



### **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-old's staying on next year! We will be having graduation for our four/five-year-old's, and an end-of-year celebration for our three/four-year-old's. This is an important Gazette so please read carefully and refer back to it often.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **MAY 2-6 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK**

### **MAY 11-12: MOMS AND MUFFINS**

### **MAY 18-19: NATURE WALK FIELD TRIP**

### **MAY 25: UPPERCASE GRADUATION**

### **MAY 26: LOWERCASE CARNIVAL**

### **JUNE 1-2: PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE**

# SHOW OUR AMAZING TEACHERS SOME LOVE!

Teacher Appreciation week May 2-6

## **MAY 2-6 TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK - DONATIONS DUE BY APRIL 29TH!**

Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week! Aren't Our teachers at Studio 56 Dance Center and Little Learners Preschool AMAZING?!? We are excited to have a week to show our teachers how much we appreciate them! We hope you'll join us in our efforts to make this week special for our teachers who do so much for our kids! Each of our great teachers will be spotlighted next month on Instagram & Facebook. Watch for our posts and get to know a little bit more about our talented faculty! Let's show them some love! Here are some things we are putting together for our teachers in the next couple of weeks.

**A little note for their teacher.** This small act is something that makes a big difference! They love getting special notes from their students! This time of year is very busy for teachers, so a sweet note can give them the extra boost of energy they need! We have a basket at both locations that you can drop your letters in.

**Our Parent PALS Committee ("Parents Are Life Savers") is organizing a group gift for each of our amazing teachers.** We hope to collect enough to get each teacher a goodie basket with their favorite things and a gift card! If you would like to contribute to the group teacher gifts, your name will be included on the card! You can contribute in one of three ways: All group gift contributions are due by Friday, April 29th at noon.

1. Email an amount you would like to contribute and the office can add it to your account.
2. Venmo funds to @st56dance and include "teacher gift" in the memo.
3. You can leave an envelope in the tuition box with cash labeled "teacher gift" with your name on it!

We hope you'll join us in making this week special by participating in our group efforts or by coming up with your own idea! We are looking forward to showering our teachers with kind words and love from all of their students.

## **SPRING SERVICE PROJECT – DONATIONS TO THE ABBINGTON SENIOR LIVING CENTER**

For our spring service project, we invite all of our students to help collect and donate items for our friends at The Abbingtion Assisted Living and Memory Care Community. They are in need of small prizes for Bingo and other competitive games they play. They also enjoy any pictures or letters you would like to create for them.

### **Some ideas for donations:**

- Travel size lotions
- Notebooks
- Crosswords
- Word searches
- Fabric scarves
- Chapstick
- Coasters
- Dollar store seasonal decor
- Single serving treats (ex. Wrapped Cookies, granola bars, crackers, chips, mints, gum, small bags of candy, little Debbie treats, nuts, pretzels)

We will be collecting donations until May 18th. Thank you for helping spread our Good Vibes from Studio 56 Dance Center to our community!

## **MAY 11-12: MOMS AND MUFFINS**

We LOVE Moms and Muffins! Coming up May 11-12<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** moms will come at 9:00.

**Lowercase A and B** moms will come at 11:45

**Uppercase C** moms will come at 3:40

**Lowercase C** moms will come at 12:45

## **MAY 18-19: NATURE FIELD TRIP**

On May 18-19<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 10 am. Details are at the signup link below!

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

[Uppercase and Lowercase B Field Trip](#)

[Uppercase and Lowercase C Field Trip](#)

## **MAY 25: UPPERCASE GRADUATION**

Make sure you have reviewed the graduation details [HERE](#) under the graduation button. We will be having a small program for 3 VIP guests of each graduate. Graduation will be at the West Murray Studio: Times as follows, Uppercase A 9 am, Uppercase B 10 am, Uppercase C 11 am. A formal Invite was sent in a separate email.

## **MAY 26: LOWERCASE CARNIVAL**

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

[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 1-2: 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 and Lowercase C Parent-Teacher Conference](#)

## JUNE 2-16 CLASS SCHEDULE:

The last day of preschool is May 23-24, followed by our Graduation on May 25 for our Uppercase Students and our Carnival on May 26 for our Lowercase Students.

All preschoolers performing in June we will continue taking dance and tumbling classes after preschool end until June 16th. Classes will be an hour and held once a week for three weeks, June 1-16 (so that we can keep practicing for the performances). Tuition for June is \$40 and will process on June 1. If you are attending Summer Camp during this time, you will not see a June Tuition installment.

