

Dance Dialogue

Back to Fall!



Boy did the summer fly by or what? First, I know many of you are wondering... Alex Christopher Joslin was born on June 15th. He is a happy, healthy boy. Avery is enjoying being a big sister - most of the time. We are all doing well!

After having the summer to enjoy as a family and adjust to the new baby, I am of course ready to get back to teaching and hope to hit the ground running. I have missed all of your kids, and hope they are ready to come back to ballet as well!

Please double check your ABA profile to make sure the classes you are enrolled in match what you are planning to do, update all contact info, and review studio policies. Remember you can sign up for automatic payment. You need to fill out the authorization form at the studio in order to

NUTCRACKER NOTICE

We will be starting Nutcracker rehearsals next month! Some things to remember: The performance is December 13 and 14 at the Historic Elsinore Theatre. All-cast rehearsals are November 22 and December 6th at ABA. Spacing rehearsal will be after school on the 12th. Dress rehearsal is the morning of the 13th.

It is impossible to avoid some disappointment when casting Nutcracker. There will be students who

finalize this process; selecting auto pay on your ABA profile is not sufficient! This form must be completed every year. If you can't remember if you filled one out please don't hesitate to ask!

As is typical, September is a time of transition and adjustment. Some of the classes will be bigger, but things will even out over the next couple weeks as everyone figures out their schedules. We appreciate your patience through this process.

With that, give everyone a friendly **h e l l o .** Welcome new families, and greet the old. Let's show everyone why we love ABA!



think they have already been a soldier too many times, kids who really want to be a Bon Bon... and of course high hopes for parts of Clara, Spanish, Sugar Plum Fairy... I do my best to cast fairly and have many factors that must be considered. Please stay positive, as it will affect how your kid interprets the final outcomes!

Parent meetings and costume sizing are coming up the week of October 13th. Make sure to come for this!

Things to Remember

Some classes that are easy to forget, but are great to take advantage of!

1. **FREE Boys class.** There are two levels. Both meet Saturday morning at 11:30. Boys I is mostly for boys 5-8. Boys II is for boys 8+. This is a great chance to make friends and work on some things that are more specific to the male dancer. If you have a son, or know of a boy who might be interested, please come check it out!
2. **Jazz.** Jazz is very supplemental to ballet, and is a lot of fun! It is a great opportunity to work on strength, flexibility, and is a change of pace from the regular ballet classes.
3. **Community Ballet.** You watch your child dance in class week after week... why don't you come in and give it a try? Community Ballet is more laid back, doesn't require performances, is great exercise, and a lot of fun!



Dress Code, Back to School Sale, and Notes on Ballet Etiquette

A quick reminder about dress code. Girls should wear a solid colored leotard, pink tights, and pink shoes. If your child has black tights or shoes from past shows it is acceptable to wear them to class. Ballet I-IV: Now skirts! Ballet III and up can wear fitted black shorts, though it is recommended



that these are not worn during every class as students need to be comfortable in plan leos and tights also. Ballet I and up: Hair must be worn in a bun. This is both traditional and functional, and is a very important part of your child's training. If you need to find another parent to help you make this happen please do.

If you need dance attire the ABA store will be open on

Tuesdays from 4:45-5:45 and Saturday from 10:15-11:45, or by appointment outside of class time. There will be a store sale this Saturday, the 6th, from 2:30-4:30. Come in then, say hello, and get your dance clothes at a good price!

Some notes on ballet etiquette. Really, I could go on and on about this, and will use the Newsletter as a forum to discuss it throughout the year. A few things to

remember: be to class on time with proper attire. Thank the teacher at the end of class. Always try to alert teachers of absences, which hopefully are minimal. Students should remain focused and raise hands to ask questions. Never lean on barres or walls... There are a few points! Keep your eyes out for others, and please go over them with your child!

Parking Lot and Safety

With the return of fall comes a fuller parking lot at ABA. First, thank goodness we have a lot! I know it is not perfect, but it is so much better than circling downtown or only having a drop off area. Please try to honor the 10 minute spots. These are designed for parents to walk their child in to the studio, and then leave to run errands. Remember it is acceptable to use the street for parking as well. Be careful to not block the entrance.

Also, remind students that they are to remain INSIDE until you come and get them. Even older students (meaning 16 and driving themselves to class!) should practice the buddy system when walking to their cars. Nothing has ever happened... but we don't want a first. Thank you for enforcing these simple policies.

Calendar

September 4, 2014

First day of class!

September 6, 2014

2:30-4:30 - back to school sale

October 12

Eugene Ballet Company Nutcracker auditions at ABA. More info to follow - watch Facebook!

October 13-18

Nutcracker performance meetings and costume sizing

October 31, 2014

Halloween! No class!

November 22, 2014

All cast rehearsal, afternoon, at ABA

November 27, 2014

Thanksgiving, no class!

December 6, 2014

All cast rehearsal, afternoon, at ABA

December 12, 2014

Spacing rehearsal, at The Elsinore

December 13, 2014

Dress rehearsal, at The Elsinore

December 13 & 14, 2014

A Children's Nutcracker, at the Elsinore

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Tuesday 4:45-5:45pm

Saturday 10:15-11:45am

By appointment