



FUN 'N' DANCE LTD. - FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER 2025

The winter term at Fun 'n' Dance is now well under way. This newsletter contains *important* information about exams, parent viewing and the end-of-year performance, so please read it carefully. Thank you!

February Fees

February fees are now due and *we would prefer fees to be paid by email transfer to office@funndance.com* Monthly fees are due on the **1st day of each month** unless an alternative date has been arranged with Miss Julie.

Teacher's Convention and 'Family Day' Weekend

ALL our regular dance classes will be **cancelled** during Teacher's Convention and the 'Family Day' weekend i.e. **Thursday, February 13, Saturday, February 15 and Monday, February 17.**

Royal Academy of Dance and School Ballet exams

The RAD ballet exams will take place on **Friday March 7 and Saturday March 8** during the day. The RAD exam schedule has been emailed to the parents of exam candidates.

The school ballet exams will take place on **Sunday, March 9** during the day. The school exam schedule has been emailed to the parents of exam candidates.

We shall be running mock exams for ALL ballet exam candidates on **Sunday March 2** during the day. The mock exam schedule has been emailed to parents.

Jazz & Tap School Medal Tests

The jazz and tap school medal tests will take place on **Sunday, March 9** during the day. The medal test schedule has been emailed to parents.

Exam Attire

If your child is entered for a ballet exam (RAD or school) and/or jazz/tap medal test, please ensure that she/he has the correct dance attire and necessary hair supplies before the exam day. A detailed list of the exam attire for each grade plus hair requirements has been emailed to all candidates with the exam schedules. Should you have any questions regarding the upcoming exams, then please do not hesitate to contact Miss Julie by email at office@funndance.com or by calling **403-289-6493**.

**Miss Julie, Miss Natasha, Miss Tory, Miss Amanda and Miss Alena would like to wish all of their students the very best of luck in their upcoming exams, we are very proud of all of your hard work and achievements. **

In-Person Parent Viewing and Exam Viewing

We are excited to be offering in-person parent viewing in March. During parent viewing, parents are invited to sit in and watch their child's class. Viewing is an *excellent* opportunity to view your child's progress and teachers will also be discussing the year-end performance during the class viewings.

All ballet classes marked with a (*) will be having an '*exam viewing*' which means the students will be performing their exam work for parents which they have been working very hard on since the beginning of the school year. ALL students in these exam classes will be expected to arrive neatly groomed as for an exam wearing the correct exam attire. The 'exam viewing' is for *everybody* in the class as even though some students chose *not* to take the exam, they still have worked very hard to learn the syllabus and perfect it.

Saturday March 1	<u>ALL</u> Miss Tory's classes
Monday March 10	<u>ALL</u> Miss Julie's & Miss Tory's classes *Gr. 2, Gr. 4, Gr. 5 & Gr. 7 Ballet (exam viewing)
Tuesday March 11	<u>ALL</u> Miss Amanda's classes *Jr. Tap, Jr. Jazz, Inter. Tap & Inter. Jazz (exam viewing)
Wednesday March 12	<u>ALL</u> Miss Julie's classes *Gr. 3, Inter. Fdn. & Inter. Ballet (exam viewing)
Thursday March 13	<u>ALL</u> Miss Alena's classes *Sr. Jazz (exam viewing)
Saturday March 15	<u>ALL</u> Miss Julie's classes
Tuesday March 18	<u>ALL</u> Miss Mikaela's classes
Wednesday March 19	Miss Natasha: Sr. Lyrical & Inter. Pointe classes <u>only</u>
Thursday March 20	Miss Natasha: Pre-Prim., Prim. Inter. Lyrical & Ukrainian classes <u>only</u>

2025 Year-End Performance

A reminder that this is the year for our year-end open house performance and Miss Julie is *very* excited to be once again holding it at the *university theatre* in the *University of Calgary*. Since dance is a performing art, we feel that this is a ***very important*** part of a student's training. The performance will involve all students currently registered in the school except for students in our *Storybook Ballet and Adult classes*.

Our rehearsal day is booked for **Thursday May 22** (rehearsals will take place during the day, so students will have to miss some school) and there will be two performances, one on **Friday May 23** and the second performance on **Saturday May 24** both in the evening.

Our theme for the open house this year is “*Anything Goes!*” which means our teachers get to use pieces of music that they have always wanted to choreograph to but haven’t had the chance to in the past.

Please watch out for **performance consent forms** which will be e-mailed to parents at the beginning of March. All completed performance consent forms should be emailed to Miss Julie or returned to your child’s teacher with payment of the performance fee, no later than **Thursday, March 20**. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the year-end performance, then please contact Miss Julie by e-mail at office@funndance.com or by calling the office at **403-289-6493**.

Every class participating in the performance requires a ‘*group parent*’. A group parent helps their child’s teacher organize costuming for the whole class and acts as a spokesperson between the teacher and the other parents, they will also be responsible for transporting and organizing class costumes when we are in the theatre. If you are interested in being the ‘group parent’ for your child’s class, then please email Miss Julie *as soon as possible*.

We rely *purely* on parent volunteers to help with costuming and prop construction for the performance. Parents can help by shopping for costumes/props, organizing costumes/props already in storage as well as making costumes/props. If you are interested in volunteering, then please email Miss Julie at office@funndance.com *as soon as possible*.

Police Information Check for Parents Volunteering at Year-End Performance

To ensure a safe, secure and enjoyable environment for everyone during our year-end performance, we are requesting that all parents volunteering backstage during the rehearsal day and both performances please complete a ‘Police Information Check (PIC)’ including a ‘vulnerable sector check’.

If parents already have a valid ‘PIC’ for volunteering with the CBE or other organization, then they just need to email a copy to Miss Julie at office@funndance.com

If you need to apply for a PIC, then please contact Miss Julie at office@funndance.com and she will send you the details on how to apply online plus the letter required for parents to receive volunteer pricing.

Spring Break

The last day of classes before spring break will be **Thursday, March 20** and classes will resume on **Monday, March 31**.

Summer Dance Camp

We are *very excited* to be offering a Fun 'n' Dance camp this summer. The camp will run from **July 7 - 11** and is for students aged **5 to 12 years old**. Registration forms for the dance camp will be emailed to parents shortly, they will also be available on the Fun 'n' Dance website at funndance.com or funndance.ca

