

ENCORE *Insight*

FALL 2011

Welcome to all of our new dancers! We hope everyone had a fun and relaxing Summer and are now getting back into the swing of things. And to all of our returning students, Welcome Back! This is going to be a FUN year . . . have a great time ☺ You may have noticed that the studio got a “facelift” over the Summer. We are excited about all the great changes. To Parents – please keep up to date. We strive to keep you INFORMED . . . please see newsletters (approx. 4 times per year via email) for lots of important info and the Parent Board in the Lobby on a regular basis for updates, plus our website and Facebook Group. We also send out regular emails to specific groups with info that is pertinent to them so PLEASE make sure we have a current email address for your family.

Welcome to your best year yet!



FAMILY FUN DAY 2011

Our first Family Fun Day, Open House and Dance Stuff + Kids Swap was a **HUGE success!!** We had a bouncy castle, free lunch, dunk tank, games, cotton candy and more!! Thank you SO MUCH to all our amazing volunteers and planners – staff..Miss Crystal, Miss Tracy, Miss Meredith, Miss Bre and especially Miss Tina & Miss Lindsay!!

Send us your photos!
Send all dance photos to the studio email – you could be on the front page or our website!!

Important Dates – Please mark your calendar!!

2010

- Oct 29 Saturday..... Halloween at Encore – Wear your Costume!**
- Oct 29 Saturday..... **SPOOKTACULAR Party @ Encore 6-10:30pm**
- Oct 29 Saturday..... Last day to register for classes
- Oct 31 Monday..... Halloween – Studio Closed**
- Dec 4 Sunday Encore dancing in Santa Claus Parade 1:00pm!**
- Dec 17 Saturday..... Last Day of Classes before Winter Break
- Dec 18-Jan 5..... Studio Closed for Winter Break**

2012

- Jan 6 Friday..... Studio Re-opens
- March 10 Saturday..... Last Day of Classes before Spring Break
- March 11-24..... Studio Closed for Spring Break**
- March 26 Monday..... Studio Re-opens
- March 28-April 1 Rising Star Competition (Mission)**
- April 24-29..... Peak Invitational Dance Competition (North Van)
- May 12-13..... Festival du Ballet (Surrey)**
- May 17-21 Peak Invitational (Whistler)**
- May 21-28 Dance Power Competition (Maple Ridge)
- May 19-May 21 Sat-Mon..... Victoria Day Weekend (Studio Closed)**
- June 1-3 Fri-Sun Year End Recitals (No Reg. Classes)
- June 4 – 9 Tues-Sat..... Try it Week
- June 15-18 Wed – Sat..... Early Registration for 2012/2013

****Please note all groups will not be in all competitions.**

Chart will be posted in lobby soon!

P2 PILATES, ZUMBA and ZUMBA TONING at Encore!! **DISCOUNTS FOR ENCORE PARENTS!!**

P2 Still some classes with spots available! See Front Desk for more Info.

P4 Reminder of mandatory dance attire. Please see your Parent Handbook.



Important Things to Know . . .

WEBSITE

We update all information on our website as much as possible. Be sure to check it out on a regular basis.

www.encoredanceacademy.ca Also be sure to join our FACEBOOK GROUP for fun stuff.

facebook

GREY CUP

Our dancers will be performing at the Grey Cup!!! Be sure to watch for us at the game.



E-MAIL ADDRESSES

All newsletters will be e-mailed or posted in the Lobby. Please ensure that we have the correct e-mail address by contacting us at:

office@encoredanceacademy.ca

October 29th will be the

LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR SEPT-JUNE CLASSES!

Most of our classes are pretty full but we have room in some of them!! Bring a friend and come on in for info.

Tiny Twos

We are beginning several 6 Week Sessions for TINY TWOS!! Check the website for more information. \$30 for 6 classes.



ZUMBA + PILATES!!

We have regular Zumba classes at Encore!! Awesome, fun classes for all abilities. Come on down!

For ANYONE ages 13 +. **FREE CHILDCARE** during weekday daytime class!! Drop In Rates and Punch Cards available.

