

We know the first week and possibly the first month may seem a little chaotic, but we assure you things will eventually calm down. **COMMUNICATION** between your dancer, our teaching staff, and our office staff will help run things a lot smoother for everyone. We are also asking for everyone's help in keeping the lobby and bathrooms picked up and clean. We really don't want to spend hours each day cleaning the viewing windows, scrubbing the floors, putting crayons, coloring books, and chairs back where they belong. Lend a helping hand folks!! While dancers certainly build up an appetite and thirst we hope you will be very careful when eating and drinking at the studio. If we're not careful, we'll get little critters visiting us if we leave cups and cookie crumbs behind our benches and on the floor. Please put all trash in the trash can. There is also a bin for pop bottles. Please use this bin **ONLY FOR BOTTLE RETURNS NOT TRASH!** We have seen a lot of water on the floor in the bathroom and around the drinking fountain in the past years. This could become a safety hazard. Please wipe up your spills. Thanks so much for your understanding and help!



Eastside Fall Fest 2010

The Businesses on the Eastside of Beacon Blvd. will hold their 6th Annual Eastside Fall Fest. This year's extravaganza will be held on October 2nd! The SDA Competitive Troupe will be performing! It's community fun for the entire family! Come join us for the fun and excitement!! Come DUNK SDA's STAFF 10am-2pm. Any donations offered will be contributed to the Eastside Association.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2010-2011 COMPETITIVE TROUPE !

Jr. & Teen Troupes Andrea, Chase, Hailey, Sophia, Jennifer, Shelby, Olivia, Zach, April, Emma, Natalie, Kaitlyn, Rylee, Amber, Chloe, Laura, and Madeline

Senior & Ensemble Troupes Grace, Emily, Ragen, Maria, Lauren, Lexie, Veronica, Rya, Katie, Alyssa, Hannah, Rae, Jessica, Kendahl, McKenna, Devin, Jessica, Kendra, Morgan, Alexa, Alivia, Disha, Kayleigh, Claudia, Skylar, Emma, Jordan, Chelsi, Michaela, Kelsey, Kaleigh, McKenna.

FALL & HALLOWEEN



Halloween will be here before we know it! We know that not all of our dance families celebrate Halloween. Would you please let your child's teacher know if your dancer will not be participating in our Halloween dances or songs? It is your choice, but we need to know in advance. Feel free to dress up in your Halloween costumes the week of October 25th-28th. This is actually one of our **FAVORITE WEEKS!** We can't wait to see all of the fun costumes! We will pass out treats to all of our students the week of Halloween. We can give dancers Fall stickers if candy is not acceptable. Have fun on your Trick-O-Treating night! But remember to be safe !!!!!!!!!!!!!

Observation Week Nov. 15th-18th

Come to your dancer's class during the week of observation and enjoy watching all they have discovered! Please remember only ONE VISITOR per dancer, due to limited space.

You may take still pictures, but there is **ABSOLUTELY NO VIDEOTAPING ALLOWED!**

THANK YOU for making us feel like the

REMINDER THAT THE STUDIO WILL BE CLOSED:

Thanksgiving Break Nov. 24th ~ 28th
Holiday Break Dec. 17th ~ Jan. 2nd

Dress code for Class

It is important to look and feel like a dancer when taking a dance class. Our dress code allows our staff to observe the dancer's body placement, such as head, neck, body and foot alignment. As teachers we need to see muscle and skeletal placement to insure proper and safe dance training. PLEASE help our dancers follow the studio dress code at all times. If the student attends more than one class not properly attired, they will be asked to observe only. * **JUST A REMINDER FOR ANY DANCERS WITH LONG HAIR, TO HAVE IT UP AND OFF OF YOUR FACE BEFORE YOU ENTER YOUR DANCE CLASS.**



HAT AND MITTEN TREE

Along with our 4th Annual Food Drive, we also have our 3rd Annual Hat & Mitten Tree. We'll have a tree set up, as well as extra containers, in the hallway after Thanksgiving. Let's see how many hats, mittens, and scarves we can fit on the tree and fill the extra containers to donate to a local charity!



Holiday Performance

Spotlight Dance Academy will once again perform at Mona Shores High School in December. The proceeds from this event will help sponsor the Mona Shores Drama Club. (Last year, ticket price for this event was \$5.00) This phenomenal Holiday Performance usually takes place the 2nd Saturday of December. We are hoping for more than 100 of our SDA DANCERS to participate in this spectacular event! By the middle of October, we will invite dancers to join us. Look for that special invitation! We will try to feature many different age groups and levels. Several other local dance studios will also perform from 10am-4pm that day.

SPOTLIGHT'S 4th ANNUAL CANNED FOOD DRIVE

Help us support a local charity! The can drive will start the week of Nov. 29th and continue thru December 16th. We will set different areas in our lobby for you to donate your canned and non-perishable items. On December 16th, the canned goods or non-perishable items will be boxed up and taken to a local charity.

Suggested donations: boxed dinners, canned meat, canned fruits & vegetables, cold & hot cereal, pancake mix & syrup, peanut butter & jelly, powdered milk, spaghetti noodles & sauce. Of course, other items will be accepted and appreciated.

WELCOME BACK! WE HOPE YOU ALL HAD A WONDERFUL SUMMER!!

We are very excited to begin our 2010-2011 dance season and are looking forward to getting to know all of our students and their families. This year marks the beginning of our 14th season providing dancers with quality training and great customer service and also the 7th full year of dancing in our building.

