

**-The Dance Connection**  
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**IMPORTANT RECITAL INFORMATION**

**TICKETS** – Tickets will go on sale for our **Saturday, May 31st** recital at **Farmington High School** during the week of April 21st. Tickets will be sold at the studio during students scheduled class times. Tickets will be sold for \$25.00 each, children under 2 years old are free, and all are general admission and non-refundable. We are not responsible for wrong tickets. If you are planning on attending more than one show, tickets need to be purchased separately for each show. Parents and friends will be allowed to enter the auditorium 15 minutes prior to the performance. **To be fair to everyone, parents and friends are not allowed to save seats for late arrivals. AUDITORIUM MUST BE EXITED AT THE END OF EACH SHOW BY EVERYONE EVEN IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE NEXT SHOW.**

**RECITAL HELP** – We need parents to help backstage for each performance. Please let Maria know if you are able to help for either or all of the performances. Parents that have volunteered to help should arrive 30 minutes prior to the performance the day of the recital. We need two volunteers per preschool class to stay with the students in the backstage dressing rooms for the duration of the show. If we do not get 2 parents that are willing to volunteer, we will have to draw names.

**TIGHTS & SHOES – IF YOU PURCHASED THE RECITAL PACKAGE YOU ARE ALL SET FOR TIGHTS...**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO BUY THE CORRECT ONES FOR YOURSELF FOR DRESS REHEARSAL & THE SHOW.** If the student does not have the proper tights or shoes for recital you will be asked to purchase them from us if we have extras. You can purchase the tights online at [Discountdancesupply.com](http://Discountdancesupply.com) or at [Dancingly Yours](http://DancinglyYours.com) (Rt.10, Plainville) or even Amazon. Please remember that we have a box in the dressing room filled with shoes. If you have shoes you no longer wear, you may leave them in the box or if you need a pair for recital please look in the box before going out to purchase a new pair. Make-up is left up to the discretion of the parents but we strongly recommend it because of the lights on stage.

**HAIR/BUNS** - ALL students MUST have their hair in a bun with a hairnet over it with gel and hairspray to keep secure for recital. Please place bun high enough or low enough depending on hair pieces for costumes.

**NO UNDERGARMENTS AT ALL UNDER COSTUMES.** NUDE “seamless dance” underwear may be worn only.

**DRESS REHEARSAL** ---- Dress rehearsal will be held on Friday, May 30th at **The Dance Connection** . **All students are required to attend dress rehearsal.** All classes have a scheduled time to dance. Please be on time, we will not hold any groups for late arrivals. We are on a tight schedule and need to keep on time. The schedule was emailed to each family. Once your group is finished dancing, you can leave. In order for less confusion at dress rehearsal, we ask that only **one parent** accompany students and **remain outside to keep lobby area less crowded.** **Students in multiple dances, please bring ALL costumes as we will run ALL recital dances in costumes. Combo class students bring ALL skirts and shoes. Please LABEL ALL COSTUMES** so there is no confusion when we are changing costumes.

**RECITAL** – The Dance Connection’s 30th annual recital will be held on Saturday, **May 31st at Farmington High School**. We will be having 2 shows this year. The performances will be 11:00am and 3:00pm. Students need to arrive about 30 minutes prior to the performance. Students should report immediately to the backstage area. Students are not permitted to leave the backstage area prior to the performance, especially once in costume. Please **label all costumes and accessories** so nothing is misplaced. **All students need to have hair up in a bun. Make sure to place bun in appropriate place if your child has a hat to wear.** No undergarments (underpants or tee shirts) will be allowed under any student costume. Students must take off all jewelry the day of the show. Students will not be permitted to dance if any of these rules are not followed. If there is any sewing or pinning of arm pieces or headpieces, please make sure this is done prior to dress rehearsal. Please see your child’s teacher with any costume related questions. It’s a shame when a student works hard all year and then the day of the show her costume isn’t sewed or hemmed or pieces fall off while on stage, so please follow the instructions.

\*\*\*\*\*There are many families with two or more sisters that dance. Every year we are faced with the dilemma of trying to have them dance in the same show. We try to do our best at making this work for everyone, but unfortunately it is not always possible. If this is the case for you, we will give you complimentary tickets for one of the shows. This must be done during studio hours not at dress rehearsal or the day of the show. Students that split classes between different days are not guaranteed that all their dances will be in one show. Parents will have to buy tickets accordingly. There are no complimentary tickets for this situation. **NO EXCEPTIONS MADE**- If your daughter dances in 2 Shows, you must buy tickets for 2 Shows.

**AUDITORIUM** – There is no food or drink allowed in the auditorium. All parents and students must help to keep the auditorium, restroom, and backstage dressing areas neat and clean. If any of the rules of the High School are not met, we will not be allowed to use their facility in the future. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

\*\*\*\*\***There is no flash photography allowed in the auditorium**\*\*\*\*\*

**VIDEOTAPING WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE SHOW FROM PARENTS SEATS.** We will not have a videographer this year taking show videos so we are allowing parents to videotape themselves. Please be respectful of others sitting around you trying to watch the show. **DO NOT GET UP OUT OF SEATS OR COME TO THE FRONT OF THE STAGE. YOU WILL BE ASKED TO SIT.** We can’t have groups of parents crowding the front of stage or blocking aisles as this is a fire hazard. We are running a professional show and we ask that all parents adhere to these rules.

**PROCEDURE** – You may only enter or exit the auditorium immediately after a class has performed. This will help to lessen the confusion in the auditorium. This policy is strictly enforced. Please be considerate of the parent volunteers that are working at the doors. This is a studio policy, not their policy so please act accordingly. Please be considerate of dancers on stage. All students are required to stay for the duration of the show and participate in the finale, this will include preschoolers. It is not fair to students dancing after intermission to dance for half of the audience. We will have chaperones assigned to each preschool class. We will have crayons, coloring books, and activities to keep preschoolers entertained. Snacks are allowed in the dressing room. We ask that the students do not share because of possible food allergies. **Absolutely no peanut products allowed.** No soda or juice boxes, only bottles of water will be permitted. All students will be required to stay in the backstage area for the entire show. There will be plenty of backstage help, so in the best interest of everyone, we ask that parents and

friends remain in the audience for the entire performance. Only people who have volunteered will be allowed into the dressing rooms. Parents are asked to drop students off at the entrance of the dressing room. Only volunteers with name tags and backstage passes will have access to the dressing rooms. We are doing this for the safety of all students in the backstage dressing rooms. The room is only so big and becomes very crowded. All preschoolers will need to be picked up after the finale. They will be kept backstage on the stage with Miss Maria and Miss Jenn. Please do not come to the front of the stage, you will need to walk around and enter from the wings. For safety reasons, there are no students allowed off the front of the stage. These procedures will allow the recital to run smoothly without confusion and noise in the auditorium and allow parents to sit and enjoy the entire recital without worry.

**Recital Flowers** - If you forget your flowers for your dancer, no big deal! We will have small bouquets available for purchase at the recital in lobby. There will be a limited quantity so get them before show starts because they usually sell out at end.

**Candy Bouquets** - After such a huge response last year, we are continuing with our candy bouquets again this year! These will be available for purchase the day of the show. GET THEM WHILE THEY LAST!!

**Concessions & Drinks** - will be available the day of the show

If you have any questions please feel free to call the studio (860) 673-7457 and leave us a message or email us at [dancer@danceconnectiononline.com](mailto:dancer@danceconnectiononline.com) and we will respond as soon as possible.