



### **NOTE FROM YOUR TEACHERS**

The school year has gone by so fast and is almost over! We just want you all to know how much we have enjoyed teaching your children, and how much they have touched our lives. We will be truly sad to see the four-year-old class move on to Kindergarten, but we are also so excited for their futures! We are looking forward to the continuity for the three-year-olds staying on next year! We will be having graduation for our four/five-year-olds, and an end-of-year celebration for our three/four-year-olds. This is an important Gazette so please read carefully and refer back often.

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### **SKILL OF FOCUS**

Skills taught this month will be gluing, coloring, painting, molding, collaging, finger painting cutting, direction following, listening in a group, participating in a group, sharing, and remembering activity songs. P.E. skills taught will be dancing to our program music, hula hoops, and jump ropes. Music skills taught are singing and movement to music. We also have dramatic play and creative movement activities. Safety taught this month is not eating plants or parts of plants from the yard. Health taught is eating a balanced diet.

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### **LOWERCASE CLASS FOCUS**

The emphasis this month will be placed on sequencing by size, length, and number; finding the one that doesn't belong, and finding pairs. We are also concentrating on developing visual skills for pre-writing and pre-reading. These include left to right progression, left to right sequencing, visual discrimination, finding the missing parts, and identifying things that are wrong in a picture.

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### **UPPERCASE CLASS FOCUS**

We will be continuing emphasis on phonics, blends, digraphs, and math. We will continue reading sight words this month. Be sure to practice reading with your student every night and get books back on Fridays. We will also be focusing more on subtraction.

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### **MAY 3-7 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

### **MAY 5-6: MOMS AND MUFFINS**

### **MAY 12-13: NATURE WALK FIELD TRIP**

**MAY 17-21: SPIRIT WEEK**

**MAY 26: UPPERCASE GRADUATION**

**MAY 27: LOWERCASE CARNIVAL**

**JUNE 2-3: PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE**

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**SHOW OUR AMAZING  
TEACHERS SOME LOVE!**

Teacher Appreciation week May 3-7th

#### **MAY 3-7 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

Teacher Appreciation is this month. This is a GREAT opportunity to let ALL of your teachers know how much you appreciate their hard work and dedication. Thank you for all the amazing contributions to our group gift and teacher forms. Still want to do something special, all of our teachers love personal thank you notes and pictures, please shower them with your kind words this week!!

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#### **MAY 5-6: MOMS AND MUFFINS**

We LOVE Moms and Muffins! Coming up May 5-6<sup>th</sup> our moms are invited to join their students in the classroom for a half-hour read-a-thon and enjoy some tasty baked goods. Please bring a favorite book you and your child enjoy reading together or choose one from our library. If their mom is unable to attend you are welcome to send a grandma, aunt, and any mother figure. We love making memories such as these with your kiddos!

Join us on your child's school day:

- Uppercase A and B 9am
  - Lowercase A and B 11:45am
  - Uppercase C 1pm
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#### **MAY 12-13: NATURE FIELD TRIP**

May 12-13<sup>th</sup> We will be going on a Nature walk to Walden Park in Murray for a scavenger hunt, playtime, and sack lunch at the park. Please join us for this end-of-the-year fun! Please RSVP so we know you are planning on attending! (NO Dance this day!) We will meet at 10am. Details are at the signup link below!

[Uppercase and Lowercase A and C Field Trip](#)

[Uppercase and Lowercase B Field Trip](#)

# studio spirit week

at studio 56 dance center

MONDAY 5/17	TUESDAY 5/18	WEDNESDAY 5/19	THURSDAY 5/20	FRIDAY 5/21
<p><b>DECADE DAY!</b></p> <p>PICK YOUR FAVORITE DECADE AND DRESS THE PART!</p> 	<p><b>CARTOON DAY</b></p> <p>DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVORITE CARTOON CHARACTER!</p> 	<p><b>PAJAMA DAY</b></p> <p>WEAR YOUR FAVORITE PJ'S TODAY!</p> 	<p><b>DRESS LIKE YOUR TEACHER</b></p> <p>WHAT DOES YOUR TEACHER WEAR?</p> 	<p><b>SPORT &amp; FITNESS DAY</b></p> <p>WEAR YOUR FAVORITE JERSEY!</p> 

May 17-21

## MAY 17-21 STUDIO 56 SPIRIT WEEK

Let's have a little FUN this month! It's Sprit week May 6-10th!!

- **Monday, DECADE Day:** Send your student dressed up in styles from any decade.
- **Tuesday, CARTOON DAY:** Send your student dressed up as their favorite cartoon.
- **Wednesday, PAJAMA DAY:** Send your student to class in their PJ's today!
- **Thursday, TEACHER LOOK A LIKE DAY:** Dress like your teacher today.
- **Friday, Sports/fitness day:** Studio 56 Swag, dress in your favorite team jersey t-shirt

## MAY 26: UPPERCASE GRADUATION

Make sure you have reviewed the graduation details [HERE](#) under the graduation button. We will be having a small program for 2 VIP guests of each graduate. Graduation will be at the West Murray Studio: Times as follows, Uppercase A 9am, Uppercase B 10am, Uppercase C 11am. A formal Invite was sent in a separate email.

