



Welcome to WCPA and our 2017-2018 Season

Thank you for choosing our school for your dance and music needs. We truly appreciate the opportunity to work with your children. All of us love our jobs and feel fortunate to be able to share our love of dance and music with the next generation of artists. Our goal is that every student's experience is an exceptional one, so if you have any questions please feel free to e-mail or call, we are here to help!

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FAQ's

Can I access my account on line? Yes, you can find the Parent Portal link on our website under the "Register Online" tab, and can access our account at any time!

Are discounts available? Siblings save 15%, and additional group classes are always 20% off for each child. Ask at the desk for details! Private lessons not included

Should I make my child practice? Yes, but practice expectations need to be age appropriate. For a 3-4 year old 5 minutes of "showing Mommy" what she learned in class is great way to boost skills. For a teenager, 30 min twice a week is more appropriate. Practice for dancers may include stretching, visualizing their choreography, or practicing a step. For musicians practice may include listening to music, practicing their scales, working in their theory books, or playing their recital music.

How are dancers placed in classes? Instructors will place dancers based on their abilities, age, work ethic and attention span. We want all dancers to be successful; therefore placement is at the sole discretion of the instructor.

Can we watch classes? Yes and no. During the year we have Holiday Watch Week during which we encourage you to attend and watch all of your child's dance and music classes, we will also have opportunities for you to watch during costume week. At other times you may observe class on the television monitors in the lobby areas.

Does WCPA have fund raisers to help with dance and music expenses? Yes, we participate in King Soopers fundraisers. 5% of everything you spend at King Soopers can be earned as a credit back towards your account. Ask at the desk about how to get involved.

Do you offer private dance lessons? Yes, call the office to schedule.

Is the recital mandatory? No but it is highly encouraged. Nothing can replace the experience of dancers and musicians hearing the applause of a live audience, it is what they work for!

FAQ's

Studio Closures and Make-up Classes

Our philosophy is to “Let kids be kids!” therefore we respect the importance of family time during the holidays. We will close for several holidays including Thanksgiving, Winter Break and Spring Break. Please see the calendar for specific dates and times. Yearly tuition is based on 10 ½ months of equal payments, therefore tuition is not pro-rated for holidays. The only month with a pro-rated tuition is August.

Illness and other absences can be made-up as needed. Please call the office within one month of the illness and we will gladly schedule a make-up class that is appropriate for the child’s age and ability. This also applies to weather related closures.

Private lesson music students may make up classes during a scheduled make-up lesson occurring on the last Saturday of each month. This is a group make-up lesson and will be appropriate for all musicians.

Parent Tips

- Please help us keep you updated by reading our monthly newsletters These will be sent via email.
- Please remember that each child progresses at a different rate don't compare your child to others.
- Please ask questions whenever you need help, that's what we're here for!
- Please let the teachers teach and support your child unconditionally, by the end of the year they will amaze you!
- Please read your emails, check the website and ask questions when you are unsure. We will do our absolute best to keep you updated and aware of upcoming dates

Closures, Make-up Classes, Parent Tips

Dress Code for Dance Students

Proper attire is very important for several reasons; teachers can only observe body alignment and correct technique when the clothing worn is NOT BAGGY. Adhering to dress code also prepares dancers to feel mentally ready for dance class.

All dancers must have hair up and out of their faces.

All Precious Petites, Lil' Cuties, and Tiny Tutus students must wear a leotard and tights purchased through WCPA. Pink ballet shoes (black for boys) and black tap shoes (if needed) are required.

Ballet class students must wear a solid colored leotard, pink tights, and pink ballet shoes. No sweat pants or baggy cover ups are allowed. Hair is required to be in a bun.

Jazz and Tap students must wear a tight fitting dance top (for example fitted tank top or jog bra) with black booty shorts or black dance pants, nothing baggy is allowed (including T-shirts and sweat pants). Black tap shoes, tan jazz shoes.

Hip Hop students loose fitting clothing is encouraged. Sweat pants, and T-shirts are allowed. Sneakers are a must, preferably not shoes that are worn outside.

****Students who routinely do not meet dress code may be asked to sit out during class.**

Student Guidelines

- Arrive on time to class, with a water bottle and all supplies labeled with their name.
- Don't forget to bring your best attitude to class; "Nothing worth doing comes easy!" Attitude is everything!
- Practice!
- No cell phones, chewing gum, jewelry or lack of respect for others or instructors are allowed in class!
- Please use the restroom before class.
- No sitting in class, unless directed to do so by the instructor.
- No hanging on the ballet barres, or putting hands on the mirrors.
- Please don't enter the classrooms until an instructor is present.
- No rough housing in the lobby areas or unnecessary talking while in class.
- Please watch, listen and learn from other students, do not criticize or insult others.

