

STUDIO  
NEWSLETTER

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Feb. 13th

NO CLASSES—  
PIR Day

Feb. 16th

NO CLASSES—  
President's Day

March 2nd-5th

Parent Observation Week

March 6th

Competition Students  
ONLY—Hair & Make-Up  
Workshop upstairs in studio 2  
@ 6:00

March 11th

Competition Showcase-7:00  
p.m. Belgrade High School  
Auditorium—Tickets \$4.00  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

March 16th-20th

NO CLASSES—  
Spring Break

April 13th

NO CLASSES—  
PIR DAY

May 4th

Cr. Movement & Kinderdance  
Classes ONLY—Hair & Make-  
Up Workshop upstairs in  
studio 2 @ 6:00

May 5th

Non-Competition Levels I and  
above and Intro. classes—Hair  
& Make-Up Workshop  
upstairs in studio 2 @ 6:00

May 25th

NO CLASSES—  
Memorial Day

June 6th

Competition recital at 7:00

June 10th

Non-Competition recital  
pictures (refer to Recital  
Guide)

June 11th

Competition recital pictures  
(refer to Recital Guide)

June 12th

Non-Competition recital at  
7:00

June 13th

Non-Competition recital at  
7:00

# TNYA'S DANCE CO.

JANUARY / FEBRUARY / MARCH

## Competition Students - Important Dates

### Friday, March 6th - Hair & Make-Up Workshop upstairs in Studio 2 (Competitive Students Only)

-Whoever is responsible for doing your child's hair & make-up for competition will need to come with your child to this mandatory workshop. (Please NOTE: There are a few changes from last year so **ALL competition students and a parent** will need to attend . . . even if you have attended it in the past!) We will be showing a few new techniques and answering any questions you may have regarding the hair and make-up. You will need to bring all hair accessories and make-up colors with you at this time as we will be doing a practice altogether. This is **MANDATORY** for all competitive students and a parent to attend at this scheduled time. \*There is not a 'make-up' workshop, so if you are unable to attend, you are responsible for getting with someone who can show you how to properly do hair and make-up.

### Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> @5:30 p.m. - Thunderstruck Meeting upstairs in Studio 2

-Bring a chair if you wish!  
-I Parent/Guardian is required to attend

### Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 p.m. - Spotlight Meeting upstairs in Studio 2

-Bring a chair if you wish!  
-I Parent/Guardian is required to attend  
-You are responsible for any information missed if you DO NOT attend these mandatory meetings. It is your responsibility to contact a PAC member or another dance parent.



## Recital Survival Guides - Important!



Each year a 'Recital Survival Guide' goes out to each student/family during one of their scheduled classes. This is a very detailed schedule of rehearsals, pictures, etc. for recital. It also contains 'frequently asked questions' to help answer many questions parents and students have during recital. Please read this booklet **thoroughly** and keep in a safe place so it is easily accessible in the event you may need to refer to it. All important dates and a detailed rehearsal schedule is included. Please mark and save these dates so you or your dancer do not miss out on anything! If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office. (If you have not seen your copy of the Survival Guide, please let us know and we will get you one; it is very important each student receives a copy of this!!)

## Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)



Tanya's Dance Company has a Parent Advisory Committee that was developed to be a liaison between the parents, teachers, and the studio. Each member of PAC serves no longer than a 2-year term. The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is there to answer any questions and/or concerns you may have throughout the dance year. The committee was formed to serve BOTH competitive and non-competitive parent/student issues. The following is a contact list of the 2008-2009 PAC members. Please feel free to contact any member on this list at anytime with your questions, concerns or issues that may arise!

Amy Erickson	388-9542 or 579-6136	erickson4@bresnan.net
Kody Van Dyke	600-2054	vkvandyke@hotmail.com
Lori Thompson	388-6174	kitkart4@msn.com
Mary Hillenius	586-1827	4mhillenius@gmail.com
Michelle Banderob	388-4791 or 581-5326	michelle@gvfc1.com
Pamela Rider	388-2125 or 209-4919	riderzoo@peoplepc.com

*“Stifling an urge to  
dance is bad for  
your health-it rusts  
your spirit and  
your hips.”*

*-Adabella Radici*

## Undergarment Orders

Something to think about . . . costumes don't provide any kind of “support.” I will be placing an order for nude sports bras and/or leotards on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Both the leotards and bras have clear straps and they look very clean when worn under a costume. I've seen dancers wear other things under their costumes, and it's amazing what the stage lights can reveal! The bras cost \$16 and the leotards cost \$33, and order forms are available at the studio. We can charge these items to your account, pay upfront or pay when it comes in; I just need to get them ordered in case they are backordered.

## Studio Conference



Miss Tanya will be attending an annual studio conference in California at the end of February. She will be gone from Wednesday, Feb. 25th-Monday, March 2nd. If you need to address Tanya for any reason, please leave a message with the office and we will try our best to relay any messages to her while she is away. The office and staff will do their best to help out and assist with any questions or issues that may arise during this time to keep things running smoothly.