## MAY 27: LOWERCASE CARNIVAL

We are going to have the carnival at our West Murray Studio for our Lowercase kiddos. Please RSVP so that I will have a total head count so I can assure that there is enough of everything for everyone. If you plan on bringing siblings please note that in the RSVP.

Please [CLICK HERE TO RSVP FOR THE CARNIVAL](#)

We are also accepting donations towards having a bounce house at our celebration. Any amount would be helpful. If you would like to donate you can do so via venmo @st56dance with carnival in the notes.

## JUNE 2-3: PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Following our final assessment, we would like to meet with you one more time to talk about your wonderful kiddo and what they can work on over the summer! Sign up at:

[Uppercase and Lowercase A Parent-Teacher Conference](#)

[Uppercase and Lowercase B Parent-Teacher Conference](#)

[Uppercase C Parent-Teacher Conference](#)

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## JUNE 2-17 CLASS SCHEDULE:

The last day of preschool is May 24-25, followed by our Graduation on May 26 for our Uppercase Students and our Carnival on May 27 for our Lowercase Students.

All preschoolers performing in Concert will continue taking dance and tumbling classes after preschool end until the performance. Classes will be an hour and held once a week for three weeks, June 2-17 (so that we can keep practicing for the concert). Tuition for June was added to your concert payment schedule.

- MW students attend on Weds 10:30-11:30am
  - TTh students attend on Thurs 10:30-11:30am
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## ACADEMIC PRESCHOOL SUMMER SESSIONS:

We have the option for you to sign up for a summer school session instead of just the dance/tumble class if you would like your preschooler to keep coming to the three-hour block! (These are also open to students not participating in the concert!) This is great to help maintain skills for the upcoming year. The class itinerary is similar to our regular preschool program, focusing on all areas of learning while having a great time building friendships and confidence. Students will get to do exciting hands-on science experiments, math practice, ABC's, arts/crafts, cooking, dance, tumbling, sports, and more! Each day is based off a popular children's book! The cost is \$99 and you can now sign up online (This tuition would be less then \$50 you already paid for June) [CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE FULL SUMMER GUIDE!](#)

### How to enroll online:

1. Log in to the [parent portal](#)
2. Select "Enroll in a Class"
3. "2021 Summer Dance" schedule
4. Choose your session
5. Checkout, enrollment is not final until you receive an email receipt.

We would love to see you this summer! Please let us know if you have any questions, we are here to help you every step of the way!

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# DANCING B SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**JUNE 5**

## DANCING B SCHOLARSHIP

Now accepting applications for the Dancing B Scholarship. Studio 56 will be offering a \$500 Scholarship to a student for tuition for the 2020/21 season. This Scholarship will be in honor of one of our dancers that passed away named Brooklyn Holladay. The scholarship is available to students 4 years and older. Application and scholarship details can be found on the [WEBSITE PORTAL](#) and click on Dancing B Scholarship.

# SPONSORSHIP APPLICATIONS

**JUNE 5**

## DANCER FUNDRAISER - SEEKING SPONSORS

We are looking for Sponsors! All students and parents have the opportunity to purchase and sell ads, and 40% of all ads sold will be credited back to the student's account in June. Participation is not required. All ad space forms are due June 5th. [CLICK HERE](#) for pricing, details and ad submission.



**SUMMER DANCE!** Registration for summer classes and camps is NOW OPEN! Keep your kids moving this summer and join us for classes! Space is limited. View the summer guide [HERE](#).

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## **COMPANY AUDITIONS- JUNE 23-25**

If you're looking for exceptional training and an outlet for dance then mark your calendars with the 2021 Studio 56 Dance Center Company summer dates! Our company program is for dancers who want to be challenged to reach their full potential. Find more info [HERE](#)

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*As the season progresses additional concert information or updates will be posted on our [concert link](#) on our website, in monthly newsletters, and on the school bulletin board. Make it your responsibility to keep abreast of this important information. Our goal is to make the recital an organized, exciting experience for everyone involved. The success of the show is a team effort of students, their parents, the teachers, and the director.*

## **IMPORTANT RECITAL DATES:**

- June 5: Concert Pictures & Dress Rehearsal @ West Murray
- June 9: Tumbling Exhibition
- June 19: Concert

## **START PRACTICING AT HOME**

Our teachers have loaded their choreography and music to [dropbox](#) for you to rehearse at home. You can also access this link on our website under, portal, Concert Info, Practice Videos.

## **Finale:**

This year's Finale for the Concert will be performed by all STAR and COMPANY students. You will be learning this routine in your Choreography classes this month. We are going to be wearing our Concert shirts over our costume. Preschoolers will also make a final bow!

