

Dear Parents/Dancer:

2020-2021 kicks off our 49th Dance Season.

Thank you for selecting our studio for your Child's dance experience.

Please note that this packet contains vital information for the entire year! Additionally, you will receive informational letters regarding up-coming activities but for the most part you should refer to this packet for information. A dance year calendar is provided in this handbook. Please take time to highlight important dates. After reading carefully, sign, and return the Handbook Confirmation Sheet to the Studio. This handbook should be saved for future reference. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We greatly appreciate your support and business.

Our studio offers a continuing dance program from basic pre-school through the advanced student, Educational and Pre-professional Levels. Classes are not designed strictly on an age level, but also by ability, maturity and class participation. Students will develop at different rates. Therefore, in order for us to maintain the proper level of difficulty it will take us a few weeks or months to properly place all children. We continue to move students through December. Our staff uses their dance knowledge and expertise in teaching to properly place your child.

At our studio we strive to make dance FUN and educational. Our goal is to make dance as enjoyable for you and your child. Time studying dance is never lost! THANK YOU for choosing Becky's Dance Studio. We cannot thank you enough.

Happy Dancing!

Becky & Amanda

COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Studio has a pamphlet available at the studio with our "Guidelines for our Dancers' Health". These were passed out the first week of Dance in September. Additional copies are available through the Studio Office.

We are always Happy to answer any questions you may have.
Please do not hesitate to ask us.

STUDIO LOCATION:	1300 Metro East Drive #126 Pleasant Hill, IA 50327
STUDIO PHONE:	265-2711
BECKY'S CELL PHONE:	710-4715
WEB SITE:	www.beckysdance.com
INSTAGRAM:	beckynalevankosdance
EMAIL:	Office: Beckynalevankosdance@gmail.com

Studio Office Hours

Monday thru Thursday, 4 PM to 8 PM

TEACHING STAFF

Directors:

Becky Nalevanko
Amanda Nalevanko-Smith

Instructors:

Melissa Grantham	Melissa Dennis
Breanna Holland	Brenna McDonald
Kelsi McCuen	Carlton Oglesby
Audrey Smithson	Blaney Essex

Receptionists:

Deb Forest, Melissa Grantham

Tuition All monthly fees are due before the first of the month. Fees paid after the 1st are subject to a \$15 monthly reoccurring late fee. Please note this NEW POLICY. The studio is now requesting a card be on file with the studio office for monthly tuition payments. NO HANDLING FEES for those interested in paying thru the Parent Portal. All returned checks will be assessed a \$45 fee. Fees are the same no matter if there are 3, 4 or 5 lessons in a month. Recital Week is considered a week of classes. Tuitions are due for the months of September thru June. Rehearsals are considered a lesson. No deductions are given for missed lessons and there are NO REFUNDS. Many of the classes are duplicated and can be made-up at an alternate time. If a receptionist is not available, please place fees in the drop box. Any account payment not received by the 11th will be sent a statement. Account balances (minus tuition) 60 days past due will be assessed a 10% monthly fee.

Money Drop Box A mail slot is located next to the office door.

Dropping a Class: Students needing to drop a class or classes will need to do so in writing. Drop forms available in studio office or Emails may be sent to: beckynalevankosdance@gmail.com
Students/Accounts will be considered active until written notice is given to the studio.

Dance Attire/Dress Code Dancers must be appropriately attired in dancewear, tights, and proper shoes beginning October 1st. Dancers should have some type of dance bag to transport and help keep track of shoes. Be sure your child's name is on all shoes and bag. No excessive jewelry. Dress Code Lists are available in the Office.

Pre-School I

Dancewear of any style or kind is acceptable with Tan Velcro or Buckle strap tap shoes and Capezio Daisy pink ballet shoes. Socks are good when it is warm and tights in colder weather. Bedroom/Isotoner Slippers are not ballet shoes. Hair should be pulled back.

Pre-School II, Kindergarten and Regular Combo Dance Classes:

Dancewear of any kind or style is acceptable with Tan Velcro or Buckle tap shoes and pink ballet shoes. Tights are optional. Some classes wear Bloch S0389 or Capezio CG 18 tan tap shoes, check with office. Jazz classes wear tan jazz shoes. Jazz shoes for Pre-School II and Kindergarten are optional.

Ballet Technique/Pre-Pointe/Pointe Classes

Dancers need a Solid black leotard and pink tights and pink ballet shoes. Advanced Dancers will wear European pink pointe shoes. Dancers will be notified by mail when they are ready for pointe shoes. First year dancers on pointe shoes are required to attend the additional pointe/ballet class on Thursday. Hair pulled back. No skirts, shorts, sweats or t-shirts.

Boys: T-shirts, athletic shorts and black ballet shoes.