Dress Code and Student Guidelines

Performance Time!

Holiday Watch Week happens in December just before our holiday break. During this week parents are invited to attend class and students will do a holiday dance! This is very relaxed performance, there are no fees involved and we serve cookies in the lobby afterwards!

Winter Music Recital is the 2nd Friday of December. This annual performance is held at a local theater and gives our amazing musicians an opportunity to perform for family and friends, There is a small charge for tickets, but no other costs are associated with this event. This recital is optional but is a great opportunity for our students to shine!

Intensive Company Showcase is held in January and serves as a dress rehearsal for our Intensive Company team. The dancers who participate in competitions will showcase all of their efforts for family and friends. This is a fantastic show to attend to inspire younger dancers or if you are interested in doing Intensive Company in the future.

Spring Music Recital is usually the first Friday evening of June. This is not a required event, but all students are highly encouraged to attend as performance in front of a live audience is an important part of music education. There is a participation fee of \$30, but no ticket fee.

Picture Day is open to all music students. They may have photos taken with their instruments; all group music classes will have their class photos in our full color 2016-2017 Year Book.

Spring Dance Recital is our biggest event with over 3,000 people involved this past year! This recital is usually on a Saturday or Sunday in mid June. Participation is not required but all dancers are highly encouraged to participate. Imagine practicing soccer all year without playing a game....the dancers love to have this opportunity to take the stage and shine! A fee of \$50 covers the recital cost and includes a WCPA T-shirt. Tickets and costumes are in addition to the recital fee.

Calling all Dads! During our Spring Dance Recital we give the dads an opportunity to make memories with their daughter by participating in the Dads and Daughters Dance. This is always a crowd favorite, watch for more information around the holidays.

Picture day is several weeks before the recital, we hope everyone participates as each class has a full color photo in our Year Book for the 2016-2017 season. DVD's will also be available.

Costumes are ordered for each class. We will take measurements and give parents all the information necessary to place orders. If for some reason they don't fit we offer free alterations!

Performances

Important Dates

August 14th - First Day of Classes

September 4th – Labor Day Studio Closed

October 2th-6th – Bring a Friend Week, for Precious Petites, Lil' Cuties, Tiny Tutus and Dynamic Duo Classes only.

October 9th-12th – Dance Class Parent Meetings, during the last 10 minutes of class parents will be invited in to receive important dates and costume information for our 2018 Dance Recitals.

October 31st – Halloween Studio Closed

November 15th – Dance Recital Fees Due, \$50 per family will be automatically charged to your account unless you inform us that you are NOT participating in recital.

November 20th-24th – Thanksgiving Break Studio Closed

December 8th – Winter **Music** Recital

December 18th-21st – Holiday Parent Watch Week, **music** and **dance** parents are invited in to watch class in its entirety and enjoy some holiday treats too!

December 22nd- January 5th – Holiday Break Studio Closed

January 7th – Costume Order Deadline for a Dance Recital Costumes

March 1st – Spring Music Recital Fees Due, \$40 per family will be automatically charged to your account unless you inform us that you are NOT participating in recital.

March 19th -20th – March Packets Go Home, **music** and **dance** families will be invited into classes for the last 10 minutes to watch and receive recital and registration materials.

March 26th-30th – Spring Break Studio Closed

April 30th-May 3rd – Costume Week, parents of dancers age 10 and younger are invited to come into class and help us try on recital costumes. Free alterations will be done at this time.

May 4th and 5th – **Music** and **Dance** Recital Photo Session (times TBA)

May 28th – Memorial Day Studio Closed

June 1st – Spring Music Recital at Drake Middle School

June 4th – Summer Music Classes Begin

June 7th – Summer Princess Camps Begin

June 14th – Dance Classes end (no class June 18th and 19th)

June 20th and 21st – Dance Recital Run Through at WCPA (times TBA)

June 22nd – Dress Rehearsal at Pinnacle Performing Arts Center (times TBA)

June 24th – Dance Recital at Pinnacle Performing Arts Center (times TBA)

June 25th – Summer Dance Classes Begin

July 31st – Summer **Music** and **Dance** Classes End

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