

# OCTOBER NEWSLETTER – 2011

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ!

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Dear Dancers and Parents:

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Dance Dimensions! We hope that all of our new students and parents are getting acquainted with us and feel at home. It is always hectic at the beginning of the year and especially if you are new to the studio. We apologize for the changing of the schedule in order to accommodate as many students as possible. We thank you for your patience and hope that we are almost at the end of any schedule changes. Please feel that you can give us a call and discuss any problems that you may have or e-mail me at [director@dancedimensions.net](mailto:director@dancedimensions.net) and I will be glad to personally assist with your questions and concerns. Linda is available at 303-772-3750 or e-mail her at [linda@dancedimensions.net](mailto:linda@dancedimensions.net) for any general information and she can direct your bookkeeping questions to [Courtney@dancedimensions.net](mailto:Courtney@dancedimensions.net), or answer basic bookkeeping questions.

We will be posting the monthly newsletters online as well as having “hard copies” available in the studio. You should also be receiving them on your email. We **no longer** mail out monthly statements, so it will be important for you to remember to send in your monthly fees before the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to avoid late charges. You may also e-mail Courtney, at [courtney@dancedimensions.net](mailto:courtney@dancedimensions.net) if you are going to be late. We are willing to work with you, but you must communicate before the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month or it will be automatically included on your next statement.

In December you will be receiving all of the concert information by mail. A commitment is needed before Winter Break in order to start organizing for costume orders. Many times it takes as long as 16 to 20 weeks to receive costumes. There will be costume packages for pre-school dancers and for the 6-8 yr. olds. Log on to [www.dancedimensions.net](http://www.dancedimensions.net) and click on the concert button for further information concerning concert.

We appreciate your patience in helping us get all of the dancers into the appropriate class level. It is not always easy when they are taking conflicting classes, but we seem to have most of the problems under control. Please realize that we want to give you the best dance education possible and moving dancers too fast is not in their best interest. That's when injuries and bad habits occur.

Please do not talk to teachers between classes about your dancer. They have a time schedule to keep and it is more appropriate to discuss your child in a private scheduled meeting rather than in the hallway. Thanks so much for your cooperation in this matter.

If your child is in the classroom, please make sure that siblings are being watched and not allowed to run without supervision. There is too much activity in the studio combined with electronic equipment and large glass mirrors. We cannot be responsible for watching the siblings of the dancers that are in class and you will be responsible for any studio damage that occurs. For the sake of safety, no one is allowed unsupervised in the classrooms.

Please help your dancers get to class on time and let us know if you are having a problem getting your child to class on time on a regular basis. That way we know that they are just not hanging out, socializing in the dressing room.

Dance helps develop coordination, rhythm, self-confidence, discipline and a sense of accomplishment. And most of all, it should be a joyous activity. With these goals in mind, we look forward to a great year.

We proud ourselves in making sure that our dancers have a firm foundation in technique so that they are able to excel in all styles of dance as they progress. Too many different styles at a young age is not beneficial to developing the foundation of technique and detrimental to the young soft bones of younger dancers.

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**CHANNEL 7 – A LIST** - Many thanks to all of you who voted for Dance Dimensions! Out of 106 nominated studios, Dance Dimensions ranked in the top five studios!

**DRESS CODE** - We are already experiencing dancers wearing inappropriate clothing in the classroom. Please realize that teachers cannot make corrections when they are unable to see through jeans and baggy clothing. Jeans, bibbers and pajamas are not welcome in the classroom. We will be setting a dress code in the classroom and appreciate parents helping us enforce it to achieve maximum benefit from classes. The specifics are posted in the studio. Hair ties should be included in dance bags in order for dancers to get their hair out of their face.

**STARBOUND WREATH FUNDRAISER** - The Starbound Dancers are getting ready to launch their wreath sales. They appreciate all the support that you give them each year and once again they ask for your support in purchasing these beautiful wreaths. A wreath order sheet will be posted in the studio and the proceeds from the studio order blank benefits the entire Company.

**DANCE CONVENTIONS** – are posted on the new enhanced calendar on the website and anyone in the studio that is interested in attending is always welcome to attend. The requirement is that are familiar with at least two or more styles of dance. We will be attending two required company conventions. The others are optional. The optional In10sive Dance Convention is being held in Aurora on October 15 and 16.

**HALLOWEEN COSTUMES** - costumes are welcome the week prior to Halloween. Wear dancewear underneath if your costume is bulky and needs to be taken off during class. Dancers may wear their costumes starting on Monday, Oct. 24. Please inform your dancer since they feel left out when everyone has costumes and they didn't know that they could bring them. We will be having classes **up until 6:30 PM** on October 31. Classes may be made up in other classes within a month. Please inform the office as to when you will be making up a class. **Classes after 6:30 PM will be cancelled so parents and dancers can get out to trick or treat.**

**DANCE DIMENSIONS APPAREL** – is having a “Pick a Pumpkin” sale from Oct. 17 through Oct. 31. Sale is on one item from 10% to 30% off. Sale excludes sale rack and shoes.

Once again, we welcome you and look forward to a wonderful year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need assistance with any of the information in this newsletter. Linda, Courtney and I would be glad to assist you, and many of you know Mary Montague who works on Friday and Saturday. She is also available for questions or will guide you in the right direction.

Sincerely,

**MS. LOUISE**

**HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HALLOWEEN!**

**P.S. TAPPERS, DON'T FORGET TO GET SIGNED UP**

**FOR THE BARBARA DUFFY WORKSHOP! CLASSES ARE FILLING.**