



September-October 2009

Welcome to a New Dance Season

We're glad you've joined us for another great year of dance. We have changes this year with the additional studio space and new office hours. What hasn't changed is the quality of our faculty, solid dance technique, and the performance opportunities for your child. We look forward to a great year!



Nutcracker Auditions

Our Nutcracker is a pre-professional production filled with beautiful costumes, gorgeous sets, fabulous dancing and the

classical music of Tchaikovsky!

Auditions are held on September 19

12:45-2pm: for Kd - 4th grade (first 15 minutes is registration). Wear regular dance clothes. Audition fee is \$5 cash.

1:45-3pm: 5th grade-7th grade (first 15 minutes is registration) Wear regular dance clothes. Audition fee is \$5 cash.

3-5:30pm: 7th-12th grades (first 30 minutes is registration and warm up with pointe shoes if you have them) Audition fee is \$5 cash.

****All students must come knowing their height and shirt/pant/dress size**

Students must fill out a registration form and obtain an audition number to pin on the leotard during the registration time. You are not committing to anything by auditioning and all students are guaranteed a part! Audition results will be posted online one week after the audition.

The fee to participate in a pre-professional Nutcracker is \$200 and includes a T shirt, costumes and all rehearsal time for at least 2 dances.



Rehearsals start October 3rd and go every weekend until performance time. Most rehearsals are held Saturday afternoons and sometimes on

Sunday afternoons. Performances will be held December 19-20 at Ponderosa High School. Dress rehearsal is December 18.



Ballet News

Congratulations to the girls in Ballet 5 who received their "Pointe Letter" last week! They now have the necessary strength and skills to purchase their 1st pair of pointe shoes. (They are a wee bit excited and if you heard any screaming last Thursday night, now you know why.) Be sure to look for them in their debut pointe dance in our Wizard of Oz production next June!

(Standing L to R: Chloe Plaisance, Madison Cramer, Kaleah Allen, Leah Alexander, Isabella Hinojosa. Seated L to R: Dani Britt, Mary Bischoff, KJ Sheldon, Gigi Golden).

Adult Classes

Tap, Jazz, Ballet. Ladies, did you know we have adult jazz and adult ballet in the evenings this year? Yes! Do something nice for yourself and sign up for a class to brush up on past dance experience or come as a brand new beginner. These classes will help you stand tall, strengthen your core, increase flexibility and engage your mind! Taking dance as an adult will give you lots to talk about with your young dancer at home! Ballet is on Thursdays from 7:30-9 and costs \$20 per class for drop ins (or pay \$73/mo) and Jazz is on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 and is \$15 per class for drop ins (or pay \$54/mo). Wear comfortable clothing and socks to start and then add ballet or jazz shoes later. We continue to have our Wed/Fri Jazz class from 9-10am and our Beg. Adult tap on Wednesdays from 7-7:45 (tap not available as a drop in). Jazz classes are taught by Miss Lisa, Ballet is taught by Miss Rebecca, and Tap is taught by Miss Debie. Call 303-840-7407 if you have any questions or you think you'll stop in and try it out!

Beauty and the Beast DVD's are in!

You can pick up your DVD that was ordered during our Big Show, Beauty and the Beast in June. Please check with someone at the front desk to pick up your DVD.





Student Attendance

As you know, we now have attendance sheets at the front desk for each student (or parent) to "check in" for each class by putting a check beside their name. We have also provided a phone hotline for parents to call in their child's absence. Simply call the studio at 303-840-7407 and press 2. Please leave your child's name and the class they will miss and the reason they will be absent. We care about our students and would greatly appreciate knowing when they are going to miss a class!

Tuition News

Remember that tuition is due the first week of each month through May. The amount remains the same each month, as we average four classes per month over the dance year. (Late charge of \$20 will apply if not received by the 15th.) If you prefer to have your card charged automatically, you must notify Ginny by phone or email (303-840-7407, ext. 1 or ginny@parkerdance.com) If you were set up for auto charge last year, please don't assume it will continue this year without notification - we need to have your permission for each dance year.



For the June recital, students will need to purchase a costume for each dance type -ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, modern. (The ballet/tap combo. classes will only be purchasing their ballet costume, and renting a tap costume for \$20). Because these costumes must be ordered during our Christmas break, in order to have them by late Spring, we must collect a non-refundable deposit in November. At the end of October, you will receive an invoice in the mail for a deposit of \$60 per costume, which will cover the majority of the cost. Prices vary, depending on the costume that is chosen for each dance, so in late January we will bill you for the balance and sales tax. Students can expect to be measured for their costumes in class during November.

Important Dates

September 19	Nutcracker auditions	12:45-5:30pm
October 3	First Nutcracker rehearsal	
October 31	Classes as scheduled (no closure for Halloween)	
November 25-29	Studio closed for Thanksgiving Break	
December 18	Nutcracker dress rehearsal	
December 19	Nutcracker performances	2pm and 7pm
December 20	Nutcracker performance	2pm
December 21	Studio closed for Christmas Break	