

Welcome to Creative Edge Dance Studio!

We are very excited that you have chosen to dance with us this year! We hope that you have a fun and rewarding dance experience! Please browse the following information sheet (front and back) to familiarize yourself with the studio. Most information that you will need to have a successful dance season is also located on our website: www.creativeedgedancestudio.com.

LOGISTICS

CLASS ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE

The studio communicates via email and FACEBOOK.

www.facebook.com/pages/Creative-Edge-Dance-Studio/401546879892826

Please make sure you have completed our registration form with email listed if available. Please add “creativeedgedancestudio@msn.com” to your safelist as the studio will send out important reminders, cancellation notifications, and conduct correspondence via email primarily.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

The studio is open **15 minutes prior to the start of class** that day and will close **immediately after the last class**. Students who arrive early or need to wait after class are welcome to wait in the lobby as long as they can wait **quietly and independently**. Students must be able to take care of themselves and be respectful of the space and the classes currently in session otherwise alternative arrangements need to be made.

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN EMAIL FROM CREATIVE EDGE AT THIS POINT, PLEASE LET US KNOW (VIA EMAIL.) AS THIS INDICATES YOU HAVE NOT BEEN ADDED TO OUR MASTER EMAIL LIST.

CLASS OBSERVATIONS

We have wonderful viewing windows with which you can observe your dancing student. Please use your best judgement while observing to respect the students in class. Parents are not required to stay unless your student needs a little extra support.

PARKING/SPEED LIMIT

We have limited parking. We encourage carpooling. Our parking is a ONE WAY LOOP. There is a drop off lane and a 'travel' lane. Overflow parking is located in the main parking lot of The White Mountain School. PLEASE NOTE: **The speed limit on WEST FARM ROAD is 20 mph in school zones.** Please make sure you respect this as the road is frequently used by community members and school children to run/ride bikes/walk etc.

CATHERINE HOUGHTON ARTS CENTER AND SURROUNDING GROUNDS

The studio is located on the lower floor of the Catherine Houghton Arts Center. It's a beautiful heated/cooled geothermal building that aims to be a net zero building (makes as much energy as it uses...check out the full roof of solar panels!) The upper floor houses the Music and Art Classrooms for WMS students. We ask that studio students and parents respect that this space (**including the seating area**) are not a part of our Studio in the academic season and to refrain from going upstairs. During the mild seasons students are welcome to play on the yard surrounding the studio at their own risk. CEDS students should not be wandering around the greater WMS campus for any reason.

CLASS PREPARATION

DRESS CODE:

Please make sure to check out the website for dress code guidelines. Being dressed appropriately and in the proper UNIFORM is an important step to learning how to dance and being successful. Being prepared transitions the student out of their 'other activities' and helps them to focus on being in dance and being a dancer. Please ask your teacher if you are unsure of what is expected. Students who are not dressed to dance, will not be allowed to take class. DRESS FOR SUCCESS! A couple musts: LONG HAIR BACK, NO STREET CLOTHES.

WATER/FOOD/BATHROOM/CELL PHONES

Students are permitted to bring water bottles into the space. We also have a water fountain for students to use. Please fill your water bottle BEFORE class as you will not have time during class to do this.

-Juice/Gatorade or any other NON WATER drink is not allowed in the studio

-Food is not permitted in the studio but can be eaten in the lobby.

-Cell phones should be silenced in class.

-Please have your younger student use the bathroom ahead of class.

DANCE SHOES

LABEL YOUR STUDENT'S DANCE SHOES! THEY ALL LOOK THE SAME!

DO NOT WEAR DANCE SHOES OUTSIDE

For your convenience the studio has sample shoes for most dance disciplines to try on prior to ordering. Dance shoes are tricky with sizing and most often are NOT a conventional fit. There are also a lot of online stores that sell dancewear and shoes. Visit our website for store suggestions.

