



MelRoe's School of Dance

January 2012

Happy New Year!

WELCOME BACK! We hope everyone enjoyed their time off with their families for the holidays! We are very excited about the upcoming year! We have lots of events planned and are looking forward to 2012!

WATCH WEEK - Week of Jan. 9 - 14

We encourage family and friends to observe your child's dance/tumbling class during this week. Also, more information about the recital and costumes will be handed out to parents during Watch Week.

OPEN HOUSE - Saturday, Jan. 14

MelRoe's will be holding an Open House on Jan. 14 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for all new students to get information about classes. This is a great time to get enrolled in classes for this semester! ★

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Important dates

- **Jan. 2**—Classes resume from Winter Break
- **Jan. 2**—Entry forms and fees due for NAC Star Tumblers (January and February preliminary meets)
- **Jan. 6-8**—JUMP Dance Convention
- **Jan. 9-14**—Watch Week
- **Jan. 14, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**—Open House
- **Jan. 14, 1 - 3 p.m.**—NAC Workshop
- **Jan. 21**—NAC Preliminary Meet ★

Recital 2012 - Our 15th Year Celebration!

This year, we will be celebrating our 15th year of MelRoe's! This will be a HUGE event! Our staff is so excited about this year's show and we encourage all dancers and tumblers to participate in this special event! To participate in this year's show, please complete your Recital Fee Notice and turn into office. Please let us know if you have any questions!

JUNE 22 - 24, 2012

Dress rehearsal is June 22

Recital is Saturday, June 23 AND Sunday, June 24

Excelsior Springs Performing Arts Center

612 Tiger Drive, Excelsior Springs, MO, 64024 ★

Recital Fee Is Due

Recital Packets were passed out in each class in November. Recital fee was due Dec. 10. Please make sure that you have received this packet which contains lots of information about this year's annual recital! If you have any questions about signing up for this year's recital, please see your child's teacher or the front desk. We are happy to answer any questions. If you are NOT participating in Recital, please let the front desk know so we can inform your student's teacher.

Costume Packets: Costume Packets will be passed out later this month to those who are participating in Recital.

NOTEWORTHY

Like us on Facebook

Another way of communication at MelRoe's is our Facebook Page. Please go on Facebook and "like" our page to get updated information on events at MelRoe's! We encourage you to also forward to friends. ★



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Proper dance attire

Now that the weather is getting colder, it is very important to wear proper dance attire and shoes to class each week. To prevent injury, MelRoe's has a specific dance / tumbling attire for students to wear to class. Our required dress attire is listed in the MelRoe's Student Handbook. Please review what attire and shoes are required for your child's dance / tumbling class. Here are just a few reminders:

- All dance classes REQUIRE legs to be covered with tights or leggings.
- NO T-shirts in tumbling class.
- Hip Hop REQUIRES clean tennis shoes for class each week.
- Dance shoes are REQUIRED in all dance / tumbling classes. NO socks or bare feet!
- With the COLD weather, please remember to bring warm cover-ups to wear as you are LEAVING the studio. ★

National Acrobat Competition

The MelRoe's Star Tumblers have been working in their tumbling classes to prepare for the National Acrobat Competition (NAC).

Upcoming NAC Dates:

- **Jan. 2** - Entry forms and fees due for January and February preliminary meets
- **Saturday, Jan. 14. 1-3 p.m.** - NAC Workshop
- **Saturday, Jan. 21** - Preliminary Meet (reminder...this a REVISED date from your original NAC Packet! NAC changed the date and location.) ★

Dynamite Dancers/TNT/Square One

The MelRoe's Company members and competition teams have been working hard on their competition routines to prepare for our competition season!

Upcoming Company Dates:

- **Jan. 6 - 8** - JUMP Dance Convention
- Company dates for Footloose rehearsals and costuming will be discussed during Watch Week. ★

Upcoming Dance Conventions/Competitions

This fall and winter, there are several AWESOME dance conventions that will be offered in the Kansas City area. We encourage ALL dancers in Levels 1 - 5 to take advantage of these conventions. We learn so much at these conventions and have so much fun taking from FAMOUS teachers / choreographers from hit TV shows such as "So You Think You Can Dance" and "America's Best Dance Crew!" Here are a few of our favorite conventions. Check the bulletin for more information on each convention.



January 6-8	JUMP Dance Convention
Jan 7-8	Tremaine Dance Convention
Jan 7-8	The Pulse On Tour (St. Louis!)
Feb 25-26	Tremaine Dance Convention (St Louis!)
March 30 - April 1	CoDance (St Louis!)
April 27-29	Adrenaline ★

NOTEWORTHY

Car decals coming soon!

