



## Director Note:

Welcome back dancers and Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed a nice relaxing break and holiday season with your families. We have missed you all in the studio and are so excited to start back up, continue preparations for our Winter Showcase this weekend, and begin prep for our 2nd Annual Recital in June! (Read below for the first bit of information on our June recital and upcoming fees). I would like to take this time to say thank you to all our amazing dancers, and of course, my staff for their incredible work this season. Without all of you these shows would not be possible. I would also like to say thank you to our families, friends, and volunteers who will be helping with or watching these shows. Your patience and support is always appreciated as we continue to grow and improve our classes, shows, and studio community. Your support is undeniable and we couldn't do it without you. Finally, I would like to take time to welcome our new students who have registered for classes and those who are trying out our studio during our 2<sup>nd</sup> 6 week mini session starting next week. I hope you enjoy your time at our studio and if there is anything myself or any of my staff members can do to make your experience better please let us know. Welcome to the Dance With ME family!

Megan Orlandella

Owner and Creative Director

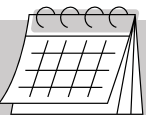


## Tuition Payments and Company Payments

**Tuition:** As a reminder, tuition payments are due each month at the first class of the month. Any tuition payments that are not received by the 10th of the month will automatically incur a \$15 late fee. We highly recommend setting up a parent portal account to avoid missing payments! (January Late Fee will be charged 1/12 to any unpaid tuition)

**Company Payment Reminders:** Company members - first competition payments are due January 1<sup>st</sup> & second competition payments are due February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please make sure to pay them in a timely manner so we can make sure we are all set for the competitions. \*Don't forget to book your hotels\*

## Important Dates



### January

- 5** Return to Classes after Holiday Break
- 11** 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter Showcase @2pm  
Tech Rehearsal 10am-1pm
- 12** Start of Winter Mini Session

### February

- 16-20** February Break: No Classes
- 27** 1st Competition for Company Members  
Take CenterStage in Auburn ME



**2nd Annual Recital**  
**6/20/2026**

Performance at 11am at  
Noble High School







## Meet Miss. Alli

For the month of January, we will be highlighting our Hip Hop Teacher Miss. Alli! Alli has been dancing for 16 years and also did competitive dance all throughout her school years. She grew up training in jazz, hip hop, contemporary, tap, and more but hip hop became her favorite. She has gained many regional and national titles for her dancing and choreography. She also is experienced in cheer and pom. Outside of teaching and dancing, Miss Alli works as a hair stylist. Miss Alli has been a great addition to our team this year and we can't wait to see her routines hit the competition and recital stage soon. Come check out some of her classes including hip hop on Mondays or Fridays and Jazz/Tap on Fridays!



### Comp: Saturdays, February Break

Due to competition weekends, there may be some Saturdays that meet during breaks as there is no instructor coverage. The following

Saturdays will meet on a different day:

February 28<sup>th</sup> will meet February 21<sup>st</sup>

March 13<sup>th</sup> will be cancelled

April 10<sup>th</sup> will meet April 25<sup>th</sup>

May 8<sup>th</sup> will meet May 17<sup>th</sup>

There will be no regular classes during  
February Break ~ Mon 2/16 through Fri 2/20



### Birthday Parties

Looking for a great place to hold your child's next birthday party? Why not at our studio?

You can now reserve your birthday party on our website. Choose between our two party planning options (we plan or you plan). No matter which option you choose, your party will include a 1 hour dance party for your guests and 1 hour for cake, presents, games, and activities. The dance party will be taught by the instructor of your choice. Contact us today to plan your next party!



### Inclement Weather

In cases of inclement weather where we choose to cancel classes here are some things you need to know:

- ~ Decisions to cancel classes will be announced no later than 12pm on the day of
- ~ Cancellations will be posted on our socials. We will also email and text.
- ~ We will not reschedule unless there is more than 2 cancellations

"Dancing is surely the most basic and relevant of all forms of expression. Nothing else can so effectively give outward form to an inner experience." -Lyall Watson

# DANCING THROUGH LIFE



## 2nd Annual Recital ~ June 20th, 2026

Our 2nd Annual Recital will be held on June 20th, 2026 at 11am at Noble High School. Our recital theme is "Dancing Through Life" celebrating life experiences through dance. We will be sharing more details about tickets, dress rehearsal week, tech rehearsal, and more in upcoming newsletters.

As a reminder, a Recital Fee of \$125 per dancer will be due no later than April 1st. This fee will cover venue and teacher fees and include a t-shirt and a copy of our recital video. The first half will be charged to your account on 2/15 and the second half will be charged on 3/15. Please make sure to pay this promptly to ensure a shirt is ordered for your dancer. Families with more than 1 dancer, fees will be lowered for 2<sup>nd</sup> plus dancers.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

### January

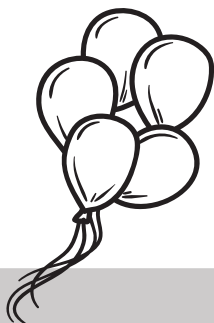
**02** Melanie T.

**04** Natalie T.

**06** Thomas T.

**09** Cullen E.

**27** Saphira A.



## Dress Code Reminder

As we continue to grow our studio, the growth and safety of our dancers is the highest priority. We would like to take time to remind our dancers of our dress code. It is of the utmost importance that dancers attend class in the proper attire each class. This helps the teachers give proper corrections, keeps dancers from getting injured, and encourages them to learn proper body placement. Parents help to ensure students arrive in the proper attire is greatly appreciated.

Each teacher will be providing dancers with a dress code handout at the first class of January. Please ensure your dancer comes to each class with the attire asked by the instructor. If you have any questions about the policy, please reach out to your dancers instructor. Thank you again for your cooperation.

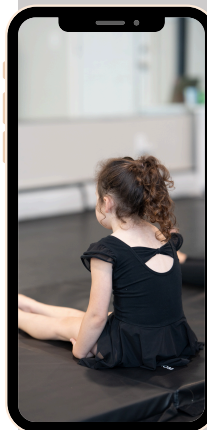
## Dancer OF THE MONTH!

January's Dancer of the Month is Mackenzie Dandreo.

Mackenzie is well known and loved at the studio as a member of our competitive company and a smiling face at the front desk. Her smile, positivity, and teamwork bring light to the studio every time she is here. Her growth and perseverance makes her the perfect person to be recognized.

Great work Mackenzie!

Mackenzie  
Dandreo



## Spread the Love Challenge!

For January, we would love to show everyone how much you love dancing at Dance With ME.

We will be asking students throughout the month of January to video testimonials of why they love dancing with us. Anyone who participates in the video (student or parent) will receive a DWME merch item.

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