



October News & Updates

October 25, 2021

Falling into a Rhythm

The first month of classes at NESD is an exciting time when teachers get to know their students, evaluate their starting points and establish the flow of the class structure. Meanwhile, students get acquainted with their new classmates and learn the daily routines in their dance classes - all while reviewing and learning some new dance steps!



NESD dance instructors create unique lesson plans to deliver our ballet, jazz, tap, and contemporary curriculums throughout the year. Now that everyone has fallen into a rhythm, classes are busy and focused on learning new material each week to work toward mastering the dance vocabulary set forth in their level plans. Be sure to ask your dancer to show you a step they've recently learned in class!



Halloween Week at NESD!

Monday, October 25th – Saturday, October 30th!

We hope you'll help us celebrate this SPOOKTACULAR dress-up occasion by wearing a costume to dance classes next week! Please keep in mind that tights and appropriate dance shoes should still be worn with your costume so we can continue learning while having fun. All students will be offered a piece of candy at the end of their classes. We look forward to seeing your creative costumes and sharing our Halloween spirit!

Mark Your Calendars to Save These Dates!

- 10/28 - Performing Company Gathering
- 10/30 - ALINEA Performs at C.H.a.D. Tablescape Tour*
- 11/1 - Spring Production Costume Deposits Due**
- 11/1 - School-Wide WiddyUp Virtual Fundraising Campaign Kick-Off!***
- 11/11 - Classes WILL be held on Veteran's Day
- 11/13 - Nutcracker Performance Package Order Forms & Payment Due
- 11/24-11/28 - Thanksgiving Break

***The CHaD Storybook Tablescape Tour** will bring to life from page to tabletop some of history's most beloved autumn and Halloween themed children's books.

The CHaD Storybook Tablescape Tour will take place Saturday, Oct. 30, 2021, at the Bedford Event Center. Tours begin at 11:30 a.m., and tickets are required and must be purchased in advance. Guests will receive a red carpet welcome by in-costume characters who will guide them through a Storybook experience that includes extravagant tabletop designs, a one-of-a-kind silent auction, live performances, opportunity to cast votes for their favorite tabletop design, and ends with sweet treats for all to enjoy.

Now more than ever, CHaD programs need support and we are honored to have some of our advanced dancers performing for attendees. Costumes for the littlest guests are encouraged and welcomed - we hope to see you there!

Tickets can be purchased here:

https://getinvolved.dartmouth-hitchcock.org/site/TR?fr_id=1782&pg=entry

**** Spring Production Costume Deposits** will be posted to your studio director account this week for your review. To ensure every costume arrives on time for our annual spring performance we place costume orders well in advance and require these deposits on November 1st to do so. Each child size costume deposit is \$60 and adult sizes are \$75. Families will be charged for one costume per piece their child is expected to perform with no more than 4 deposits per dancer. In the event that your dancer's costume requirements end up being slightly more or less after finishing touches, reimbursements or additional charges will be communicated in the spring. As always, please contact nesdoffice@gmail.com with any questions or concerns.



*** About Our First School-Wide WiddyUp Virtual Fundraising Campaign Kick-Off:

NESD Staff have the privilege of working with your incredible children each week and LOVE guiding them toward self-improvement. When our dancers make progress toward their goals it is our pride and joy to see their growth and we want to share those successes with a broader community!

As our student body grows in numbers we are excited to be reaching more and more families with our high quality and positive approach to excellent dance education. With this growth comes a need for more and diverse Nutcracker costumes, additional roles and staffing etc. With your participation, we'll be able to raise funds to help off-set these costs and present yet another magical production of the Nutcracker, a holiday classical and important tradition for dancers and audience members alike.

WiddyUp is a secure, student-oriented platform to showcase talents and keep their supporters in the loop through short video clips. NESD's fundraising campaign will begin on 11/1 and run for three weeks - in the end, we expect to have proud dancers who have showcased new steps for their friends and families, money raised to help the studio offset new Nutcracker costs, and in increased interest in performance tickets to support our fabulously talented performers! You can learn more about it here:

<https://www.widdyup.com/>



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