- MW students attend on Weds 10:30-11:30am
- TTh students attend on Thurs 10:30-11:30am

## 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, ABCs, arts/crafts, cooking, dance, tumbling, sports, and more! Each day is based on a popular children's book!  
(Must be 3 by Sept 1, 2022)

## ACADEMIC CAMP INCLUDES DANCE AND TUMBLING!

**2 sessions to pick from: Session 1 is June 1-15 or Session 2 is Aug 3-17**

**TUITION: \$130 (after April 1, \$145)**

[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. "2022 Special Events" 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!

# DANCING B SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## JUNE 4

### 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 2022/23 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](#) by clicking on Dancing B Scholarship.

# SPONSORSHIP APPLICATIONS

**JUNE 4**

## **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 4th. [CLICK HERE](#) for pricing, details, and ad submission.



*As the season progresses additional concert information or updates will be posted on the 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 concert 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 CONCERT DATES:**

- June 4: Concert Pictures & Dress Rehearsal @ West Murray
- June 8: Tumbling Exhibition
- June 18: 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, the 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 log in 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.



- Wednesday, June 8 Tumbling Exhibition
- Friday, June 17 Company Showcase
- Saturday, June 18 Concert 10am Show, 11:45am Show, 1:30pm Show

# CONCERT TICKETS ON SALE....

**MAY 1**

## **TICKETS TO THE SHOW GO ON SALE MAY 1 AT 8AM**

Tickets go on sale on **May 1st at 8 am, [online ONLY](#).**

Tickets purchased in advance are \$12 Silver, \$14 Gold, \$16 Premium.

Tickets purchased the day of the show will be \$16 at the door 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 4**

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

**(ONLY FOR THOSE PERFORMING IN JUNE 18 CONCERT, included in your performance package)**

We are holding dress rehearsal and class pictures on June 4<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 log in 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 pictures taken? YES, when registering your dancer, you will add on the dad dance picture option. They will get their picture taken when they are there for group pictures. Remember to bring your concert shirt and black bottoms for your dancer. Dads will wear their concert shirt and Levi pants with tennis shoes.

# CONCERT GIFTS FOR DANCERS

**JUNE 4**

## CONCERT GIFTS FOR YOUR STUDENT

We are excited to offer some concert gifts for your dancers. Use [this form](#) to order FLOWERS, BACKPACKS, CANDY BOUQUETS, ROSES, and LOVE NOTES. Payment is due at the time your order is placed. Orders are due by June 4th and will be available for pick up at the recital.

# DAD DANCE REHEARSALS

**MAY 7, 14, 21**

## DAD'S DANCE REHEARSALS START IN MAY

See your assigned rehearsal times, performance times, and access the practice videos here:

<https://sites.google.com/studio56dance.com/2021-concert-information/menu/dad-dance>

# CONCERT COSTUME PICK-UP!

**MAY 24 6:30-8:30**

**MAY 26 6:30-8:30**

**MAY 27 9:30-12:30**

## CONCERT COSTUME PICK UP DETAILS

Costume details for each class are posted in the FINAL CONCERT INFORMATION:

<https://studio56dance.com/portal/>, click the concert info button.

Costumes pick up will take place May 24, 26 & 27 @ West Murray. Students with account balances will NOT receive costumes until they have been paid.

- Tuesday, May 24th, 6:30-8:30 pm

- Thursday, May 26th, 6:30-8:30 pm
- Friday, May 27th, 9:30-11:30 am



### COMPANY AUDITIONS & SUMMER SCHEDULE

Mark your calendars with the 2022-2023 Studio 56 Dance Center Company summer dates! Auditions will be June 20-22. Learn more about our Performing Company [HERE](#)



### 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
1 <b>Tuition Due</b> <b>Teacher Appreciation Week →</b>	2 Nova H. Spotlight	3 Penny F. Spotlight	4 Shia H. Spotlight	5	6	7 Dad Dance Practice
8 <b>Happy Mother's Day!</b>	9 Daphne & Delilah Spotlight	10	11 <b>Moms &amp; Muffins</b>	12 <b>Moms &amp; Muffins</b>	13 Parents Night Out!	14 Dad Dance Practice
15	16 Logan H. Spotlight	17	18 Nature Field Trip @ Walden Park  Spring Service Project donations are due!	19 Nature Field Trip @ Walden Park	20	21 Dad Dance Practice
22	23 Last day of School A & C Classes!	24 Abigail R. Spotlight  Last day of school B Classes!  Concert Costume Pick Up! 6:30-8:30 @ West Murray	25 <b>Uppercase Graduation Day!</b>	26 <b>Lowercase Carnival Day!</b>  Concert Costume Pick Up! 6:30-8:30 @ West Murray	27 Concert Costume Pick Up! 9:30-11:30 @ West Murray	28
29	30 <b>Studio Closed – Memorial Day</b>	31	1 <b>PTC Conference A &amp; C Classes</b>	2 <b>PTC Conference B Classes</b>	3	4