Tumbling Classes

Tumblers may wear dancewear of any kind or style. They may go barefoot or wear tan jazz shoes.

Hip Hop Classes

Comfortable style clothing is appropriate. Clothing that is moveable in. Dancewear is suggested. Silver Glitter Hip Hop Shoes. Available thru the Studio Office.

Waiting Room/Class Viewing

Due to our current situation concerning the COVID-19 Virus, until further notice, the Lobby will be only available for Parents to drop off small children and to take care of payments at the front counter. We are encouraging masks and have lots of sanitizers available. We will keep current on CDC restrictions. Viewing weeks may end up being Zoom. Keep you posted as the season progresses. PLEASE respect our decisions on Social distancing. Our goal is the safety of our Dancers.

General Class Procedure

Drop students off at the studio at their assigned class time. The dance rooms are closed to observers, but we have "Watch Weeks" or "Zoom Days" on designated dates (see calendar). Children may take their wraps into the dance rooms. Dancers are to wear appropriate shoes into class and bring their dance bags with them. We will change shoes in the dance room. The studio is not responsible for lost or stolen items. We encourage children to watch for their rides from inside of the building, NOT outside. Young children whose parents are not available at the dismissal of class will stay in the dance room or with the receptionist until you arrive. A parent will need to come into the studio to retrieve their young child/children. Parents, please inform the older dancers to stay inside the building for their safety. PLEASE NOTE: The staff and teachers are not responsible for watching, observing or monitoring students left in the Lobby. Dancers should visit the restroom prior to class. Street shoes are not allowed on the dance floors. **NO GUM** allowed in the studio. **NO CELL PHONES** in classroom. Only water is allowed in the dance rooms. Students are not allowed in dance rooms without Teacher supervision. **CLASS PROCEDURES may change as we get through this pandemic.**

Team App for Studio

Please sign in to our Team App. This is a team app that is free to the studio to receive information about the studio. We are able to send out newsletters, upcoming information on cancellations, breaks and general news. You have to request to be a member. Your request would be for: Becky Nalevanko's Dance. We have several different groups so be sure you request the correct one.

DIRECTIONS: Download Team App to your phone.

Search for Becky Nalevanko's.

Pick the appropriate team.: Becky Nalevanko's Dance

After you send, we will then accept you. :)

Sick/Injury Policy

It is our recommendation that if your child was home sick for the day you need to re-evaluate their situation in the evening to determine if they are contagious and are physically well enough to participate in class. If your child has an injury requiring them to observe rather than participate in class, a doctor's excuse is required. Medications will not be administered by our studio staff, this includes aspirin.

Cancellations

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, we will post on our Facebook page and web site (www.beckysdance.com) and Team Apps any cancellations. We also post with KCCI TV & WHO TV. If needed, call Becky 710-4715 or the Dance Studio 265-2711.

Teacher Classes cancelled by an instructor will be rescheduled.

Students Classes missed by the student due to illness or personal reasons may be made up at an alternate time. When your child does attend a make-up class, please inform the instructor of your child's name and his/her regular class time.

Recital Performance

The conclusion of our 2020-2021 dance season will be our 49th Recital. **Recital is scheduled for the month of JUNE, date to be determine.** Rehearsals will be scheduled. Taking great pride in the progress of our students, we set out to achieve the total experience and fulfillment of dance by presenting our students in an exciting and professional production. This year's work of discipline, determination and dedication rises to an exciting level as students feel the thrill of performing on the Big Stage. Not only does a fine recital feature your child's abilities, it builds self-esteem and fosters an appreciation of the arts. All classes participate in the Recital except technique classes and pre-school/ kindergarten tumbling classes. These are non-performing classes. All children are invited to participate in the Recital, but it is not mandatory. Recital Handbook will be issued to you in April with additional Recital Information. **When you pay your Recital Fee & Costume Deposits, this commits you to following ALL Recital Policies. If someone else is in charge of your child, be sure they are aware of the policies.** Do Not put your child in the Recital if you are not going to follow the policy. Pick up of Dancers is at intermission and conclusion of Recital. We try our best to schedule the younger dancers in Act One of the Recital. We need our STAFF to dismiss dancers. They know the children and the parents. The Backstage Volunteers do not know who you are and do not want the responsibility of getting dancers to the correct parents. We do not have enough staff to work the stage and help ALL the dancers get to their routines and staff the stage doors at the same time. We want to give all our dancers the same attention whether they are at the beginning of the recital or the end of the Recital. We need you to be courteous to all the children and let us do our job. During RECITAL WEEK, All classes/routines will rehearse at specific scheduled times. Rehearsals are required.