DANCE SHOE CONSIGNMENT STATION

DANCERS AND PARENTS RUMMAGE THROUGH YOUR CLOSETS AND PULL OUT ALL OF THOSE DANCE SHOES THAT YOU HAVE OUTGROWN! We know that many of you go through multiple pairs of shoes each year as your children's feet continue to GROW! Let's help each other out! Creative Edge has a place for those shoes that just don't fit anymore. Our consignment station is located by the water fountain. It allows you to sell or donate your shoes.

STUDENT BELONGINGS

We have a wonderful lobby area complete with cubby areas for student belongings. Please help your student to store their belongings neatly in a cubby. Do not store belongings on the seats/cushions. Tuck your STREET SHOES below the hooks or in the cubbies.

STUDENT ACCOUNTS/TUITION

Tuition is due on the 15th of each month. If you are paying up front, the entire sum of the tuition is due Sept 30, 2016. Please email: creativeedgedancestudio@msn.com or call Kathy 869-2150 with any tuition related questions. All students will receive monthly billing statements via email. You may request a paper statement or have a statement emailed to you at any time. Monthly payment booklets may be picked up in the lobby area. Tuition payments may be made either by mail or put in the grey tuition box located in the lobby. Currently we accept cash or check (preferred), but will have a credit card system up and running soon.. **NON PAYMENT RISKS YOUR STUDENT'S PARTICIPATION IN CLASS. NO STUDENT WITH AN ACCOUNT BALANCE BY MAY 15TH WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RECITAL THIS YEAR.**

STUDENT AND CLASS SUCCESS

Creative Edge Dance Studio provides a fun, rewarding, and challenging experience in the exploration of dance to students of all ages and abilities. This results from the collaboration among parents, students, and teachers. Class participation/attendance, a positive approach to learning, adherence to studio policies, and parental support are important factors influencing the experience of your student and others enrolled in class. *In order to maintain a welcoming and productive atmosphere, Creative Edge Dance Studio reserves the right to dismiss any student whose behavior or attitude consistently prevents students from learning or instructors from teaching.*

CLASS PLACEMENT and PROGRESSION

We have tried our best to place your child in the class we feel is most appropriate for their dance development. Please note that we may need to make some changes as classes begin to better suit the needs of your dancing student. All of our classes are multi age groupings. It is typical for students to spend 2 or more years in one level before moving forward. All dancers do not necessarily advance as a class as each student is an individual and will develop technical skills at their own pace. Prematurely advancing students for age/social/or other reasons always ends in frustration.

ATTENDANCE

Having a consistent attendance record is key to dance training and success. Dance is both an individual and team sport. Your classmates rely on you to know your skills, choreography, and to dance as part of a group. Frequent and consecutive absences risk falling behind in your skills/choreography and are not fair to the other students in your class. We understand that students juggle so many wonderful and enriching activities and will sometimes have to make tough choices. When conflicts arise, please make sure that there is a balance between missing dance and missing other activities AND make sure to take responsibility for your absence by working doubly hard to catch up.

CEDS IMPORTANT DATES

September 12th, Monday: First Day of Classes

October 10th: Columbus Day STUDIO OPEN

November 11th: Veteran's Day STUDIO OPEN

November 21st - November 25th: Thanksgiving Break

November 21rd and November 22nd Nutcracker Rehearsals

December 9, 10, 11th: Nutcracker Performances (Evening, Evening, Matinee) (Ballet 6-8, II, IIB, III, IV, V)

Friday, December 23-Monday January 2nd: Winter Break Studio Closed

February 27th - March 3rd: February Vacation Studio Closed

April 24th- April 28th: April Vacation Studio Closed

May 5th- May 7th: Spring Ballet Performances (Ballet III, IV and V)

May 25th, 26th, and 27th: Spring Recital (All Students)

SPRING DANCE RECITAL. MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Dress Rehearsal and Pictures: Thursday, May 25th 3pm-7pm

Recital: Friday, May 26th at 6pm and Saturday, May 27th (Matinee)