CLASS SCHEDULE:

ZUMBA	Mondays (Liz) 8 – 9pm
ZUMBA	Tuesdays (Liz) 9:45 – 10:45am**Free Childcare
ZUMBA TONING	Tuesdays (Liz) 8:15 – 9:00pm**Sticks Provided!!
ZUMBA	Wednesdays (Liz) 8:00 – 9:00pm
PILATES	Fridays (Tracy) 3:30 – 4:30pm
ZUMBA	Saturdays (Liz) 9:00 – 10:00am

Class schedule subject to change. Keep updated by checking our website.

NEW Oct 15th!!
10% off Punch
Cards for Encore
Parents. See
desk for more
info.

OFFICE HOURS**Our office hours for 2011-2012:**

Mon – Thurs 3:00 – 9:00pm

Fri 3:00 – 7:00pm

Saturday 9:00am – 1:45pm

Come by or give us a call!**PARENT BOARD**

Information is continuously updated on our Parent Board in the Lobby and our website. Please be sure to check it regularly.

DONATIONS WELCOME!

Please consider donating outgrown dancewear to the studio. We offer these articles of clothing when necessary to dancers who otherwise may not be able to participate in their classes.

Mandatory Dance Attire in the Classroom



In all classes, hair must be securely pulled off the face (in a bun for higher levels of ballet).

Except for Hip-Hip – Tank tops, t-shirts, sweatpants are NOT appropriate dancewear. In order for a teacher to be able to critique a dancer's form and technique, he/she must be able to see the dancer's movements, and baggy clothing hinders the teacher's ability to do this.

Please ensure that your child has the proper dance clothing for their class. We understand the chaos of getting the fall season going with school and activities, but it is now October and all dancers are expected to wear appropriate dance clothes if they want to participate in their lesson.

The following is the outline also found in your Dancer Handbook, which everyone received at time of registration:

Ballet / Creative Movement / Primary Dance

- ~ Solid coloured body suit and ballet pink tights
- ~ Pink pleated ballet slippers (or) Pointe Shoes

Jazz / Stage / Lyrical

- ~ Any style of **form-fitting** dancewear (bodysuit & dance shorts are preferred)
- ~ Split sole jazz shoes

Tap

- ~ Any style of **form-fitting** dancewear (bodysuit & dance shorts are preferred)
- ~ Shoes indicated by teacher

Acrobatics

- ~ Solid coloured body suit and any style **form-fitting** dance shorts or pants

Hip-Hop

- ~ Comfortable loose clothing and inside runners (jazz runners also permitted)

"There are shortcuts to happiness, and dancing is one of them."

- Vicky Baum



New 2011 Encore Team Apparel!!

New TEAM ENCORE T-shirts and leggings. Come see the office to try it on. Limited sale items also available!!



Costumes

All dancers must now have made appropriate arrangements for their costume deposits. Should you be paying your class fees monthly by automatic withdrawal, your costume and entry fees will be debited from your account October 15th and/or November 15th.

By the time we get to our April competition approximately 100 groups will be in costumes. Costumes are the decision and choice of the instructor. Based on the style chosen, the costumes will be provided by ordering from catalogues, having it made by a seamstress or shopped for in the regular retail clothing stores. Your final costume invoice will include some of the following: shipping, time and gas/mileage, seamstress fee, alterations, exchange rates. **Please let us know at the office if you are able/willing to sew or alter costumes.**

ALSO NEW IN 2011 – Are you interested in selling your USED COSTUMES?? Contact Elisa – elisadancingmom@gmail.com to “list” your old costume(s). Bring in a photo and asking price. Please note must be clean and in wearable, stage condition 😊

Assessments

For the past few weeks the teachers have been doing in-class assessments. Because of this, some parents/dancers have been contacted about moving to an alternate class. This occasionally happens because we want each dancer to be in a class that will maximize his or her dancing abilities and help them strive to achieve their own personal best.

Placing a dancer in a group that is too advanced does not motivate him/her to work harder. In fact it usually does the opposite, as he/she will have too many things to work on. The dance group needs to all be working at a similar level for steps, syllabus, pick-up, physical ability, comprehension and correct placement. Each dancer needs to understand that they must work on their own technique to improve, without constantly comparing themselves to the dancer beside them.

