

October, 2011 Parent & Student Notes

Thanks again for selecting Trudy's dance family as your Dance Educators! We are honored to have you with us! Below are some notes of upcoming events, including our Second Annual Holiday Showcase...

Catch the Spirit!

November "Happenings"

Costume/Performance Deposits are Due. Costume fee deposits will be deducted from recurring payment plan families on Nov. 7th. If you will be paying by cash or check the deposits are due by Nov. 10th. The remaining recital fee will be due Feb. 6, 2012. Please see the flyers in the studio for costume and recital fees or request to have a copy emailed to you.

Earn Valuable Credits! Our ad campaign is now under way! Sell ads for the recital book and earn credits to your account to use towards tuition or dance-wear! See the flyers in the studio for details. All students already have a business size ad credited to your account. Pick up last year's recital book to get ideas or pass out to potential patrons.

Trudy's-Wear! We are finalizing our new Fall Trudy's sweatshirts now. Trudy's pants and capris are currently in the lobby for sizing. New children's leotards are in the studio for purchase. Also, be sure to look for your "Class Name" logo in the lobby to order your Trudy's T-shirt. We currently are displaying our "BabyBloomers" shirts, but all classes are available. Just let Linda or Tiffany know which class T-shirt you would like to purchase. Great Christmas gift ideas!!

Silent Auction Items Being Collected NOW! If you have a business, a craft, a service or know someone who does, and are interested in getting some free publicity all while helping a great cause, please feel free to donate an item to our first Silent Auction to be held at our Catch the Spirit Christmas Showcase. We are accepting only a limited number of items so please bring in your donation before Thanksgiving break. All proceeds go to The Ronald McDonald House of Charleston. Some ideas... gift certificates, framed art work, homemade crafts, services. THANK YOU for your contributions to make this event successful!

Kid's Korner! Yes... we'll be displaying artwork from our very own students for nominal donations at our Catch the Spirit show, proceeds also going for The Ronald McDonald House. So start getting creative and bring your artwork with a decorated 3x5 notecard with your name on it to the show with you.

Become Our Friend on FACEBOOK! We have a live feed on our website: www.trudysdance.com that features Kudo Awards from the teachers to our students! Keep a watchful eye and visit the site often. We also post random pictures to our website of the kids in action in classes along with any upcoming activities. Fun stuff!

December "Happenings"

Christmas Parties: Our Christmas class parties are held during regular class time starting Thurs Dec 8 through Wed Dec. 14th. Young children may bring a small gift to exchange (\$5.00). We have cake and goodies and fruit drinks. Homemade goodies are always welcome, too!

Catch the Spirit! Thursday, December 15th, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

We are so excited about our Second Annual Christmas Showcase... 'Catch the Spirit!' This year we have secured a fabulous performance space that will allow us to expand our invitations to extended family and friends, not just immediate families. It will be held at the James Island Episcopal Ministry Center at 1872 Camp Road (across from Bishop Gadsden). All families will get 2 free tickets to the show for parents. To offset the cost of the Ministry Center we will be selling \$3.00 advanced tickets starting Nov. 28th with \$5.00 tickets at the door. Children 10 yrs. and under are free. ALL of Trudy's students will be participating... yes, your child, too, and YOU (if you are an adult student). Teachers will be preparing ALL classes to participate in this fun event. We believe that in the spirit of the season, it is exciting to bring everyone together to share some great dancing. New this year... we are holding a Silent Auction with all the proceeds to benefit The Ronald McDonald House of Charleston. Last year we raised \$500 and hope to bring less fortunate children and their families even more joy this season. (FYI, we can take cash, checks or charge to your Trudy's account, but will not be able to take debit or credit cards.) This is a fun and spirit-filled "showcase" of short dance combinations set to Holiday favorites! We ask that all participants dress in festive-colored movable dance wear (red, green or white). Older students/adults are encouraged to wear black pants with festive colored tops. We encourage everyone to join in this fun-filled Christmas Showcase! We will have pizzas donated by Woody's from Folly Beach to say "Thank You" for being a part of the Trudy's family and "Happy Holidays to YOU!" We hope all of you will be as excited about this as we are. Teachers will be dancing with the kids, too!