

SEPTEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

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Our Mission Statement: *Dance training is a very special experience for children and adults. It is not only an enjoyable activity, but also one from which you can learn social graces, coordination, physical fitness, appreciation of the arts and a sense of pride and accomplishment. Our staff stresses technique and showmanship to encourage everyone to be the best they can be!*

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WELCOME & WELCOME BACK! We are so happy you are here with us this season as we begin our 27th year in the business of dance education! Please let us know immediately of any problems or concerns so that we can help to make this year's dance experience memorable for all. Please leave a message at the front desk or on our studio voicemail if you have any concerns so we can address any situations immediately. Many student placement changes are made within the first couple weeks of September to properly place students within classes that suit them best. We make it our priority to accommodate every dancer as best we can. We want everyone to have a great dance year, so please feel free to call with any issues you feel need to be addressed.

We have some exciting things planned for the month of September!

- ✧ **OPEN HOUSE DANCE PARTIES** – Join us on **Saturday evenings in September** for our “Open House Dance Parties”! Parents and dancers are invited to visit the studio from **5:30 – 6:30 p.m.** The “dance party” will be held from **6:00 – 9:00 p.m.** and is open to all dancers age 5 & older. Dancers have the opportunity to learn and perform fun dance combinations taught by the teen and senior dancers of the Technique Intensive (TI) Program, play some fun games and dance with their friends! **Cost is \$20.00 per dancer OR bring a friend not currently enrolled in classes at YDA and both participants will receive a discounted admission of only \$15.00 per person!** Snacks and drinks will be provided! What a fun way to get the dance season started and offer a chance for moms and dads to have a date night of their own while the kids dance! Non-dancers welcome, too! Movies will be played in the lobby. Stop by the front desk to pick up a flyer with more details.
- ✧ **SO YOU THINK YOU CAN YOUNG DANCE** – This dance clinic will be offered on **Sunday, September 20th from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.** to dancers age 7 & older to intensively brush up on jazz and lyrical skills and technique. Dancers will be divided into groups according to age and skill level. Dancers will have the opportunity to receive some extra individual attention with jumps, turns and tricks. **Cost is \$20.00 per dancer and includes YDA bottled water and an audio CD of the music used at the clinic!** Dancers will receive a certificate of participation upon completion! Come join the teachers at *Young Dance* for an afternoon of dance, dance and more dance! For more details please pick up a flyer at the front desk.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS – If you are reading this newsletter then most likely your dancer remembered to give it to you! Monthly newsletters are handed out during the first week of each month. Newsletters contain important information and notify you of important dates, upcoming events and activities. Monthly newsletters may be downloaded from our studio website at www.youngdance.biz. Visit the website for important announcements and upcoming events at YDA along with news on our alumni!

MONTHLY TUITION – REMEMBER... OCTOBER TUITION IS DUE THE FIRST WEEK OF OCTOBER. All payments made **after October 7th are considered late and are subject to a \$5.00 per week late fee charge.** If you fail to pay your \$5.00 per week late fee, it is recorded on your registration card and you will be billed for any unpaid fees in April. Dancers do not receive costumes in April unless all unpaid fees are paid in full. **A \$20.00 service fee is charged on all returned checks.**

Please note: We do NOT send out reminders for monthly tuition payments. You are NOT sent a monthly bill.

FREE MONTHLY TUITION DRAWING – To enter our “free tuition” raffle each month you simply need to pay your monthly tuition payment by the 7th day of each month. In addition, each time you make a tuition payment you also need to fill out a separate entry slip with each dancer's first and last name. If you have paid your tuition for the year in full, you must personally fill out a slip each month for the raffle. The drawing for free tuition is held on the 8th day of each month. The winner is notified by phone and it is announced in the following month's newsletter. Good luck to all in October!

If You Haven't Heard... *Young Dance Academy* has been invited to Dance Excellence 2010!

Fourteen of our teen and senior dancers are continuing to fundraise to be able to attend this “invitation” only event. Each year, one dance studio from each state along with studios from many different countries are invited to a global event held in Los Angeles to participate in a celebration of dance. *Young Dance* has been invited to represent the state of Wisconsin each year since the year 2000.