The first few weeks of class our instructors will be spending some of their time getting to know all of our dancers and their families. Our dancers will also be settling into their class routine and making lots of new friends.

At Spotlight Dance Academy we **INSPIRE** our instructors, dancers and parents to **COMMUNICATE**. With **INSPIRATION AND COMMUNICATION** many things may be discovered. Please check out our full service website at www.spotlightdanceacademy.net. The website will include constant updates, studio information, newsletters, our studio calendar, performances, and our Annual Showcase Schedule! We would love to help save as many trees as possible, so our newsletters will include important studio information and will be posted on our website in September, December, March and May. If you are unable to access our website or choose to have a hard copy we will have the newsletters ready for you to read and pick up inside the studio. Please visit our **INFORMATION CENTER** (located near the office) for any new and updated material to help keep the **COMMUNICATION** lines open and the **INSPIRATION** to continue.

If you need to speak to your child's instructor please make an appointment with him/her ahead of time so he/she can give you his/her full attention and not disrupt the other dancer's class time. No dancer may change classes or levels without Miss Tracey's permission. **REMINDER: 2010-2011 FULL SEASON ENROLLMENT WILL CLOSE OCT. 21st.** If you have any questions concerning studio policies, please bring these to Miss Tracey's attention only! All phone messages received during class hours (emergencies not included) will be returned the next day due to our late hours of teaching. **WE ARE SO EXCITED TO BE BACK TO CLASS! WE HOPE YOU ENJOY DANCING AT SPOTLIGHT DANCE ACADEMY!**

PARKING: We hope our parking lot will not cause problems for anyone. If we work together it will flow easily. The front parking is for drop off ONLY. Anyone wishing to stay more than 15 minutes should use the side parking lot. All students that dance in Studio I and II are asked to use the side parking lot at all times. All Troupe Dancers should also use the side parking lot. The lobby is for your convenience. Let's keep it looking nice and new! All dancers with large dance bags, and all dancers waiting between classes should choose a seat closer to Studio I and II. Fall will arrive quickly. With the fall season it will be getting dark earlier, so watch for our dancers in the parking lot. Also, parents remind your dancers to wait **INSIDE** the studio for you to pick him/her up. We would like to keep our dancers and families happy and safe. Thank You!

On behalf of the entire staff at Spotlight Dance Academy, I would like to thank you for again choosing us as the number one "People's Choice in Dance Studio's" in the Grand Haven Tribune's Peoples Choice Award. A big thanks to everyone who voted, and for supporting us through the years. We are proud to be a part of your lives and grateful to you for being a part of ours.
Thank You,
Miss Tracey

THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING SPOTLIGHT DANCE ACADEMY

Whether you have danced with us for 13 years or are new to the SDA dance family, we say Thank You! We are here to provide you with a quality dance education and to pass on our knowledge and love for the performing arts. Our goal at Spotlight is to create a lively, enthusiastic and professional atmosphere that will provide the optimum learning experience. We pride ourselves on our professional education and positive attitude. Our faculty is highly trained in their chosen art and have been chosen very carefully because they have a true love and passion for dance and for teaching. Whether a young pre-school dancer or an aspiring professional, we are dedicated to making dance training a rewarding experience that will improve self-esteem, self-discipline, poise and posture as well as educating the future generation of the benefits of dance. It is our job to bring dance alive for each and every student. **We value you as a student, parent and customer. Thank you for choosing Spotlight!**

DANCER OF THE MONTH!

Each month we will choose a dancer from each of the studios to be our featured dancer of the month. The teachers will nominate students based on their attitude, attention, and attendance in class and how well the student gets along with their fellow dancers. Each student will be featured with a photograph, a special certificate and a fun fact sheet about the dancer! Our monthly "Future Star" (Dancer of the month) will be chosen by the 2nd week of the month and will be displayed on our "Future Star Board", located next to the picture display board. We will begin this special feature in October. And remember, we think all of our dancers are wonderful!

Studio News-Did you receive your 2010-2011 Guidelines and Calendar? If not, please ask at the SDA office counter. The guidelines contain very important information about the studio and the up coming dance year.
Did you fill out your registration paper work?
No dancer will be allowed to participate in class after this week without having their information sheet, enrollment agreement signed by a parent &/or guardian.

Bring a friend to Dance Class!



September 20th-23rd. Have your friend join us for fun, dance, and an incredible time! One friend per dancer please!

Class Tuition

Payments for all classes are due the 1st class of each month. We have 36 classes scheduled which divide into 9 equal monthly payments. Please make any checks payable to Spotlight Dance Academy and turn them in to the SDA desk. **In a hurry? We now have a payment drop box located on the wall across from the bathrooms. All checks should include the dancer's name in the memo section. All cash payments must be placed in an envelope and the dancer's name written on the front. AGAIN THIS SEASON: You may also pay with by credit card!** You may also mail your payments to 1445 Columbus Grand Haven, MI 49417. There are no refunds for monthly payments and no refunds on yearly payments after the 4th class of the season. There will be a \$10.00 late fee added to your payment if we do not receive your payment by the 10th of the month and the dancer will not be allowed to participate in class until the fee is paid. There is a \$30.00 payment for all returned checks. **If you need to withdraw from class for any reason, you must fill out a withdrawal slip at the office by the 15th of the month or you will be responsible for the following monthly payment.** If you have any questions about class payments please ask Kelly Walker.

Reminders:
PLEASE label your dancer's belongings.
PLEASE check lost & found.
PLEASE call if you are going to be absent.