom/Cheer	9-12 Year Old Hip Hop
7:00 PM - 7:50 PM	Acro 3 (for dancers aged 11-12 intermediate, dancers aged 13 and up any level)	7-12 Year Old Lyrical/Contemporary
8:00 PM - 8:50 PM	Acro 2 (for dancers aged 6-7 intermediate or advanced, dancers 8-10 any level, dancers 11-12 beginner)	13 Years and Up Hip Hop

Competition Team News

Need a reminder of the competition schedules and what dances are going? Click here for the sheet:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1WQDD2DAL8iKuiqGef_GOCD3MTHere2uWwAyjtiTOtTM/edit?usp=sharing

Picture week for competition team:

During picture week of May 8-12, It is imperative that we keep solos, duos, and trios running as scheduled because many of them have a competition that weekend. So please forgive the schedule if it looks a little messy.

Remember just as usual, hair and makeup are to the dancers choosing for pictures. We would love everyone to wear earrings and bring their necklace and rhinestone clip in case we decide to wear it for the group dance picture.

If I forgot someone, please let me know. It wasn't intentional.

Monday May 8th:

5:30pm – 6:30pm: Mini Tap & Mini Jazz, Joslyn solo, Julie solo, Melody Solo, Melody/Eli duo, Gemma P solo, Jaycie's solos, Jordyn's solos, Jaycie & Jordyn Duo, Maggie & Kevaya duo when done with class

6:30pm – 7:30pm: Regionals Hip Hop

7:30pm – 8:00pm: Izzy's solos, Sera's solos, Izzy/Sera Duo, Stella's solos, Theresa solo

Tuesday May 9th:

6:00pm – 7:00pm: Junior Jazz, Junior Lyrical, Aaliyah's solos, Lydia solo, Maggie's solos, Brooklyn solo, Eden solo, Grace's solos, Grace/Lydia duo

7:00pm – 8:00pm: Teen/Senior Jazz, Teen/Senior Lyrical, Taylor solo, Violet's solos, Nat Jazz, Nat Contemporary, Pointe class

8:00pm – 8:30pm: Ariella solos, Ariella Kennedy duo, Ariella Kennedy Taylor Trio, Kennedy's solos, Kennedy/Jody duo

*Please note as of right now we are still planning on holding Nat Jazz/Nat Cont class from 8:30-9:30pm.

Wednesday May 10th:

7:00pm – 8:00pm: (Adult Tap & Adult Ballet), Morgan K solo, Morgan L solos, Erin solos, Anna solo, Adult Lyrical and Adult Musical Theatre

*Please note that as of right now we are still planning on holding Adult Lyrical/Adult MT class from 9:00-9:30pm.

Thursday, May 11th:

6:00pm – 7:00pm: Kayleigh solo, Kayleigh/Kenzie duo, Small group cont & small group HH, Angelica solo

7:00pm – 8:00pm: Regionals Acro

8:00pm – 9:00pm: Regionals Tap, Izzy/Kylen duo, Lydia/Kylen duo

*Please note that as of right now we are still planning on holding small group regular practice from 9-9:30pm.

A reminder that although Regionals Dances are dancing in the Recital, they do not have to attend rehearsal.

Tentative Summer Schedule for Nationals Dances

***Notice!!! The below Ballet and Technique are required for some Nationals dancers, but optional, free and encouraged for ALL competition team members – even if you aren't going to nationals. If you are looking to improve your skills for next year, consider keeping up with your technique here in the summer.

If you don't see your dance on the list, please let Miss Kelly know and she will get you scheduled in. If you foresee a problem with this schedule, please also let Miss Kelly know ASAP.

***We expect you to be there for all these practices. I know some of us like to leave early for Competitions, and this shouldn't interfere with that since it's only Monday – Wednesday. But if you are planning on leaving early, make sure it isn't until a Thursday. Thank you.

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR NATIONALS BOUND DANCES

The nationals schedule is for Monday June 5th - Wednesday June 28th (4 weeks)

<u>MONDAY</u>	<u>ROOM 1</u>	<u>ROOM 2</u>
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM		JULIE SOLO
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	MAGGIE/KEVAYA DUO	MELODY/ELI DUO
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	KENNEDY SOLO	MELODY SOLO
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	MAGGIE SOLO	LYDIA SOLO
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	KAYLEIGH SOLO	KYLEN/LYDIA DUO
6:30PM - 7:00 PM	IZZY SOLO	KYLEN SOLO
7:00PM - 8:00 PM	TECHNIQUE W/ MISS KELLY & MISS ERIN	
8:00PM - 8:30 PM	IZZY/KYLEN DUO	DUFFY DUO
8:30PM - 9:00 PM	STELLA SOLO	JAYCIE SOLO
9:00PM - 9:30 PM	ERIN SOLO	

<u>TUESDAY</u>	<u>ROOM 1</u>	<u>ROOM 2</u>
5:30PM - 6:00 PM	VIOLET SOLO	RESERVED
6:00PM - 7:00PM	BALLET W/ZOE	FOR
7:00PM - 7:30PM	POINTE	SUMMER CLASSES
7:30PM - 8:00 PM	NATIONALS CONT*	TAYLOR SOLO
8:00PM - 8:30 PM	NATIONALS CONT*	TAYLOR/ARIELLA/KENNEDY
8:30PM - 9:00PM	NATIONALS JAZZ*	ARIELLA/KENNEDY
9:00PM - 9:30 PM	DIAD GROUP*	ARIELLA SOLO

<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	<u>ROOM 1</u>	<u>ROOM 2</u>
5:30 PM - 6:00 PM	AS/KT/KT TRIO	RESERVED
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	AS/KT/KT TRIO	FOR
6:30PM - 7:00 PM	JORDYN D SOLO	SUMMER
7:00PM - 8:00 PM	TECHNIQUE WITH MISS KELLY	CLASSES
8:00PM - 8:30PM	BROOKLYN SOLO	SERA SOLO
8:30PM - 9:00 PM	ADULT LYRICAL/MT	SERA/IZZY DUO
9:00 PM - 9:30 PM	ADULT LYRICAL/MT	KAYLEIGH SOLO
9:30PM - 10:00 PM	CAITLYN SOLO	

*NATIONALS JAZZ AND NATIONALS CONTEMPORARY ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND:
MONDAYS 7-8PM TECHNIQUE, TUESDAYS 6-7PM BALLET, WEDNESDAYS 7-8 TECHNIQUE