CAR WASHES - On **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH** and **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4TH** the teen and senior dancers will be holding car washes at the *Speedway* on Howell & Puetz from **8:30 a.m. – approx. 3:00 p.m.** Please bring your cars to be washed on the above dates and help send our dancers to Dance Excellence!

Look what's coming in the month of October!

- ✧ **NIGHT ON THE TOWN** – On **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD** join us at the Oak Creek Legion Hall from 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. for an evening of music, dancing, food, drink, fun & lots and lots of prizes! The evening's event will be hosted by KISS FM radio personality Wes McKane! This is an adult only event, must be 21 years of age or older.
Tickets for this event are \$12.00 in advance or \$15.00 at the door per person. Purchase your advance sale tickets at the front desk **TODAY!**
- ✧ **CPR / AED Training Course Offered at YDA!** - On **Sunday, October 11th from 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.** we are offering a CPR / AED training course from which you will receive your 2-year certification card upon completion. The course will be taught by Kevin and Kraig Maduscha, both certified instructors with years of experience in the field. For more information or to sign-up for the course, please see a member of our front desk staff. Space for the course is limited. **The cost is ONLY \$25.00 per person.** All profits benefit our trip to Dance Excellence 2010. Thank you, Kevin and Kraig, for generously donating your time and talents! PS... the Packers do not have a game on Sunday, October 11th so sign up **TODAY!**

SHOE ORDERS – Most shoe orders take 1 – 2 weeks to arrive. If your dancer does not have proper dance shoes for the first few weeks of class they may wear socks over their tights or go barefoot until their dance shoes come in. Please remember the shoes you order for class may not be the shoes you will need for the June recitals. You will be notified in January of the specific style and color shoe(s) your dancer(s) will need for the June recitals. Make sure your dancer is with you when you are ordering / purchasing shoes, as they need to be fitted for a size. If you choose to purchase ballet slippers somewhere other than the studio, please note that some retail stores market a mock “ballet slipper” that have slippery soles and no straps to keep them on their feet. Please make sure you are purchasing a regulation ballet shoe, leather with a suede sole and elastic straps.



DANCEWEAR & SHOE SALE – On **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH** from **8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.** our Technique Intensive Program dancers will be holding a used shoe and dancewear sale in the Classic Lanes parking lot on Howell Ave. Stop by to check out the great bargains!

EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND EMAIL ADDRESSES – Please double check that you have included a current email address on your dancer's registration card to receive periodic announcements about upcoming YDA events. In addition, make sure you have included an emergency contact name and phone number on your child's registration form. We will always contact the parents first before trying an emergency contact.

STUDIO AND CLASSROOM GUIDELINES – PLEASE REVIEW ALL OF THE STUDIO GUIDELINES PRINTED IN THE STUDIO BROCHURE!

- ✧ NO eating or drinking allowed beyond the lobby, including hallways, locker rooms and classrooms! Dancers may however bring capped water bottles to class if necessary. Make sure all aluminum cans/plastic bottles are emptied before placing them in the lobby receptacles.
- ✧ Dancers must adhere to the studio dress code including proper shoes and hairstyle. Please review the studio dress code printed in the studio brochure or on our website. **NO street clothes of any kind or leotards with skirts or tutus!** Thank you for your cooperation.
- ✧ Please make sure all preschool age dancers have their ballet shoe bows tucked in before entering class each week. We also request that all children's style patent leather tap shoes have ties replaced with a "sewn" loop of elastic. We try to avoid spending any class time tying and retying tap shoes, especially for dancers who need to change shoes in back to back classes. Ask the front desk staff to explain how to attach the loop of elastic to the tap shoes.

PHONE USE – *Young Dance Academy* does not have a public phone, however we realize that some situations may require the use of our phone. Phone use is 50¢ per *important* call and anyone using the phone must remain at the front desk. Phone use is limited to short necessary conversations only. Please remember it is a business line, not a public phone.

