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Note from the director . . .

On behalf of the teachers and staff, we want to welcome everyone to the Holly Springs School of Dance. We are so excited to share our 19th season with all of you! Our first couple of weeks have been filled with reconnecting to old friends, and making many new ones. After a summer of travel and activities, its great to be home!

This year, I've chosen "One World, One Love" as our theme. After traveling in Europe, I was inspired to explore how we connect to all people and all cultures. In a world that can be chaotic, love seems to be the clearest choice. We are going to create some really fun pieces! Another exciting place that I traveled was to Costa Rica



with the 38 members of our dance mission team. Check out the photos in the lobby to get a feel for this amazing opportunity. I'm so proud of our team, and I really see a difference in the lives of the kids there since we first went in 2013. My plan is to go with staff in March to support the local dance teacher's program, and bring another team in 2018. My heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our "Bridges of Love" campaign. YOU made a difference for these kids! Visit our Facebook page to see pictures/posts about our trip. Anyone interested in offering support should check out our "Love Lock" wall in studio 148!

Holly Springs School of Dance is a very special and very unique learning environment. We are so excited that you have made this choice for your child, and we feel honored to share our love of dance with them. Please let us know how we can make this one of the best parts of your child's life! Here's to an amazing season!

Feel free to contact me at:
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Love, Marilyn

- Do you have dance shoes that you can recycle?
- Donate them to the studio! Please drop them off
- with the office staff.

Love Lock Wall

Traveling in France this summer, I was fascinated with the "Love Lock Bridge." We set out to create a small version in the studio to connect with something really cool across the ocean. Special thanks to Sean Coleman, Dance Dad Extraordinaire, for creating a gorgeous



wall in studio 148. Want to share in this? Buy a lock at the front desk for \$5.00. Have your dancer write their name on the lock and the place in the world that they dream of visiting. Add it to the love lock wall! We think that dreaming big and setting intentions are super important skills. 100% of the proceeds will

support the continuing dance education for our 60 kids in Costa Rica! Thanks for your support!

What do we love most in the world? Our dancers! We are creating a collage of all of our dance family members in the break room of 136. Bring your 4x6 black/white photo in a black frame for us to add to our wall. They say that keeping framed pictures of people you love increases happiness... I believe it, too!



Did you know . . .

We have a study room designed for dancers who need a quiet place to do homework in between classes. Check it out in studio 144!

Help a dancer!

Do you have a way that you could support someone in our dance family? We can share acts of kindness in a variety of ways. Here are some ways you might be able to help . . .

- ◇ Offer to *donate gently used shoes or leotards* to share with others.
- ◇ Pay it forward; offer to *pay for a costume or one month's tuition for a struggling family.*
- ◇ *Organize a carpool* to lessen the burden of transportation.
- ◇ *Volunteer your services* (props construction, sewing, graphic design work, working at events) to help dancers organizing events.
- ◇ Pledge to *say something positive to every dancer you come in contact with for a whole week.* Who knows, it just might become a habit and kindness is contagious!
- ◇ *Be creative!* We're open to any suggestions! We work hard to reach out to our community, but we also want to take care of each other! Thanks for your help!

"One World, One Love"

t-shirts . . .

Due to popular demand, we are extending the orders for this year's Fall t-shirt. Pick up an order form in the office. You have until Wed., Sept. 21st. Shirts are \$14.00 and come in SC - Adult XL.



Costume Fitting

Looking ahead . . .

In October, we will begin taking measurements and ordering costumes for the Spring Recitals. Costume fees are \$60.00 for dancers ages 7 and up, and \$55.00 for dancers 3-6 years old. You pay one costume fee for each class that your child takes. Costume fees are due by October 10th. Thanks so much for your attention to this!

Disney World Dance Trip!



We are dancing down Main St., USA this summer (June 20-24) and hope you can join us! This trip is for any HSSOD dancer ages nine and up. Information is available at the front desk! One of our favorite ways to join dance and family fun!

Want to dance in a reconstruction of Michael Jackson's Thriller? Any dancer ages 10 and up can learn this fun piece with Ms. Erin on Sundays, Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 from 5:30-7pm in studio 148. The performance will be at the Haunted Farm on Sat., Oct. 29th from 7-11pm. Join us if you can!



Gone Viral!

We got an amazing surprise last spring when Ainsley's "Hotdog Princess" sent a powerful message across the globe. Who knew that one sweet girl in a hotdog costume could create such excitement? Thank you, Ainsley, for inspiring all of us to be ourselves!

Want to volunteer? We always have cool stuff going on at the studio! Let us know how you can share your gifts to make great things happen for our dancers!

We want to host your Princess or Frozen birthday party! Let us create a day that your dancer will never forget! We are booking now for this season, so contact us for more info!



Upcoming Events

Shining Stars

A dance program now in it's 10th season that creates a class specifically designed for kids with special needs. This free class is open to anyone in the community who has a child that could benefit from this fun class. SDC members dance with these kids the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10am-11am. See Marilyn for more info. Our first class is Saturday, Sept. 10th.

Holiday Cabaret

We need dancers! Audition on Sunday, Sept. 25th from 3-5pm for our Holiday Cabaret student pieces! Look for more info at the studio soon! Holiday Cabaret, our studios fundraiser for the Meg's Smile Foundation, will be held on Sat., Dec. 3rd!

Lets Get Social . . .

Follow us on social media to get updates, inspiration, and reminders!

 Holly Springs School of Dance

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Only good vibes and positive everything!

BUGFEST & Sparkcon

Sept. 17th is a busy day for Springs Dance Company, our school's non profit dance company. Join SDC members at two super cool events . . .

- Museum of Science in downtown Raleigh will host "BugFest!" For years we have been the dance program leading kids through a magical adventure. Letd dance the lifecycle of a caterpillar through the "Hungry Caterpillar" book! Look for us every hour on the half hour in front of the State Legislative building. 9:30-2:30. Wear your wings! Free!

- Ms. Marilyn will be teaching a FREE Jazz class at Sparkcon, a festival celebrating creativity, at Marbles Kids Museum. Noon-1:00

- Check out one last performance of last year's "Matilda" and "X's and O's" at 2pm on the main stage in front of the Marriott. Cheer on your home girls as they share what they love to do! Free!



Calendar

September

- 10th Shining Stars 10-11am
- 11th & 18th Springs Ballet Company Rehearsals 2-4:30pm
- 17th Bugfest/Sparkcon
- 21st T-Shirt Orders Due
- 25th Holiday Cabaret Auditions 3-5pm
Performance Dec. 3rd

October

- 15th Costume Fee Due
- 15th Fall Festival 4-7pm
- 17th-22nd Observation Week
- 29th Performance of "Thriller"

December

- 3rd Holiday Cabaret
- 10th H.S. Christmas Parade
All welcome to participate!

More info coming!