



Seek, Dream, Pursue
...DANCE!

S.T.E.P.

The Student Teacher Education Program (S.T.E.P.) is a program designed to introduce dancers to the world of assistant teaching in the classroom. Most classes are assigned a S.T.E.P. student to assist the teacher. Their duties and responsibilities are to: assist the teacher by playing the music, organizing dancers in lines, demonstrating, doing a warm-up before class starts, and assisting students to the washroom. Make sure to get to know your student teacher and ask them for help if you are struggling with a step or two. They would love to help!



Thanksgiving Monday

There are no classes on Monday, October 10th. Enjoy the long weekend!

October 2011

Important Dates:

Viewing Week	Nov 14-17
Costume Payments	Dec 1
Christmas Break	Dec 17- Jan 8
Competitions/ Festivals	TBA
Pictures	May 25-26
Dress Rehearsal/ Pictures	May 26
Yearend Show	May 27

Halloween

Classes will run as scheduled on Monday, October 31st. Students are encouraged to wear their Halloween costume to class as long as they can move in it (no glitter costumes permitted in the studio). Dancers will learn fun Halloween combinations. Prizes will be awarded for best costume and treats will be handed out. (Of course we will fully understand if some students miss class this evening for Halloween festivities.)



Summer Dance Fun!
Summer camp 2011. We miss you Miss Julie!

Second-hand Items

If you have any dancewear/dance shoes on our second-hand table for sale, please collect your items and take them home. Everyone has their shoes, etc., now and will not be needing anything again until next season. Thank you!

Payment

All payments should be handed in by now. If you are still unsure what you are owing, please email Miss Michelle at aspiredance@shaw.ca. **Please make sure to hand in ALL post-dated cheques.**

Office Corner...

The studio phone number does not ring to the studio. I have some messages that are being left for individual students, etc., while classes are in session. I try to check messages daily during the weekdays and return the urgent calls as soon as possible. The best way to contact me is by email: aspiredance@shaw.ca. Most calls/emails on the weekend will not be returned until Monday. - Miss Michelle

Parent Viewing

Viewing week will be held the week of November 14th. Parents are invited to watch all classes. During viewing night we ask that parents try not to disturb students by allowing younger siblings to run around the dance studio or distract the dancers. Dancers appreciate your undivided attention so please do not chat with other parents during viewing night. (Please note: for some classes we have been opening the viewing window at the end of class. However, this depends on the comfort level and focus of the students. Younger dancers can get distracted and some dancers get self-conscious. We have to make sure it is a positive and stress free environment for the dancers.)

Changeroom

We will be trying to put up some "change-room" curtains in the warm-up room very soon. For now, we encourage dancers to try to wear their dancewear to the studio. As we only have one washroom, we want to try to keep it available for people who need to use it, not change in it if possible.

Thank you!

Thank you for everyone's patience for the first few weeks. It was very busy and I know I was not able to return emails/calls as quickly as possible. I have not been able to officially count but I believe we are over 140 students! I am looking forward to a wonderful fifth season! - Miss Michelle