**~\*~\*~\*~DANCE EXPRESSIONS COMPETITION GROUPS~\*~\*~\*~**

**Tiny** Expressions~ Open to dancers from Kindergarten to 3rd grade. Same format as in the past.

Will compete in Jazz only. Head Coach/Choreographer Lori Downey

* Jazz to be learned in the season long Tuesday 6:15-7:00 timeslot Room A.
* Yes, can select to be evaluated for Mini Lyrical and Hip Hop.
* Former Tiny team members in 2nd and 3rd grades can audition for an officer position in August.

~ Head officer line choreographer = Torre Romano with a student teacher assistant. Officer routine learned in Sept-Dec.

**Mini** Expressions (Select Division-Elementary team A) ~ Open to dancers in 4th-6th grade. Pom & Jazz will be the full team selected, Lyrical and Hip Hop will be select numbers. All under one name instead of Mini Expressions and Mini Expressions Elite. Head Coach/Choreographer Lori Downey

* Former Mini’s in 5th and 6th grades can audition for an officer position in August.

~Head officer line choreographer =Torre Romano with a student teacher assistant, Officer routine learned in Sept-Dec.

* Pom and Jazz to be learned in season long Tuesday 5:15-6:15 timeslot (start time in January, February and March 4:45-6:15), Lyrical and Hip Hop to be learned in Aug/Sept/Oct.
* Former Mini’s with Pom experience have the option of auditioning for Senior All Ages Pom (keep reading).

**Mini** Expressions (Classic Division- Elementary team B) ~ Open to dancers in 4th-6th grade that might not be ready for the select division. Want them to have the same experience of a Pom and Jazz routine (shorter in length) to prepare them for either the Mini level A team the following year or to continue progress for future auditions on the Expressions teams. Head Coach Lori/Choreographer Lauren Daidone.

* Pom and Jazz to be learned in season long Tuesday 6:15-7:15 timeslot (Room B sharing A with Tiny’s on occasion)
* Coaches will be selecting a captain/s mid-year to have the opportunity to lead in competition season.
* With addition of this team, no 4th graders will go back to the Tiny level.

**Junior** Expressions~ 5th - 9th grade, however any 5th and 6th grader must be a Mini as well. Three routines for this group…2 required & 1 select; The required 2 routines rotating on a Monday night, season long time-slot of possibly 7:45-9:15 (TBA on schedule) will be taught by Choreographer Lauren Daidone (Hip Hop) & Choreographer Sarah Ingram (Jazz, Lyrical or Open).

The select routine (Lyrical or Open) will be taught by Ms. Amy Jones-Gibbons in the summer, following a few of the Tuesday night usual ballet classes. Yes, a Junior Expression can also audition for Senior team groups as well starting with the mandatory Pom (see below).

* Yes, a Mini can have the option of auditioning for Mini-Pom/Jazz/Lyrical/Hip Hop/Officer & Junior 2 or 3 groups 🡪 possibly All Ages Senior Pom (keep reading).
* Coaches will be selecting 1 or 2 or 3 dancers as the officers for leadership purposes & a captain by December for opportunity to lead team in competition season.
* Head Coach Lori

**Senior** Expressions~ 8th grade & up. Head Coach Lori, various choreographers.

* If auditioning for our Senior Competition Team the styles of 🡪

**Open** (Choreographer Lori) and **Hip-Hop** (Choreographer Lauren Daidone) sharing the Tuesday night time-slot of 7:00-8:15 has been the required full team requirement. In addition, we are adding…**All Ages Pom** (Choreographers Ali/ Torre Romano) August/Sept/Oct choreography dates plus select Tuesday nights in the Senior Team time slot to clean and run through it with Lori or Lauren. For our Senior dancers this is a 3rd mandatory group required. The coaching staff want to put focus back on execution & power technique for our dancers to benefit in all other styles. We want to include other ages to this group to increase the numbers for our show design aspect in this particular style. Beyond the Showcase circuit/looking at another gym floor circuit for variety, this group will all be included in 1 studio circuit contest as well & possibly college basketball exhibitions.

