

March 12, 2020

Hello Backstage Families,

We have just confirmed with the Ashland Public Schools that they will not be renting out facilities (auditorium/stage) until further notice. I have put a lot of thought into this situation and have decided to make lemonade out of these lemons☺. Sometime life hands us challenges that we have no control over but we always have the gift of “options”.

For now I would like to ask everyone to continue to follow the recommendations from our local schools and health provides concerning safety precautions.

I am a firm believer of “it is what it is” and I always see the glass as half full☺ With that said I understand that our kids are missing out of many planned school events and we are happy to be able to offer spring and summer programs/events to add some activities and socializing for our kids. We will be taking extra precautions with cleaning our space, barres , door knobs.... And allow fresh air to flow in.

We would like to ask all parents and students upon entering the studio to give yourself a “squirt” of hand sanitizer and to follow the standard cough and sneeze precaution.

At this time we will be carrying on with regular scheduled classes through May16th. If anyone does not feel comfortable please use your judgment in regards to attending classes.

FRIDAY DRAMA CLASS – Since we are postponing our performance we will only need to meet from 6-7:00pm. This will include our younger actors as well.

In April ~ we will move on to our scheduled six weeks of studies with our theme being “CATS” the musical! In addition to our daily class we will also educate our students on how this musical came to be, how dancers learned to take on the characters of a cat, the choreography and creator (by Gillian Lynne) and the wonderful music (composer Andrew Lloyd Weber) Our CATS theme will be taught in all ballet, tap, lyrical, modern, jazz, hip hop and theater classes

At the moment while rehearsing our Toy Stories performance pieces we have started educating our classes on Tchaikovsky’s beautiful Swan Lake Ballet. Our scheduled field trip to Boston for the Ballet will be replaced with a Swan Lake Movie and craft night at the studio.

OTHER CANCELATIONS

PICTURE DAY on March 26th is postponed (and will be rescheduled).

RUN THROUGH March 14 & 21 will be cancelled until further notice.

WHAT’S STILL HAPPENING

LAST CLASSES May 16th (except for scheduled show rehearsals which will be added and announced)

APRIL 13-18 PAJAMA DAY & BRING A FRIEND WEEK

APRIL 25th PARENT DATE NIGHT (kid's night in).
APRIL 4 & 6th NEW Toddler dance & music mini session
MAY 9th ICE CREAM SOCIAL (Free)
May 23rd SWAN LAKE MOVIE NIGHT and CRAFT
JUNE 17 & 24 PRINCESS DANCE CAMPS
JULY 8 UNICORN DANCE CAMP
PETER PAN THEATER CAMP Ages: 8-up
DANCE & THEATER WORKSHOP Ages 8-11 & 12up.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concern moving forward. We will let you know as soon as we are able to secure a location for our Toy Stories Performance and keep you update on any future adjustments.

We are also looking into setting up virtual classes if needed!

Try to stay positive everyone!

Happy Dancing,

Lisa Abbascia/Director