HALLWAY TRAFFIC – Please keep out of the hallways as much as possible and conversations to a bare minimum. Talking and other noises disturb ongoing classes. **Parents need to remain in the lobby while classes are in session to keep hallways free of congestion. Do not sit in the hallway or classroom doorways at any time.** Please do not be offended if a teacher closes their classroom door as students are easily distracted by hallway activity. We do appreciate your cooperation in this matter!

DRESSING ROOMS – Lockers are provided for the Technique Intensive Program dancers as they spend between 12–20 hours per week at the studio. **NEW THIS YEAR!** We have 9 lockers in the girls' dressing room available to rent at a cost of \$20.00 per month. Ask for details at the front desk. **NOTE: Only females are allowed in the girl's dressing room. NO dads please! Males are only allowed in the boys' dressing room.**

Please hang jackets and sweaters on the hooks provided. Keep shoes and dance bags under the benches or next to the walls so dancers can move about the locker room without tripping over others' belongings. **MAKE SURE ALL SHOES (DANCE and STREET SHOES) AS WELL AS JACKETS AND COATS ARE MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME!** Countless numbers of coats and shoes have been mistakenly taken home and never seen again. If you plan to bring money for refreshments, please bring it in a small coin purse and bring it into class with you. Teachers will keep it for you until after class. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING ITEMS OF VALUE TO THE STUDIO AND LEAVE THEM UNATTENDED IN THE LOCKER ROOMS.**

TECHNIQUE INTENSIVE (TI) PROGRAM SUMMER EVENTS – Ten of our TI Program dancers including Liana Berlyn, Laura Ksobiech, Ciara Marino, Kristy Novak, Taylor Page, Bailey Petitgoue, Cindy Reid, Rachel Sayotovich, Kari Smith and Nick Young attended the *New York City Dance Alliance* National Finals in New York City this past July as part of the NYCDA Outstanding Dancer Scholarship program. Both Liana and Nick finished in the Top 10 in the Senior Female and Male categories respectively and Cindy finished as one of the Top 6 Teen Females! Congratulations to all the dancers!

In addition, Kristy Novak, Taylor Page, Kari Smith, Abby Stachnik and Chloe Williamson attended the *Milwaukee Ballet* 6-week summer intensive. Abby Stachnik also attended the *Joffrey Jazz Intensive* in NYC and Liana Berlyn attended the *River North* summer workshop in Chicago. Our Technique Intensive dancers continue to train, study and perform throughout each and every summer.

*The TI Program dancers and families would like to give a most sincere **THANK YOU** for all of your support last season!*
We truly appreciate your generosity in helping to fund our various endeavors.

PILATES – A 3-week Pilates course will be offered from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, October 14th, 21st and 28th at a cost of \$25.00 per person! Pilates instructor, Debby Orlando was certified at the Boulder, CO Center for Pilates and has over 15 years of experience. Sign up at the front desk TODAY!

BEVERAGES – A beverage machine is located in our lobby with the following Pepsi products: *Diet Wild Cherry Pepsi, Mountain Dew, Tropicana Twister Orange, Tropicana Pink Lemonade, Aquafina Alive Berry Pomegranate, SOBE Lifewater Fuji Apple Pear, Aquafina* bottled water and a variety of flavors of *G-2 Gatorade*. We plan to experiment with different flavors of *Gatorade* and *Aquafina* all season long. Prices range from 75¢ to \$1.50. **Water bottles in the classrooms only, no open cans please.**

Vote for us! – *Young Dance Academy* was nominated for the WISN A-List "best" local business. Please take a moment to log on to the WISN website at <http://wisn.cityvoter.com/young-dance-academy/biz/120648> to vote *Young Dance Academy* as Wisconsin's #1 dance studio. After you vote you may also post a review. We will choose the best reviews to post on our own website. If your review is chosen you will receive a gift bag full of fabulous dance items! Voting ends September 27th... be sure to log on today!

We believe your commitment and dedication to *Young Dance* is what truly makes us #1 in Wisconsin! Thank you for your time, support and for voting us #1!

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to ask any one of our front desk staff and they would be happy to assist you in finding the answers you need!



Happy dancing to all!
Sandy & Young Dance Academy's Faculty and Staff