

# December Newsletter

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Reminders

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- Tuition is due the 1st of the month. Late fees will be assessed on the 11th.
- Please arrive 5-10 minutes before you class starts.
- Label all shoes and as we move into the winter months outer wear also.
- Lastly, please help us keep the studio clean and remember to use the cubby spaces in the lobby to put dance bags and outer wear.

## Studio Update

Please pay special attention to your emails and updates online in our MDA Families tab, password: jazzhands.

As we are in the winter months there is the potential for the studio to be closed, please note that all studio closings will be posted on the MDA website and also MDA Facebook page.

Please label all dance shoes. Many dance shoes are being misplaced or lost. If you are missing anything, please check with the MDA front desk for our lost and found. We picked up many items left at our Nutcracker performances!

## Upcoming Dates

**DECEMBER**

**15:** Free Child Care Drop Off Day!

**17-20:** Holiday Class Parties

**21-January 1:** No Dance; Winter Break

**JANURARY**

**1st:** No Dance; Winter Break

**2nd:** Dance Classes Resume at MDA

**8th:** Costume Return for MDA owned Nutcracker costumes

**25-27th:** Artistic Dance Exchange Dance Convention (Mandatory for Senior– Petite Elite Teams Only)

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### 2019 Recital Information

MDA's spring recital will take place on May 18th. More Information to be provided as the recital date approaches.

A dress rehearsal for all recreational classes will take place Friday, May 17th. A schedule with rehearsal times will be provided in April.

Tickets will be available for purchase through a link on our website.

# Nutcracker Update

Thank you to all our families for helping us put on 3 great performances on The Nutcracker this past weekend!

First off, all our dancers deserve another round of applause. In just 3 short months, they worked hard to learn and perfect choreography. The performances were beautiful due to their dedication and hard work.

Secondly, thank you to all of MDA's parents. You transport your dancer to class each week, make sure your child attends extra practices and that all the costume pieces are in place. We could not put on the ballet without you!

Finally, a huge thank you to all our volunteers. It takes a village to make sure the show runs smoothly. Many volunteers put in countless hours before the performances to ensure costumes and props were prepared. Also, at the performances we had a huge number of volunteers that helped to supervise classes, get props on/off stage, help with costume changes, ushering, sales etc.

Thank you! We are already looking forward to The Nutcracker 2019! Auditions for specialty roles are in July. Look for more information this summer!

### REMINDER!

The following costumes must be returned to MDA on Tuesday, January 8th from 5:30-7pm. Costumes not returned will be charged a \$20 late fee. Costumes not spot cleaned will be charged a cleaning fee.

Parent & Children Costumes  
Solider Costumes & Nutcracker Solider  
Maid Costumes  
Mice Tunic & Sash only  
Snow Costumes

## Sugar Plum Fairy Tea Party

Another successful Nutcracker Tea!

MDA would like to send out a huge Thank You to all of those that attended the tea! We hope that you enjoyed the festivities and look forward to next year. Also, Thank You to all of the volunteers and dancers that spent their time and energy into making this a great event!



# In The Spotlight

## November Banana Split Club Members

Congratulations to the following MDA dancers who had both their right and left splits down during split tests!

Elle Blegen	Olivia Kjome
Annie Wilson	Kiera Musil
Katelin Klohn	Maneeya Leung
Emma Darula	Sophia LaPlant
Harmony Massie	Briony Peterson
Allie Buckner	Ashley Bland
Megan Fanum	Sammy Carr
Clairie Ries	Julia Williams
Ellie Vanvoorst	Aubrey Mousel
Lalina Leung	Kyla Vanvoorst
Tessa Clausen	Emma Johnson-Ries
Lauren Dircks	Addison Withrow
Olivia Ostensen	Elsie Gytri
Maddie Gaida	Justine Fries
Isabelle Thoma	Alex Nelson
Rachel Enge	Anna Carlson
Brooklyn Vogel	Kylynn Krengel
Ellie Carlson	Ashley Doocy

## Dance Class Music and Practice Videos

Music for recital dances and practice videos of dances are being uploaded to the parent portal through the month of December. Also, practice videos will also be updated as dances are added on to or finished.

## MDA Child Care Drop off Day

MDA's Child Care Drop Off Day was great fun! We made several crafts, learned holiday dances, ran an obstacle course, ate pizza, and topped the day off with a dance party complete with disco lights and glow sticks. Everyone had a great time.

A special thank you to the MDA students that helped make the day so successful! Annie Wilson, Elle Blegen, Harmony Massie, Izzy Nord, Anna Carlson, Ellie Carlson, Brooklyn Vogel, Allie Buckner, Maddie Gaida and Katelin Klohn.