If there is a concern or issue you need to speak directly to Tanya about, she may not be able to return any phone or email messages until she returns; please keep in mind she will have a full schedule and not easily reached. Thank you!

## Drop-Off Times

Parents and Dancers: Please be aware classes run until 10 minutes to the hour and dancers are not excused until this time. Remember to be mindful of dropping off and picking up your children. It is very disruptive for students, and the teachers, when parents and/or dancers arrive 15-20min early, it is distracting for the current class with all the talking, running around, cell phone usage, etc. If the current class is still in rehearsal, please either wait in the vehicle until the class is dismissed or if the class is in session, please sit and wait **quietly** until it is time for your class. We will do our best to make sure all studio clocks are synced so all studios are on-time.



## Website and Newsletters

Please make sure you are checking Tanya's Dance Co. website for upcoming events such as studio closings and holidays, performances, mandatory meetings, etc. A Bi-monthly newsletter is also available on the website. Newsletters are found at [www.tanyadanceco.com](http://www.tanyadanceco.com) under 'What's New' and 'Newsletters.' The newsletter is in PDF format, so if you are unable to view this at your home or office computer, please let the office know and we will get you a copy! Copies are also posted on the bulletin boards in each studio for easy viewing. For holidays and studio closings, mass emails do go out as a reminder and we will post notices on the door. Studio closings are also found under 'What's New.' Please mark your calendars



## Student Absences



If your child is going to be absent from class for any reason, please call and let the office know your child will not be attending class. A note will be left for their instructor(s). We do not necessarily need a reason for

their absence; it is just nice to know when a student will not be attending class. Please call the studio office at 388-1501 or feel free to send off a quick email to: [tanyadanceco@gmail.com](mailto:tanyadanceco@gmail.com). Thank you!!

## Studio Warm-Ups

If you would like to order a studio warm-up this year, we will be placing our last order for the year on February 27th. This order includes warm-up coats, pants, duffle bags, garment bags, and parent shirts. Please contact the office if you would like to include an item in this order! An order will not be placed again until fall . . . So think ahead for birthdays, holidays, etc.!



*"To dance is to be  
out of yourself;  
Larger, more  
beautiful, more  
Powerful"  
-Agnes de Mille*

## Observation Days

We know many of you like to see the progress your child is making! For those students who have classes in studio 1, we do have an observation room located upstairs for you to take advantage of. If your child has class in either studio 2 or 3, 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 ob-

serving each week. We **HAVE** scheduled two observation days throughout the 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 the class still runs smoothly.

1. A maximum of 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.

**Next Observation Date:**

*March 2nd—5th*

# Zumba/Dance Fit

With the high success and buzz Zumba has created, we decided to add "Dance Fit" in the mix! Dance fit is a 'pulse-pounding' class that incorporates easy-to-follow dance steps mixed with fitness! These classes are so fun it is almost like you were 'tricked' into working out! With the new year upon us, this is the perfect time to come see what these classes are all about! First class (Zumba or Dance Fit) is free-NO obligation! Class times are as follows:



**Class Times:** ZUMBA: Tues & Weds at 7:00 p.m. in Studio 2 (Tanya)  
Dance FIT: Thursdays at 7:00p.m. in Studio 1 (Tara)

-You do not need to register for ZUMBA OR Dance Fit! Stop in and try your first introductory class for FREE! If you decide to continue, you purchase a punch card; It is a pay as you come type class! Make working out fun again-come and see what Tanya's has to offer! (Zumba cards ALSO work for Dance Fit!). Please inquire about prices through the office or your Zumba/Dance Fit instructor!

# Instructor Birthday Board!

Tanya's Dance Co. would like to thank our "Spirit Board" for organizing and creating our 'teacher collages' for each instructor's birthday. Carla McEntire, Amy Erickson, Kody Van Dyke and Tricia Pachl have done a fantastic job with the Teacher board and we want to extend our thanks to them for this fun, fresh and new idea! Instructor collages are on display by the front door in Studio #1. Please take a moment and check out the teacher birthday board. It is a chance to see your teachers as young dancers-not to mention the crazy costumes and hair! Please be sure to take a moment to check out the board each month. It is sure to make us all smile!

Thank you Spirit Board for this wonderful addition!



# Competition Dates

We are very excited to be attending our 1st out of State competition this year and there has been a lot of 'positive buzz' around the studio regarding this decision. Competition dates and locations for 2008-2009 are as follows:

Thunderstruck Dance Productions	April 4-5	Billings, MT	Alberta Bair Theater
Big Sky State Games	April 17-19	Billings, MT	Skyview High School
Spotlight Dance Cup	May 9-10	Seattle, WA	Highline Performing Arts Center