You asked for it, we got it! MelRoe's car decals with your student's name will soon be for sale! Look for more information to be given during Watch Week. ★

Zumba moving to one night, try class free in January

Effective in January, Zumba has moved to one night during the week. Zumba will be held Mondays from 7 - 8 p.m. at MelRoe's. During the month of January, any MelRoe's parent can take a Zumba class for free. ★

MelRoe's Spirit Wear orders

We have a lot of NEW and REALLY CUTE MelRoe's attire available for the fall and winter season. In the lobby there is a book that displays the items that we have available for parents and students. We will be placing another order for Spirit Wear by Feb. 1! ★

Check out our website!

On the website, students and parents can get information such as upcoming events and the semester schedule as well as other important info about our studio. Our website address is www.melroesdance.net and you can download information such as monthly newsletters and other handouts used at the studio. Check it out! Please keep checking the front lobby bulletin board on a WEEKLY basis for important upcoming information. ★

Communication is the key

Communication with our parents and students and customer service is a high priority for us. At the beginning of each month, we offer a newsletter for all parents and students with information about upcoming events, activities, and policies. The newsletter is posted in the lobby and also can be viewed or downloaded from our website. We also have an information board posted in our front lobby. ★

Booster Club Corner

About Booster Club

The MelRoe's Booster Club is a GREAT way to fundraise money for extra dance expenses. Each family at MelRoe's can establish an account through the Booster Club and participate in various events throughout the year that can add money to help pay for "extras." This is also a great opportunity to help take care of recital and competition expenses!

There is a Booster Club bulletin board in the lobby that has all the current and upcoming events posted. You can find forms for the Booster Club next to the bulletin board. If you would like to become a member, please see the front desk for information.

Snack punch card

Attention Parents and Students...

We now have a "punch card" system available for parents to purchase for their student to get drinks and snacks in between classes. The punch cards cost \$10 which allows the student to

purchase 10 drinks or snacks and parents do not have to worry about their child carrying cash. The Booster Club has water bottles, Gatorade, and a variety of snacks available for purchase in the office.

Sales from these items help fund the Peggy Crum Scholarship Fund.

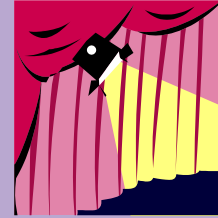
Our MelRoe's Booster Club Officers for the 2011 - 2012 season:

President: Kim Colby
Vice-President: Rachel Mormino
Treasurer: Michele Gilpin
Secretary: Stacy Rizi ☆

CURRENT BOOSTER CLUB ACTIVITIES

- Price Chopper/Hy-Vee coupon books - \$5
- Cookbooks - \$8
- Trash bags - \$10

In the Spotlight



We are very proud of our students and would like to recognize their accomplishments. Please let the office know of any school awards

or achievements that are dance or school related and we will spotlight them in our monthly newsletter.

Congratulations to the following students:

- **Edith Cruz** and **Isabelle Rizi** for auditioning for the Alvin Ailey Summer Program! We are so proud of you both! Congratulations to Isabelle for the honor of being asked to join the Alvin Ailey program in New York!
- **Angelina Glorioso** for winning a scholarship to Camp Pulse! Way to go, girl! ☆

Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to the following students celebrating a birthday this month. Be sure to stop by the office to pick up your birthday goodie bag.

NEW At MelRoe's: We now have a "Birthday Board" in the lobby to highlight our students' birthdays each month. Please bring us a picture if your birthday is this month so we can post it on our wall (a small photo such as a wallet-size or 3x5 photo would be good!)

Megan Gifford	Dec. 2
London Eskew	Dec. 12
Layla Rosario	Dec. 14
Darcy Thomas	Dec. 15
Mylie Warren	Dec. 16
Asia McGill	Dec. 22
Mia Licausi	Dec. 23
Alaina Buchanan	Dec. 30
Payton Dykes	Dec. 31
Joseph Ortiz	Jan. 1
Abygail Warren	Jan. 3
Gianina Dimartino	Jan. 9

Emily Fostich	Jan. 9
Emma Foley	Jan. 10
Emily Drottz	Jan. 13
Sissy Beltz	Jan. 24
Adrianna Cusimano	Jan. 24
Courtney Knabe	Jan. 24
Antoinette Giglio	Jan. 30 ☆



Birthday parties at MelRoe's!

We offer FUN birthday parties to have your child's birthday at the studio! What a great way to celebrate your event! We provide the decorations, set up the cake and refreshments, entertain the guests, and clean up! You just show up, play games and dance with your kids, and have TONS OF FUN! We offer various themes to suit your child's age and interest. Brochures with more information about our birthday packages are available in the front lobby. ☆

Spread the word about our studio!

The MelRoe's Referral Program gives our current students a chance to earn FREE classes. If you tell a friend or family member about MelRoe's and they enroll in a dance/tumbling class, **you get \$10 off your tuition that month.** Now, the new student MUST tell us that YOU referred them to the studio and YOU will get \$10 off your next monthly tuition automatically!

Here's the best part...if you have 5 friends enroll at MelRoe's, you get \$50 off your next monthly tuition—there's NO LIMIT! So, start telling everyone you know about our new classes and remind them to mention your name when they enroll! ☆