## Adopt-a-family & Senior

From the money raised at the Sugarplum Fairy Tea, MDA was able to adopt 4 families and 2 seniors through the CAP Agency's Hope for the Holiday program. Gifts were purchased and wrapped by MDA company members & graduating seniors. Thank you to all that supported our raffles and silent auction at the Tea Party!



## Team Update

- Holiday Class parties next week— Dec 17-20 in tap classes. Please bring a wrapped \$5 gift to exchange if you would like. Teen Elites will have their party during jazz class on Tuesday.
- Artistic Dance Exchange: January 25-27, 2019. Required for Seniors, Teen Intensive, Teen Elite, Junior Intensive & Petite Elite. It is optional for Petite Intensive & Minis, if you would like more information or would like to register please email [registration@mdadance.net](mailto:registration@mdadance.net)
- If you purchased MDA apparel, it is available for pick-up at the studio on December 17th after 4:30 pm.

## Rec Update

- Holiday Class parties are next week— December 17-20. Teachers will take the last 15 minutes of class for their party. There will be a gift exchange among the class. If you would like your dancer to participate, please bring a wrapped \$5 gift to exchange.
- Many of our recital costumes have come in! After the new year, we will be trying these on during class time. Please be sure to communicate with your child's teacher if you miss class and need to try on a costume.
- If you purchased MDA apparel, it is available for pick-up at the studio on December 17th after 4:30 pm.

# Dancers of the Month



Recreational— Grace K., 1st Grade

Class: Tuesday Starlettes

Parents: Jenni & Justin

Hobbies Include: Swimming, Arts & Crafts, Making Slime & Math

Favorite Thing about dance: “Learning how to tap and practicing at the barre!”

Why Grace was nominated: Grace is an all around All-Star student! She comes to class each week with enthusiasm and a smile! As a new dancer, she is always prepared and helpful. She is always ready to remind her teacher, Jen, what she taught last week. She is attentive and eager to learn in every class!



Performance Line— Maya M., 2nd Grade

Class: Thursday Sparkles

Parents: Christy & Dave

Hobbies Include: Playing softball and taking gymnastic lessons.

Favorite thing about dance: All of it! She never stops dancing!

Why Maya was nominated: Maya is new to dance this year, but you would never know it! Maya is a quick learner that listens well and works hard. She has made great progress in the 1<sup>st</sup> part of year already. She is always respectful to her teachers and classmates, while still having fun! She has a positive, “can-do” attitude that makes her enjoyable to teach!



Team— Annie W., 12th Grade

Class: Senior Line

Parents: Sarah & Neil

Accomplishments & Hobbies Include: Honor Student, Student Council, Youth Ministry, Health Club, Created “Eco Freako Club” at her school. Many volunteer hours. Likes to swim, bike, run and paint.

Favorite thing about dance: Her favorite style is tap. She also loves her “dance family” and the sisterhood bond that she has formed with her teammates. She likes helping other dancers find their love for dance and seeing them develop into better people in and out of the studio.

Why Annie was nominated: Annie was nominated by multiple teachers for dancer of the month. She has always stepped up to the plate, been a leader and helped where needed around the studio- she is a leader to her teammates, has a lead role in the Nutcracker ballet, assistant teacher, role model tapper. Through her actions you can tell she genuinely cares about the people at MDA. She has constantly participated and given her time to extra MDA activities. She is a great representation of MDA to our students, parents and the community.



		Olivia Ostensen	Dec 11	Katelyn Bouten	Dec 19
Marie Rogers	Dec 03	Audrey Steffen	Dec 12	Aria Bergerson	Dec 19
Caelyn Geis	Dec 03	Elle Blegen	Dec 12	Angela Corrales	Dec 21
Yeilah Castro-Hernandez	Dec 04	Jovie Rottmann	Dec 12	Erin Weness	Dec 23
Annie Wilson	Dec 04	Lily Fausett	Dec 12	Ellie Gwozdziejewicz	Dec 25
Ella Gaulke	Dec 05	Lucy Swift	Dec 13	Scarlett Hartman	Dec 25
Ari Perkins	Dec 05	Talia Raw	Dec 13	Aahan Singh	Dec 27
Adelaine Meger	Dec 07	Kylie Rudd	Dec 14	Samantha Carr	Dec 27
Lauren Witter	Dec 07	Abigail Kirchmeier	Dec 17	Skylar Hagert	Dec 27
Maddalyn Gray	Dec 10	Kate Higgins	Dec 18	Inahim Fuentes	Dec 31