

ALL STUDIO
NEWSLETTE

Schedule of Events:

Sept. 24th

Belgrade Fall

Festival Parade

Oct. 1st

MSU Homecoming

Oct. 3rd—7th

Bring a Friend Week

Oct. 21—23

MDAA Fall

Workshop—Belgrade

Nov. 23—27

NO CLASSES -

Thanksgiving

Dec. 5—9

'Parent

Observation Week'

Dec. 19—Jan. 1

NO CLASSES—

Winter Break

February 17—20

NO CLASSES—Studio
Closed

March 12—18

NO CLASSES—Spring
Break

March 26—30

'Parent Observation
Week'

TANYA'S DANCE CO.

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2011

Welcome Back Dancers!!

Fall Festival Parade Saturday, Sept. 24th

Tanya's Dance Co. will be having a float in the Belgrade Fall Festival Parade. This year the parade falls on the same day as Belgrade High School's Homecoming. Your child is invited to participate in the parade by riding on the studio float. **The parade will take place on Saturday, September 24th AT 10:00 a.m.** If you wish to have your child participate, you can print off a copy of the permission form that is available on the website and return it to us **NO LATER THAT SEPTEMBER 20TH**. More specific details are also on the permission form for you to view. The students who do participate will need to wear a studio T-shirt or sweat-shirt (from \$12—\$25), black pants, and white tennis shoes. Coats will be worn if needed! For students who return their permission form by the specified date, we will be giving them a panther paw tattoo to wear on their right cheek. If you would like additional tattoos, or lose your original 'paw' you may purchase extras for \$.75 each!



P.O.W. Parent Observation Week

We know many of you like to see the progress your child is making! For those students who have classes in Studio 1 in Belgrade, or who dance in Bozeman, we do have observation rooms for you to take advantage of. If your child has class in either studio 2 or 3 in Belgrade, we do not have an observation room. We would love for parents to be able to sit and observe each week; however, it is just too distracting for both the students and the instructors when parents are observing each week. We have scheduled two observation days this year in which parents may come in and observe their child's class. We do ask that for certain guidelines are followed on viewing days to ensure class still runs smoothly.

1. Only 2 observers per student are allowed due to space restrictions of the studio.
2. All parents and observers must remove their shoes before going on the dance floor.
3. Please do not bring younger siblings. We want the class to run smoothly without many disruptions.
4. Please no cell phone and keep chatting to a minimum.

Observation Dates

Dec. 5th—9th

March 26th—30th



Studio Website and Emails

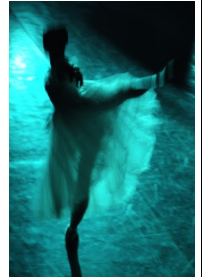
Please remember to check the website for our bi-monthly newsletters. Newsletters are not sent home with every child. It is your responsibility to check the website and/or the studio bulletin boards in Belgrade/Bozeman regularly for important dates, upcoming events, reminders etc. (If you must have a hard copy, the office will be happy to print one for you to take home with you!) We also ask that you read and review the **“TDCo. STUDIO POLICY.”** This will help clarify many of the “FAQ’s” families have. It is accessible online under “Studio Info/Studio Policy.” When you enrolled your dancer, you agreed you had read and understood the Studio Policy; if you have additional questions regarding our policies, please do not hesitate to call or email the office!

Also, all important reminders are sent via e-mail (we do not always send handouts home with dancers.) If you do not have an e-mail address on file with us, it is your responsibility to check the bulletin board regularly for notices that were e-mailed out; it is just not possible to make that many ‘reminder’ phone calls. We ask each family to check their e-mail regularly, check with the office or a PAC member to stay ‘in the know.’

Class Dress Codes

Each class at TDCo. does require its own dress-code. Please refer to the ‘Studio Policy’ (available online at www.tanyasdanceco.com) to review dress code for your child’s particular class(es). For instance, all Ballet students must wear a leotard and pink tights to class each week. We prefer black as the main color of apparel for jazz pants, dance shorts, leotards, etc. Hair must be pulled off from the face for ALL classes. Denim jeans are not allowed in class. It is recommended to have a dance bag for class—this way you can keep everything you need for your classes in one spot!

If your dancer needs any shoes or dance apparel, we do sell all their required items at both office locations (Belgrade and Bozeman.) It is highly advised to come in and get fit for apparel as soon as possible; if anything needs to be ordered, we need to get those in as soon as possible as most merchandise providers have a lot of back-ordered items. Please keep this in mind!



“You know you’re
dancing when
tears of pain &
happiness blend
with your sweat.”
~Anonymous

Costume Ordering

In December, parents and students will be shown their class costumes. Measurements will have already been taken and you will be asked to select a costume size, initial and date. **ALL DANCERS PERFORMING IN RECITAL MUST ALSO HAVE SUNTAN TIGHTS!!** (Level I and above dancers will have hair pieces as well!) These will also be ordered for you and you need to select a size for your child. Once Costumes are ordered, we cannot return them so you **MUST** pay for it in full—**NO EXCEPTIONS!** Please refer to Studio Policy regarding costume ordering and payment. We need to order before Christmas as it can take up to 3 months for costumes to come in and many are already on backorder. Any costume orders placed after the initial date will be charged an additional \$25 (minimum) fee for single-order costume along with separate shipping and handling.