The qualifications and experience of our teachers make them the obvious people to make any decisions regarding the group for which a dancer is recommended. Should the teacher feel a different class might be more appropriate, he or she will bring it to the attention of Janice and Stacy, and from there, parents will be contacted. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Stacy.

Bon Voyage!

There will be many travel opportunities coming up over the next few weeks. Watch your email for updates!!



Reminder . . .

We are CLOSED on Oct 31 for all regular classes (including Zumba)

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Please remember all Class Fees and Costume Deposits are now due!!



JOIN OUR FACEBOOK GROUP

You can find us by searching for “Encore Dance Academy” on Facebook. Join up to receive news, post on the wall and add your photos!! It’s a great place for dancers to come together. See you there ☺ Dancers – make sure you ask your parents!!

Conventions & Auditions

Conventions, extra classes and auditions are a GREAT way for dancers to improve their technique and learn new methods. We encourage all dancers to take advantage of as many opportunities as they can. Info for upcoming events will be posted on the Parent Board and on the website as well as sent out via our Facebook Group. Registration forms are available at the office for any events the studio is participating in. A reminder to dancers that these are not to interfere with regular classes unless you have made prior arrangements.



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LOCKERS a limited number of lockers will be available for rent in the changeroom starting Nov 1. Fees will be \$1/day, \$5/week, \$15/month or \$30 until June 15th. See office if you are interested.

Faculty Bios

We now have bios and photos up on our website of our instructors!! Our studio has been established for 18 years and we are extremely proud to have one of the most accomplished faculty of qualified, caring teachers in the Lower Mainland. Check it out!! **Please also join us in welcoming our new and FABULOUS members of our faculty this year – Liz, Barb, Meredith, Shelby, Tammy, Tracy and welcome back to Belinda!**

Studio Email

Please note our studio office email HAS CHANGED!! You can link from the website or email office@encoredanceacademy.ca if you have any questions or comments for the office.



CDTA Examinations for Tap and Jazz

Teachers will be issuing examination recommendations towards the end of October to those dancers who have qualified for their next examination level. Exams are not compulsory but are highly recommended when a dancer shows progress, and attains a certain level of achievement. Generally, those dancers who participate in exams become more proficient in their technique. The information sheet that your dancer receives will include exam fees and dates/times of scheduled practices.

Parents should also know that examination levels received from the Canadian Dance Teachers Association and the Cecchetti Society of Ballet can earn and be applied to High School Graduation Credits. Please ask the front desk for a copy of the Ministry of education List of Credits as applicable to school grades.



Fundraising

Many families are able to greatly reduce costume and entry fees for their dancers because of their great fundraising efforts. Your next event, costume, or festival fees could be reduced too! 80% of all your fundraising profits goes directly into your dancer's fundraising account. We only choose products of value to you and your family. If you are interested in organizing a fundraiser, please contact Elisa. More information on our website.



ENCORE SPOOKTACULAR!

Calling all Goblins, Ghosts and Freaks of the night!! What are you doing **Sat Oct 29?**

How about some dancing, games & wearing a costume... Creep, float or crawl over to our **Spooktacular Party...6-10:30pm..** Prizes! Food! And much more..Cost \$10 per person. Tickets on sale now at the studio. Fundraiser benefitting the Encore Dancer Scholarship Fund. **Also coming up in NOVEMBER...**

An extravaganza of outstanding crafts and demos from vendors such as Party Lite - too many to mention. Perfect for Christmas gifts! Mark your calendar and plan to attend this fantastic event. You can also inquire to sell your product or craft - call Elisa 604 418 9709 or email elisadancingmom@gmail.com.

Preschool & Kindergarten Field Trips

Encore offers complimentary classes to pre-schools and primary classes wanting to participate in a dance field trip!! Boys and girls receive either a Ballet or Hip Hop mini class, tour of the dance studio and a colouring page to take home!!

Please contact Rae at the front desk to arrange an appropriate day and time if you or someone you know may be interested.

These classes will be structured to suit the curriculum as determined by the schoolteacher.



Encore Office Hours

We are always here to answer your questions.
Please call or drop in during office hours.

Mon–Thurs 3 – 9pm Fri 3-7 pm
Saturdays 9 am –1:45 pm