## **WHAT SHOW AM I PERFORMING IN?**

Showtimes were emailed out a couple of weeks ago. They have also been posted to your family account. Please visit our [WEBSITE PORTAL](#) and login to your [PARENT PORTAL](#). Click the navigator on the top left and select "view my performances"

We have 2 days of shows. Some of you may be performing in more than one show. Please check your account and make sure you find ALL of your routines.

- Friday, June 18 Company Showcase
  - Saturday, June 19 Concert 10am Show, 11:30am Show, 1:00pm Show, 2:30pm Show
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# CONCET TICKETS ON SALE....

**MAY 10**

## TICKETS TO THE SHOW GO ON SALE MAY 10 AT 8AM

Tickets go on sale on *May 10th at 8 am, [online ONLY](#)*.

Tickets purchased through Hometown ticketing in advance are \$13 plus handling fees. Our box office link will follow in a separate email this week.

Tickets purchased the day of the show will be \$15 plus handling fees for any available seats.

Seating is reserved; doors will remain closed until 30min before showtime. No one ages 3 and older is admitted to the show without a ticket. Infants and children who may have a hard time remaining seated during the entire performance should not attend.

If your family is performing in multiple shows on performance day, we will contact you in advance with special accommodations for your tickets.

# CLASS PICTURES & DRESS REHEARSAL

**JUNE 5**

## DRESS REHEARSAL AND CLASS PICTURES – TIME TO REGISTER FOR PICTURES

**(ONLY FOR THOSE PERFORMING IN JUNE 19 CONCERT, included in your performance package)**

We are holding dress rehearsal and class pictures June 5<sup>th</sup>. This event will take place at our Studio 56 West Murray location, 170 W Winchester St. Picture times have been posted to your family account. Please visit our [WEBSITE PORTAL](#) and login to your [PARENT PORTAL](#). Click the navigator on the top left and select “view my performances”

Several of you are in more than one routine. Please pay close attention to the times. A packing list and online order link will follow prior to pictures.

Can dads and dancers have their picture taken? YES, when registering your dancer you will add on the dad dance picture option. They will get their picture taken when she is there for her group. Remember to bring your concert shirt and black bottoms for our dancer. Dads will wear their concert shirt and Levi pants with tennis shoes.

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# CONCERT GIFTS FOR DANCERS

**JUNE 5**

## CONCERT GIFTS FOR YOUR STUDENT

We are excited to offer some concert gifts for your dancers. Use [this form](#) to order WATER BOTTLES, FLOWERS, BACKPACKS, STICKERS, CANDY BOUQUETS, ROSES and LOVE NOTES. Payment is due at the time your order is placed. Orders are due by June 5th and will be available for pick up at the recital.

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## DAD DANCE REHEARSALS STARTED IN APRIL

How amazing are our dance families! We are honored to have so many wonderful dads signed up for this year's Dad Dance! Thank you for being apart of these wonderful memories. We want this to be a wonderful experience for everyone. So, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or email.

Rehearsals are held by age. Preschool Dancers (dancers 2y-5years NOT in KND). School-Aged Dancers. If you have dancers in both age ranges, please look for your name on the list twice. Your first two rehearsals will be **dads only!** We will be teaching the bulk of the choreography to you before bringing in your kiddos.

To create ample space and allow for social distancing we will be offering dad dance rehearsals in a couple of different formats. **\*Please note that masks will be required for all in-person rehearsals.**

1. **In-Person:** You have been pre-assigned 2 in-person rehearsals. Can't make your in-person class? Let us know so we can open up your slot for another dad to join us.
2. **Virtual:** You have been pre-assigned 2 virtual rehearsals on zoom. Links can be accessed in your parent portal.
3. **Pre-Recorded:** We have choreography pre-recorded and loaded to [Dropbox](#). Please practice at home.

[HERE](#) you can find the full schedule and all the details we have lined up for our dad dance.

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# FOR PRESCHOOL DANCERS

## FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL DANCERS- MAY THEME

In MAY our theme is "Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head." As April showers bring May flowers we will leap over rain puddles, while we dance in the rain! This month we are focusing on: skips, leaps, 3 step turns, developing memory, paying attention, arabesque, 3<sup>rd</sup> position, self-confidence and contractions. We hope you can find time to review these elements with your dancer at home. It is a great way to get EVERYONE moving!!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 <b>Teacher Appreciation Week →</b>	3	4	5 Moms & Muffins	6 Moms & Muffins	7	8
9 Happy Mother's Day	10 Concert Tickets on Sale!	11	12 Nature Field Trip	13 Nature Field Trip	14	15
16 <b>Studio Spirit Week →</b>	17 Decade Day!	18 Cartoon Day!	19 Pajama Day!	20 Dress Like a Teacher Day!	21 Sports Day!	22 Dad Dance Practice!
23 <b>Freestyle Week →</b>	24	25	26 Uppercase Graduation	27 Lowercase Carnival	28	29
30	31 Studio Closed Happy Memorial Day!		PTC	PTC		<b>Picture Day &amp; Dress Rehearsal</b>