~Other style options include the following;

* **Contemporary** Class~ Lauren Daidone/guest instructors (choreographer Amy Jones) 8:15-9:30 Tuesday nights.
* **Jazz** (Choreographers Ali and Torre Romano) August/Sept/Oct choreographer dates
* **All Ages (eligible=5th & up) Lyrical** (Choreographers Lori, Sarah, Ali) August/Sept/Oct choreography dates
* All 12th graders will be the officers for our senior team. Rotating captain selections will be made during competition season based on attitude, work ethic, technique and leadership.

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**Butler Kickline**~ see meeting date below for the fall program. For Competition season they will be selecting a small group (Choreographers= Sarah Ingram and dancers) to compete in a jazz or lyrical or open division at Showcase competitions & be the small group at studio circuit comps. A member of the Butler Kickline can audition for our All Ages Pom only & not be required to take ballet but must be advanced in pom/cheer movement. They must note that a few rehearsals will be on Tuesday nights in the 7:00-9:30 timeslot as well as a few gym floor rehearsals TBD later in season . They must note the commitment to the competitions, rehearsals, meetings, team requirements regardless of being in only 1 routine.

Ballet~ essential for the progress of our teams. Ballet in the summer session and year-round is required for Minis, Teens and Seniors. Tiny’s will still have the option of ballet or jazz as your 2nd class.

**Additional Staff members~**

Pam Drewry- *Assistant Director*~ Costume Coordinator, Accountant

Lori Hoagland- *Summer Team Coordinator*~ Competition Registrations

Chelsea Hoagland- *Assistant* ~to Lori D. for cleaning routines, subbing, a competition day coach.

Melissa McBride- *Head Team Liaison~* The coaches/choreographers will directly communicate with the Team Liaison regarding the needs of the various teams. Then the Team Liaison will communicate this information and delegate the needed responsibilities to Captain moms/Head Team Moms of each team. Having this point person for the coaches to directly communicate with is vital to the success of the team and season. It is also of great importance to the coach and parents. It helps keep the parents involved with the team and fosters greater understanding of the now larger organization. It helps to ensure communications between the coaching staff and parents.

•Tiny and Mini Captain/Co-Captain moms will still serve as the head team mom’s plus a mom sought out for the Mini Team B, Junior and Senior team to be the head team mom for that team.

**Audition dates~**

Tiny Expressions- Tuesday, May 21st 5:00-6:15

Mini Expressions A & B- Tuesday, May 21st 6:30-8:30

Junior & Senior Expressions- Thursday, May 23rd 5:30-8:30

• Pool Party/family meet and greet/kick off meeting @ Fair Valley Pool week one of June TBD.

Butler Kickline-Monday, May 20th (clinic), Wednesday, May 22nd Auditions

•Dancer/parent informational meeting April 25th 7:00 p.m. lecture room.

**Fundraisers for your individual account**~ *to help process/plan for the various group choices*

Tiny and Mini members

•will sell Flower Bulbs and participate in Yankee Candle and Pampered Chef studio fundraisers.

Junior and Senior members (including younger dancers on Pom)

• (will be sought out) to work the Recital concessions and other jobs and will split the profit based on hours worked per family members. Lead positions profit prior hours as well based on previous prep hours.

•will participate in the annual Homestead Golf Outing July 13th…requirements = finding 1 team of 4 at $200.00, donate 1 door prize and find a 1-hole sponsor at two at $50.00 or 1 at $100.00 & dancer work day of (vacation excused). Last year profit was $225.00 per dancer. Required by all for successful outing. 12th grade parents can do a buyout (TBD) but must have dancer work day of.

•will participate in the planning and day of various duties of the Senior Expressions Showcase Invitational in March 2020. Both Junior and Senior teams will benefit with Ex. entry fees paid the following season (that goes for returning seniors this upcoming year) plus possible National expenses the current year. Huge team and individual profit from the contest. Other fees (TBD) may be paid with the Invitational profit.

•will have option to participate in Yankee Candle and Pampered Chef studio fundraisers

Competition Cast (all solo, duet, trio members);

•will sell 50/50 raffle tickets for the drawing at the Senior Expressions Invitational, profits typically range from $50.00-$250.00.

Trio members

• will sell the gift card/raffle board tickets during Nov/December. Profits range $50.00-$300.00 from the past results.

Anyone with an idea or willing to run a profitable fundraiser please see myself or Melissa.

*Further team information/commitment requirements/monetary obligations & parental expectations will be released April 22nd, 2019.*