

The P★D Press

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41 Years and Counting!

We are well underway in our 41st year of dancing! The entire staff at P&D is so excited for another fabulous year! We hope you enjoy the first issue of our monthly newsletter, "The P&D Press." In this newsletter, we will fill you in on the latest and greatest studio news and info, feature current students, highlight P&D alumni, and much more! If you have an idea for an article in a future issue, please email

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Coastal Dance Rage in Chicago

Some of our dancers recently attended the Coastal Dance Rage convention in Chicago. This two day event included instruction in Ballroom, Lyrical, Jazz, Contemporary and Hip-Hop. Co-owner and "So You Think You Can Dance" choreographer Shannon Mather is one of the many popular and highly sought after instructors at CDR. She and the other choreographers focus on bringing out the best in each dancer by striving for quality, individual attention in a fun and upbeat environment. P&D teacher Miss Joni said, "This was by far the best convention I've ever been to. It was organized, motivating, challenging and FUN!"



2nd Generation P&D Dancer

This is a fun feature we hope to consistently include in the P&D Press. We have quite a handful of dancers whose moms were once P&D dancers themselves!

This month, our P&D 2nd Generation Dancer is Ella Thowe. Ella is five years old and dances on the competitive team. Her repertoire this year includes large group jazz and tap numbers, a jazz small group and a jazz duo with her cousin Taylor Bargfrede!

Ella's mom, Jenny Bargfrede Thowe, danced at P&D through high school until she graduated in 1993. She has very fond memories of her time as a P&D dancer and is thrilled that her daughter can take lessons at P&D as well!

In addition to dance, Ella likes gymnastics and swimming. She is looking forward to her second year as a competitive dancer at P&D. When asked what she is most excited about this year, she said, "Dancing on stage with all my friends and also with my cousin!"



P & D Holiday Spirit!

P & D has adopted two families for the holidays with the help of the Bishop Sullivan Center (bishopsullivan.org). Look for more info on how you can help - coming soon!!



Winter is Coming...

In inclement weather, we try to follow the North Kansas City School District decisions on whether or not to conduct classes. However, there are times when we do conduct classes on NKCS D early dismissal days if we feel the road conditions have improved enough. If you aren't sure if classes are in session due to weather, visit priscillaanddanas.net or our Facebook page, or call 816-455-0900 for the latest information.

Facebook Fans!

Please become a "fan" of Priscilla & Dana's! Search for "Priscilla and Dana's School of Dance." We will keep the page updated with the latest information including cancellations due to inclement weather. You can meet alumni, view pictures, chat with other moms, etc!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Gladstone-MO/Priscilla-Danas-School-of-Dance/126606187660?ref=ts>

Lost and Found

Several items have been turned in to the P&D lost and found recently, and we are looking for the rightful owners! The pieces waiting to be retrieved include clothes, leotards, ballet skirts, shoes and more! All items in lost and found will be donated to Goodwill at the end of the month, so please take a moment this week to look in the lost and found and make sure that none of the items collected belong to your child. The lost and found is located off the lobby, past the main restroom, in the corner.

Happy Birthday to You!

Best Wishes to our November Birthdays!

Blair Armstrong
Bentlei Benak
Sofia Cascone
Nicole Conforti
Ainsley Dillon
Juliet Greim
Shelby Hakes
Bailey Kenney
Madeline Monaco
Oliver Montagner
Maren O'Hara
Aubrey Petty
Emily Rost
Darian Rowe
Jillian Winkel
Miss Priscilla!



Practice, Practice and More Practice!!

A few words of inspiration....

*"It's not necessarily the amount of time you spend at practice that counts; it's what you put into the practice."
Eric Lindros*

*"Practice means to perform, over and over again in the face of all obstacles, some act of vision, of faith, of desire. Practice is a means of inviting the perfection desired."
Martha Graham*

*"We learn by practice. Whether it means to learn to dance by practicing dancing or to learn to live by practicing living, the principles are the same. One becomes in some area an athlete of God."
Martha Graham*



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