Auto Pay

All dance accounts will be on 'auto-draft' payment and tuition and all account charges will be deducted on the first of each month. Any amount that is due on your account (including any merchandise, lesson fees, etc.) will be deducted along with your monthly tuition. Starting in October, costume charges will be auto-deducted on a monthly basis of \$20/month **per costume** (Kinderdance classes have two costumes, jazz & tap, which makes their monthly amount \$40.) With this payment schedule, all accounts will have paid \$80 towards each of your child's costume amount by January. (The remainder of the costume balance is auto-deducted or credited on the first of February.) The office keeps track of costume credits and/or balances. You may log onto your **PORTAL** at anytime to view your account.



Office Staff & Hours

To serve our families better, we keep office staff on hand during most of the day to answer phone calls, emails, fit apparel, etc. Here is our fall 2011 office schedule for both locations:

Belgrade (388-1501)

Monday—Thursday: 1:00-7:00p.m.

Bozeman (586-6611)

Monday—4:00—7:00p.m.; ~~Wednesday—4:00—6:00p.m.~~

~~Tuesday—Thursday 4:30—7:00p.m.~~

**FRIDAYS: CLOSED YEAR – ROUND
(BOTH LOCATIONS)**

Competition Expo

The 'Competition Expo' will be held on Monday, September 26th at 6:00p.m. upstairs in Studio #2 in Belgrade. All competitive dance families will need to attend this meeting. We will be going over Competition dates at this time as well as answering any questions you may have in regards



to competitions, fundraising, etc. If you are unable to attend this meeting, it is your responsibility to attain the missed information from a parent or the office.

Studio Equipment

We ask that ALL parents, students and instructors stay OFF the tumbling equipment (mats, wedge, octagon, etc) at both studio locations. These are for tumbling classes ONLY and are not to be sat on, laid on, jumped on, jumped off of, etc. Please be respectful and stay off the equipment so we can keep it clean and in good condition! It is also for your child's safety to stay clear!

'Dance is the hidden language of the soul.'

~Martha Graham

Recital Pictures & DVD's

There are still many recital pictures, DVD's, T-shirts, etc. that need to be picked up from last springs recital. Please be sure you stop in the Belgrade or Bozeman office and pick these up as soon as possible.



Drop Off & Pick-Up

Please remember that dancer drop-off and pick-up times are at ten minutes to the hour. It is very disruptive to the classes in session when students are arriving early and/or late. Students that arrive early will not be supervised! They are the parents/guardians responsibility until their scheduled class begins. **For students coming straight from school, some doors will not unlock until 3:50. Please be aware of this policy as it applies to both locations!**

Also, please remember to pick your child up on time. Again, there is no supervision to children who are left waiting for their rides to show up. Your child needs to wait inside the building (studio policy prohibits them from waiting for you outside!) until you come in and get them—this is a safety precaution! Be considerate of instructors and their families. We realize things come up but please try to be on time—especially for the last classes of the day so our instructors and staff can get home at a decent time!

Meet Our Staff:

Tanya Kinnaman—Owner/Director Creative Movement, Adult Clogging, Competition Jazz, Lyrical,

Hip Hop; Dance Team, Leaps, Turns, Jumps

Ashley Crane—Creative Movement, Cheer

Derry Harpole—Boys Hip Hop

Elizabeth Brennan—Pre/Kinderdance, Kinder Hip Hop, Tap, Adult Hip Hop/Jazz

Jillian Taylor—Ballet, Lyrical, Leaps, Turns, Jumps

Lindsey Forsberg—Competition Jazz; Rec Jazz, Tap, Clogging, Dance Team

Sandi Scheer—Acro/Tumbling, Musical Theater, Competition Lyrical

Stefanie Knipfer—Ballet, Pointe/Pre-Pointe, Social Dance Lessons

Tara Heinrich—Competition Hip Hop, Clogging, Tap; Rec Hip Hop, Tap

Tess Arveson—Competition Contemporary; Leaps, Turns, Jumps



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Warm Ups, Duffel Bags, etc.

The studio warm up coats, duffel bags, garment bags, and parent shirts are available by special order only. These items are ordered in bulk and this order will only be placed two times during the year. The first order will be placed on October 12th, and the second order will be placed in February. Please remember this when thinking of gifts for birthdays, Christmas, and/or any other holidays. These items CAN take up to three or four months to come in because many times they are on backorder! For those students who are on a competitive team, they are required to have the warm-up coat and pants. We will have a parent EXPO that is required for competitive families during the last week of September, and more information will be available at that time!

New Classes Being Offered:

Tanya's Dance Co. is pleased to be offering the following new classes for the 2011-2012 Dance Year:

Acro/Tumbling

Boys Only Hip Hop

Musical Theater

Leaps, Turns, Jumps

Contemporary (Competition Only)

Pre-Kinderdance

Parent/Tot

Dance Team (auditions going on throughout the year! Call for more details!)

Strength & Conditioning

Ballet Repertoire (learn and perform a routine at end of year recital)



'LET US READ AND LET US DANCE— 2 AMUSEMENTS THAT WILL NEVER DO ANY HARM TO THE WORLD.'

~Voltaire~