

JOIN THE PROP CREW!

Our competition dances are well underway and some have props that are already necessary. We're looking for competition parents who already have building skills and would like to be part of our "Prop Crew" to help Miss Amber's husband build the props the students need. Each participating parent needs to be able to run basic power tools and should have knowledge of basic construction as well as the ability to follow directions to do neat work. All participating parents will receive a *TDA* t-shirt with "Prop Crew" printed on the back to wear to all of our competitions and other events to show school spirit and let everyone know that you are part of the crew responsible for building those wonderful props. If you are interested, please email Miss Amber or leave her a note at the desk. We hope you'll join us!

Check Out Our Store This Month!

Limited Time/Limited Stock Merchandise!

Great for Christmas gifts or just because!
All Rhinestoned leotards and shorts; **NEW GIFT ITEMS**
ARRIVING SHORTLY, New dance shirts/pants very limited stock!

Hair Supplies!

Coming Soon...Bun makers, hair nets, pony tail bands,
bobby pins by Bunheads!

Full stock of *TDA* Shirts & Sweatpants!

All sizes stocked for Christmas sales of T-shirts, Hoodies, and both
styles of sweatpants later this month.

***TDA* Dance Bags!** 2 different styles of dance bags will be
available for purchase sporting our studio logo.

**For Fall Only: Order Your name added to hoodies or *TDA*
dance bags for just \$6!** Orders will be taken through Thanksgiving
and filled by Christmas for gifting. Specific delivery dates will be
announced in November newsletter.

BLING UP YOUR TDA Wear! Rhinestones available for purchase
to sparkle your *TDA* apparel and bags. *TDA* staff will apply them for
you for a small fee too!

New Items Placed On Clearance...

Watch for new items to go on clearance and **ADDITIONAL**
MARKDOWNS DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON!

HALLOWEEN PARTY TIME!

It's a fall highlight at *TDA*.

Join Mr. Lutalo, Miss Amber, Mr. ML,
and other *TDA* members for an evening of
friendly fun for all ages Friday, October 24th!

DANCING!

GAMES & PRIZES!

GIVEAWAYS!

SNACKS!

TREAT BAGS!

TICKETS are **ON SALE NOW** for
just \$5 or you can pay at the door.

Bring extra \$ to participate in our
PRIZE BASKET RAFFLE!

We'll be giving away a treat basket full
of Halloween goodies!

Don't forget to wear your costume!

LATE FEES

Starting this month, a late fee of \$5 will be
applied to each account that's tuition is left
unpaid as of the 11th & 30th of the month.

NO EXCEPTIONS

To avoid late fees, please make sure you pay
your tuition the first week of each month.



Buy Halloween Costumes At *TDA*

Beginning September 29th, we will have both **NEW and gently used dance and Halloween costumes on sale in our studio!** Used costumes will go for as little as \$5-\$10! **NEW** costumes will be priced as marked. Get costume pieces and accessories for as little as \$1!
ATTENTION ICE SKATERS! Gently used dresses and skirts available priced as marked too!
Just in time for the holiday ice show! All proceeds go towards our recital props/sets building costs.

Why Improv/Free Style Dance is an important part of Dance Education

Subtitle: We're not just slacking off and letting the kids "play" for the last 5 minutes of class, really!

Many times parents will approach us wondering why the instructor is letting the children "do their own thing" at the end of class instead of structuring the final moments as like the rest of class. There are so many very important reasons we teach your children to improv or free style dance, and we want you to understand them and realize your child is growing and learning even when they look like they're just having fun for a bit of classtime. Here are just a few of those reasons.

- 1) What happens when you forget your dance on stage? The audience is waiting for the next step. If you don't know what it is, it sure does help if you are comfortable enough with improv to make it up on the spot until you remember what you're supposed to do.
- 2) Self-esteem, confidence, being comfortable with who you are, learning not to care what others think, self expression, and overcoming shyness, are just a few of the emotional and psychological benefits they gain from improv and free style. The list could go on for an entire paragraph.
- 3) Anyone who desires to pursue a career in dance pre-professional or professional will be asked to improv at any audition they attend no matter what the style of dance in question. If they fail to improv, they will be cut.
- 4) Many choreographers create their dances by improving. Many choreographers are inspired to take a dance in a certain direction by watching their students improv. It's part of the professional dance world, not just children's dance class.
- 5) There are some full length dance performances that are completely improved with no set choreography.

I hope you'll view these exercises with a new appreciation and remember the benefits your child is receiving even though the steps aren't set in stone when they improv or free style.

Bonus Feature: What is the difference between Improv and Free Style?

Nothing really. The terms both mean to "make it up as you go or use your own steps".
Improv is the term of choice in the more classical styles of dance such as modern and ballet.
Free style is more commonly used in subjects like hip hop or jazz.

NEWSLETTER CONTESTS!

Each month there will be a contest in our newsletter that will allow students to win great prizes!

Most months it will be hidden somewhere in an article for you to find.

We want to find out who is reading their newsletter! Some contests will have a required number of participants to run, so make sure you enter if you find it. Some will have automatic prizes for all who find it. This month, the first one is easy. If you read your newsletter and found this article, go to the desk and get your coupon! Everyone gets one! Next month it will be more challenging to find...



PLEASE BE ON TIME!

We definitely understand that on occasion, a traffic issue may delay your arrival and make your student late for class. However, it is very disruptive to the entire class to have multiple students entering the room after class has begun. Please make sure you plan ahead to be on time for class. Not only does it hurt the student who is late as they have missed part of class, it hurts the rest of the class who lose focus each time that door opens and late students arrive. We want all our students to get the most out of class which means being there ready to go at the start time. Thanks for your commitment!

IMPORTANT DATES

October 24th	Annual Halloween Party
October 31st	Closed for Halloween
November 27th-29th	Closed for Thanksgiving
December 22nd-January 4th	Closed for Christmas/New Year's
March 23th-28th	Picture Week
April 3rd-9th	Closed for Easter
May 16th	Recital Ticket Sales Day
May 25th	Closed for Memorial Day
June 15th	Tiny Tots in Mall Recital
June 17th & 18th	Dress Rehearsal
June 20th	Annual Recital

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