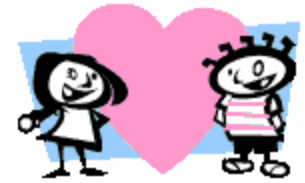




FUSION DANCE



February 2012

Upcoming Events:

February Payments Due	Feb. 1
Showcase/Competition Team Rehearsals	Feb. 11
Show your love on Valentine's Day!	Feb. 14
Showcase/Competition Team Rehearsals	Feb. 18
NUVO Convention Hyatt Regency Minneapolis	Feb. 24-26
March Payments Due	Mar. 1
Showcase/Competition Team Rehearsals	Mar. 3
Showcase and Competition Dress Rehearsal	Mar. 4
Masquerade Duluth Showcase/Competition Teams	Mar. 9-11
Spring Break	Mar. 30 – April 8
April Payment Due	April 1
Dance Resumes	April 9
Eclipse Competition Showcase/Competition Teams	April 13-15

When Dance is About More than Good Training, Everybody Wins

Does Fusion Dance offer great dance training? Of course it does! However, if we only train dancers, don't we miss the point with most of our students? That is why Fusion Dance strives to offer more than just great dancing.

Our instructors and staff do not receive thank-you cards for pretty pliés or pretty pirouettes. We receive cards with heartfelt letters from students or notes of appreciation from parents. We receive crayon drawings of smiling dancers surrounded by pink hearts. Running a dance school is not only about the quality of dancing, but about the love for dance families and the community.

We believe that our time with students and contact with the community should have a lasting, positive impact that goes beyond solid technical dance training. That goal has become the heartbeat of Fusion's dance program. Quality dance instruction is our foundation; what we do with it is our purpose.

Instructors, parents, volunteers and students invest an enormous amount of time, energy, and commitment into dance because it really does add up to more than just great dancing. Students receive many benefits from their involvement with

dance, such as dedication, grace, poise, perseverance, time management, organizational skills, teamwork and work ethic.

Students have been given the gift of dance. They are taught to give their gift back to others in the community. We find opportunities for dancers to be involved in the community, such as dancing at events (Red Wing Sesquicentennial, Down Town Main Street, Mississippi River Grand Excursion, Red Wing Shoe Centennial), Wabasha Chamber of Commerce, St. Felix School, nursing homes, 4-H club, Kiwanis club, and United Way among others.

Competition and Showcase students also participate in a Big Sister/Brother and Little Sister/Brother program. Dancers are teamed up to help each other. Other students are stepping up, too. Even elementary school students can be seen tying shoes for preschoolers and helping them in other ways.

At every level of the dance program, kids are being built up from the inside out through the magic of dance. Dance class is about more than just great dancing. When dance is about more than training, everybody wins.



Happy Valentine's Day from the Staff of Fusion Dance

Fundraising

At times, Fusion Dance offers fundraising opportunities for dancers. All fundraising events are run by parents. We have received information for a Pastry Puffin Fundraiser. These thin layers of dough with a dollop of filling are freezer-to-oven ready for your baking. Please contact Mary Plein if you are interested in leading this fundraiser.

School Calendar Conflicts

Beginner dancer.
Knows nothing.

Intermediate dancer.
Knows everything.
Too good to dance
with beginners.

Hotshot dancer.
Too good to dance
with anyone.

Advanced dancer.
Dances everything.
Especially with
beginners.

--Attributed to Dick Crum,
a folk dance teacher

The dancers at Fusion Dance attend many different school districts: Cannon Falls, Ellsworth, Goodhue, Hastings, Lake City, Northfield, Pepin, Red Wing, Wabasha-Kellogg and Zumbrota. Unfortunately, each district follows a different school calendar. Some districts celebrate holidays (such as Martin Luther King Day), and some do not. Some have a spring break around Easter (either the week before or the week after), and some have a spring break during a different month. Some have snow days while others are attending classes.

Fusion Dance is not able to follow the schedule of any one school. We set our studio breaks and bad weather closings in a fashion that works best for our students and our staff.

If school is cancelled for bad weather, please listen to KCUE, KWNG or KLCH radio; KARE TV; or WCCO.com for studio closings. The studio answering machine will also include a message on the status of studio closings. When school is cancelled early in the day, the weather may be better in the evening, and we may still have classes. If the weather changes late in the day, we may be cancelled even if school was in session.

The best advice is to check the weather conditions in your own area—please do not come to dance class if the local roads are unsafe for your family.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found Box has grown to a substantial size! Please check the box for your lost belongings. The box is located near the coat hooks in the back of the studio.

All items left in the Lost and Found for a significant time will be donated to the Salvation Army. Thank you for looking for your lost items!

