



Newsletter

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome everyone old and new to another dance season! Everyone is getting settled in their classes and anxious about beginning their year of dance. We are excited to see what the 2025-2026 season has in store!! There are just a few announcements that we would like to make at this time.

DANCE PLUS HANDBOOK: Our handbook that covers our policies and costs incurred during the dance season, can be found on our website. **ALL PARENTS** need to take a few minutes to read through the handbook and refer to it when in need of studio information.

CANCELLED CLASSES: **No Classes will be held on Monday October 13th due to Thanksgiving.** Classes will only be cancelled on major holidays, Thanksgiving Monday, Christmas and February and Easter Break. Lessons will run as usual on November 11th (if a dance day) and on School Teacher Institute days.

WEATHER: The only other reason classes may need to be cancelled will be in the event of bad weather. **If we feel it is unsafe for our staff and dance families to travel**, classes will be cancelled for that evening. Announcements will be made at the Lumsden Elementary and High Schools. If you have school aged children, be sure they listen in the afternoon for announcements. All families will be contacted by e-mail. Any lessons cancelled by us will be made up at a later date. A note will be sent out with times for any make up classes.

HALLOWEEN COSTUMES: Students are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes to class on Oct. 27-29th. Be sure to have them wear their dancewear under their costume, as some costumes are very hard to dance in.

PARENT PORTAL: Our online Parent Portal is the central hub for your account! Here you will find your account balance/fees, class schedule, all emails sent to you, submit absences and update your family details.

**** NOTE:** Most correspondence/emails will come from jackrabbittech.com domain. Be sure to white list/Safe List this domain in your email platform so it doesn't go to your junk mail.

PAYMENT OF FEES: All fees are due at the first of the month. **Please submit your payment by e-transfer to: danceplussubmit@hotmail.com or by post-dated cheques a.s.a.p. if you have not done so.** Monthly fees are determined by your seasonal fees divided into 9 equal payments. If your child decides at any time to discontinue lessons, pre-paid fees will gladly be returned. We only ask that you finish out the current month. If your child's costume has been ordered we will not be able to refund it as they are made to order. No other refunds will be given for classes missed on your own accord including illness and family holidays.

AUTOPAY: Families have the option of paying by **VISA** or **Mastercard**. If your fees have not been received by cash, cheque or e-transfer, your credit card will automatically be charged on the 15th of each month. Set it and forget it!

LATE PAYMENTS: All fees that are not paid in the current month will be charged a **\$25.00 late fee per month**. Please refer to our HANDBOOK to read more about late fees.

RECEIPTS: Receipts will only be written for Cash payments. You will have your e-transfer confirmation or cancelled cheque for proof of payments made by these methods.

CLASS ATTIRE: Please be sure your dancer is wearing proper dancewear to class, not school clothes. T-shirts, shorts and sweats are only to be worn in Hip Hop classes. Pre-school and combo students only may wear Tap shoes with a plastic bottom and should have elastic sewn in for closure, not laces as too much class time is wasted trying to get shoes tied. **All other Tap students must have tap shoes with a leather bottom as they will be required to dance on the balls of their feet.**

CLOTHING ORDER: Our Dance Plus clothing order will soon be online for ordering! This order includes hoodies, sweatpants, dance bags etc., great for Christmas giving!! Watch for order information coming soon!

RECITAL DATES: Our year-end recital will be held in May. More information about dates will be out soon.
All students will participate in our recital.

COMPETITIONS: Each season our students in Team classes (not Pre-school, Combo or Acro) are invited to attend local “FUN” competitions. Competitions provide students with the opportunity to perform on the stage, thus having a goal to work towards, a chance to wear their costume and learn to be better performers. A google form will be emailed out in December and we will be asking for your commitment at that time. Commitment form will need to be submitted before the Christmas break, with payment due no later than Jan. 15th, 2026.
Competition dates can be found on our website.

PARENT WATCH DAYS:

Parents are invited to come and watch their child’s progress during the months of **December and March.**

Monday Dec 1st – Preschool, Combo and Team Ruby

Wednesday Dec 3rd – Team Ruby & Acro

Monday Mar. 2nd – Preschool and Combo classes

Wednesday Mar. 4th – Team Ruby & Acro

We please ask that only the parents come to watch as space is limited in the dance areas and many spectators will make younger students feel uncomfortable. Also, we ask that you keep as quiet as possible as to not distract the dancers so that they can dance for you at their very best. Thank-you

There will not be watch days for our Team Teal, Violet, and Sapphire classes.

★ **COSTUME ORDER AND DEPOSITS:** Costume payments will be posted soon **with payment in FULL due by Nov. 15th.** Costumes must be ordered at this time so that will arrive in time for our students that attend competitions. All students will require a costume for each class they are enrolled in. Our costumes are ordered from costume companies in Canada and the USA and will come ready made with only slight adjustments to be made ie. Pants to hem, straps to shorten etc.

Costume Prices are listed below:

Pre-School, Combo and Acro prices **include legwear.**

All other teams will receive a separate legwear order form in Nov for the styles you need for each class.

Pre-School: \$80.00/costume (includes legwear)

Combo: \$85.00/costume (includes 2 costume looks and legwear)

Acro: \$85.00/costume (includes legwear)

Team Teal: \$85.00/costume

Team Violet: \$90.00/costume

Team Sapphire: \$100.00/costume

All Prices are per costume and include exchange, duty, shipping and all taxes.

Your total costume cost will be the number of classes times the team cost:

Example: your Team Teal dancer takes jazz, tap and ballet (3 x \$85.00 = \$255.00)

You may submit partial payments anytime, be sure to indicate dancers name and that it is a costume payment, otherwise I may apply it to dance fees.

Full payment for all costumes **must be paid by Nov. 15th.**

VISA and MC: Those families that have entered a credit card on their account, and have not submitted their costume payment by any other method, will have their full costume payment applied to their credit card on Nov. 15th.

We hope that you enjoy your year with Dance Plus!! If you have any concerns please speak with your instructor or call Deanna at 949-6104. Here’s hoping for a FUN filled, successful dance season!!

Deanna and Staff