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To the Pointe Newsletter



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Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season!

We are excited to kick off the second half of the dance year, as we launch into finishing and cleaning choreography for our Performing Arts dancers, prepping for festival season and our year-end recital. A reminder that classes start up on Monday, January 5th.

We would also like to welcome the new Recreational dancers that have joined us. We can't wait to meet you! Here's to 2026!

Sincerely,
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Congratulations, Maisy!

We want to congratulate our Level 1 Performing Arts dancer, Maisy, who performed in the 2025 production of The Nutcracker at Red Deer Polytechnic. The Nutcracker brings together dancers from all over central Alberta, and requires weekend rehearsals starting in September, all the way through until show time in December.

We are very proud of her dedication and commitment, and loved seeing her perform on stage!



Attendance reminder

As we head into the second half of the season, we want to take a moment to remind our dancers and dance families the importance of attendance. Our Performing Arts dancers can have up to three unexcused absences in a class - after this time an instructor reserves the right to remove a dancer from portions of choreography. Dance is a team effort and when a dancer has repeated absences, it's hard for the class to move forward, make corrections in routines, and add on new choreography. Excusable absences include illness, vacations, and family emergencies, and must be communicated to a G2D instructor. Thank you for your cooperation!

Festivals - Performing Arts dancers only

The second half of the season means that festivals are quickly approaching! G2D has now entered all of our dancer's festival fees and submitted our entries. Festival fee invoices will be emailed out to all dance families this week, and are **due by February 28th**. A reminder of our upcoming festival dates:

- Debut Dance, Edmonton, The Orange Hub - Thursday, April 2 - Saturday, April 4 (ending on Saturday for Easter weekend)
- Dance to the Future, Camrose - Thursday, April 9 - Sunday, April 12 (Rising Stars & Adult Hip Hop will attend this festival)
- Dance Vibe, St. Albert - Thursday, April 23 - Sunday, April 26 (Adult Hip Hop will attend this festival)

We typically receive festival schedules in February, and we will distribute them at that time. For those new to festivals, you only have to attend on the day you perform, and each festival is organized slightly different based on the festival organizer's rules and regulations. Please note that G2D has no control over the festival schedule, category, or level placement of routines.

Costumes

Costume invoices for our Junior, Intermediate and Senior dancers will be distributed shortly with remaining balances owing. Remember, costumes are ordered to fit a dancer's largest measurement, and therefore alterations may be required to some pieces in order to ensure the best fit (ie. shortening the length of pants, straps, etc.) Amber's Alterations is a great local store with tons of costume alteration experience! Please ensure you book an appointment as she becomes very busy during this time of the year.

Please note that costumes are sent home once all lesson, costume and festival fees are paid in full. Thank you for your cooperation!

Recreational and Rising Stars dancers: A reminder that the costumes purchased and worn for the Christmas Recital will also be worn for festival (Rising Stars) and our year-end recital in April. Please refrain from wearing your costume to keep it in good condition. If you have just joined our Recreational program, we will be taking your dancer's measurements and ordering theirs soon!



Important upcoming dates

Please mark your calendar with the following upcoming important dates:

Winter Break: To coincide with the Wolf Creek School Division's Winter Break (Family Day and Teachers' Convention), there will be no classes the week of February 16-19. Classes will resume on Monday, February 23.

Performing Arts Stage Rehearsal: March 3 & 4, 2026 (Red Deer Memorial Centre)

Stage Rehearsal is for Rising Stars, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior level dancers, as well as our adult hip hop class. It gives our dancers the chance to practice their routines on stage before festivals begin. Rehearsals will run in the evenings. More details will be circulated in next month's newsletter. All Performing Arts dancers are required to attend, parents are welcome to sit and watch, and you can leave as soon as your routine(s) have rehearsed.

Extra Number Recital: Thursday, March 5 (Red Deer Memorial Centre), time TBA. This recital is for Performing Arts dancers who have a solo or duet.

Spring Break: There will be no classes March 23-26 to coincide with the Wolf Creek School Division's Spring Break. Classes will resume on Monday, March 30.

Picture Day: details TBA

Year-End Recital: Sunday, May 2, Red Deer Memorial Centre, additional details TBA. All G2D dancers (Recreational and Performing Arts) attend. This performance concludes the season.