Recital Performance Fee

	Paid By Oct 29th	Paid after Oct 29th	Paid after 12/22nd
Pre-School, Kindergarten	\$90	\$95	\$115
First Grade and Up	\$100	\$105	\$125
Competition Team	\$140	\$145	\$160

FAMILY DISCOUNT: \$10 off for 2nd child, \$15.00 for 3rd child and up, if paid by Oct 29th. The Recital Performance Fee is to help with the cost of our show, rental, electricians, lights, programs, and scenery. Parents will receive tickets at no additional cost. No admission fee is charged for the performance. The performance fee is due on by October 31st. **NO REFUNDS.**

Costumes

All Tap & Ballet classes, ages 3 & 4 and Kindergarten will wear one ready-made costume for their Tap & Ballet Routines. Sometimes we have been able to wear PJ's, swimwear, dancewear or Regular Street clothes if it suits the alternate routine. Ages 1st grade and up will have a costume for each tap, ballet and jazz, possibly only two if a costume can be worn twice. Tumbling, Jazz, and Hip Hop classes have separate costumes. Average costume prices vary between \$85-\$110. Some costumes are ready made, but we also design some specialty outfits. Occasionally, we are able to wear a costume from the previous year. Pictures of costumes will be available at the studio when statements are sent.

Costume Deposits, due by November 1st.

Pre-School I, II & Kindergarten	\$85
Tumbling, Hip Hop & Pom Classes	\$85
First Grade & Older Combo Classes	\$125

Balance due in January. A costume deposit tells me you are planning to be in the recital and you are obligated to pay the balance of the costume. This policy is strictly enforced. Costume companies require ready-made costumes to be pre-paid. Students not making a deposit will not have costumes ordered. Costumes ordered after the original order requires additional paperwork. It's best to order the whole class at one time to guarantee adequate arrival for our show. These payment procedures also insure that I do not get left with unpaid costumes. Accounts are to be current before Recital Costumes are ordered. Costumes are not distributed in the Spring if you have an account balance at that time. **NO REFUNDS.**

Class Helpers

Many of our students assist our staff in the care and instruction of all dancers. These dedicated dancers perform many tasks to insure that the Instructor can devote their time to direct instruction. Helper duties may include: bathroom assistance, getting tissues, assisting with mats, lining up children, helping with shoes, pulling hair back, and providing encouragement.

YARD SIGNS & STUDIO BAGS

Yard Signs are available to all students. They are on table at the front door of the Dance Studio. Please help yourself. STUDIO BACK PACK BAGS were available to all new enrollment for this year. If you did not receive yours, please see the front office. The bags are available while quantities last.

WHAT ELSE MAY YOUR CHILD NEED FOR RECITAL????

Information for the following will be listed on your costume statement.

Props Classes will be notified if a prop is needed.

Tights What color of tights your child will need.

Recital Options: requested by Parents, but not mandatory!!

*Recital Dance Photo's---You may be in the group photo even if you do not intend on purchasing the photos. We hang these photos in the studio for the following year.

*Professional DVD's---Recital videos may be ordered of the Recital Performance, but you are allowed to take your own videos at the Dress Rehearsals.

DANCE STUDIO CALENDAR

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS OUR DANCE STUDIO CALENDAR!
We DO NOT follow the Schools' Calendar concerning in service days/holidays.

SEPTEMBER

First Day of Classes Tuesday, September 8
MASTER CLASS: Shannon Mather September 25-27

OCTOBER

Recital Performance Fee: Due by October 29
Halloween Week: Dress in Costumes October 26-29

NOVEMBER

MASTER CLASSES: Mandy Rogers November 6-8
MASTER CLASSES: Taylor Tsvyetkov November 20-22
Thanksgiving Break: Mon, Nov 23 thru Fri, 27
Costume Deposits: Due by November 30

DECEMBER

Christmas Parties: Begins Mon, Dec 14 thru Thurs Dec 17
Christmas Break: Begins Tuesday, December 22

JANUARY

Classes Resume: Classes resume on Mon, Jan 4
Recital Costume Fee Balance: Due in January

FEBRUARY

Parent Zoom Watch Week: Pink, Green, Coral Dance Rooms
Mon, Feb 1 thru Thurs, Feb 4

Parent Zoom Watch Week: Grey & Blue Dance Rooms
Mon, Feb 8 thru Thurs, Feb 11

MARCH

Spring Break: Fri, March 12 thru Sun, March 21
Classes Resume: Monday, March 22

APRIL

Spirit Week: Wear Studio Colors Mon, April 5 thru Thurs, April 8

MAY

Costume Fitting/Recital Week: Mon, May 10 thru Thurs, May 13
Picture Days at the Studio

JUNE

TUITION for June Due before June 1st
Or include with May Tuition.
Recital Picture Days:
Last Day of Regular Classes;
*****Recital Week***** TBA

Waiting on confirmation from SEP Schools