



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WELCOME ALL STUDENTS !

We would like to welcome all of our new and our returning students to both our Hermosa & Redondo Schools.

We hope that everyone is successfully settling into their dance classes and music lessons.

We would like to thank you for being part of our school.

Please don't hesitate to call us with any question you might have. Our office hours are as follows;

Hermosa 310 318 6260

M- F 9am- 9pm
S 9am- 3pm

Redondo 310 406 1700

M- F 3pm-9pm
S 9am-3pm

FALL 2006

Either location may assist you no matter which location you are currently attending.

Please take advantage of our website as it is a great resource for information throughout the year.

www.SchoolOfDanceAndMusic.com

Please note that new dance and music class times will be added to the schedule in Nov. & Jan.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

School Holiday Breaks
(No Dance Classes / Music Lessons)

Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 19th—Nov.26th

Winter Break
Dec. 22nd—January 4th

June 2006 Dance Photos

Complimentary group photos have all been mailed out. Your individual pictures are available still for purchase on line at www.jwpartypictures.com

June 2006 Dance Recital DVD's

Complimentary Dvd's also have all been mailed out, we have a few extra's left for sale if you were looking to purchase another copy.



HERMOSA SCHOOL OF DANCE & MUSIC



REDONDO SCHOOL OF DANCE & MUSIC

BRING A FRIEND DAY !! (DANCE & MUSIC)

The week of Oct. 23rd-30th . Is Bring A Friend Week.

Each student can invite one friend to attend their dance class or music lesson.

The lesson before 'Bring A Friend Week' students will



receive an invitation from their teacher to give to the individual they wish to invite. Visiting students must bring the form back with them when they attend the dance class or music lesson.

COMPETITION TEAM

Our national winning Competition Dance Team has already started learning their pieces for this season. We are so excited to have such a wonderful collection of dancers!



HOLIDAY BREAKS

Our school will be open on Halloween for classes. Please feel free to come in your costume. If you cannot make it, please let the front desk know and you may make-it-up at a later date. The school will also be closed over Thanksgiving & Winter break however will be offering holiday camps during this time. *More info available at the front desk.*

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DANCE RECITAL COSTUME DEADLINE NOV. 18TH

Participating in our Dance Recital is optional. All dance students enrolled before Nov. 18th may participate in our Dance Recital at the Redondo Performing Arts Center on June 9th & 10th, 2007. Even though a student may be enrolled by Nov. 18th. He or She must have marked "yes" for the the recital option on the registration form in order to be able to participate in our dance recital.

We please ask you to check with the front desk make sure that you (or your son or daughter) are indeed registered to participate in our recital. A confir-



mation will be also be mailed to you around this time. We will be having 3 recitals on Saturday June 9th & 5 recitals on Sunday June 10th. Each group will perform once in one of these recitals. Recitals are separated to keep each one at a pleasant length of 1 hr 30 min.

with no intermission.

If you happen to switch class times please note to settle in your final choice also by this Nov. 18th, for costumes are ordered class specific. If a class time switch is unavoidable, it is possible that you may not be able to perform. (In some cases, there might be a costume available, however, many times the size is incorrect)

More information about the dance recital in general may be picked up year round at the front desk.

MUSIC RECITAL IN JANUARY

Come join us for our bi-annual music recital where students share

their musical achievements with their family and friends. The music recital is also a chance for students to see special performances from our incredible music staff!

All of the Recitals will be held at the Redondo School of Dance and Music (633 N. PCH, Redondo Beach). There will be a stage, performance lighting, decorations and

seating for a very memorable event. Tickets are \$2.00 and there are a limited amount of seats available (note: performers do not need a ticket.) Music recitals are divided into multiple sessions through out the day. All recitals will be approximately 45minutes in length.

Note to ALL music students: If you have not already received a recital form please

pick one up from the front desk and let us know whether you are or are not interested in performing in the recital. Please turn in the form to the front desk by Jan.7th '07.

Music Recital

Jan. 21st !



PERFORMANCE DANCE TEAM AUDITIONS ! NOV. 3RD

Calling *all* dancers that want to perform more than just once a year at our June recital! The performance team will meet once a week for a 1-2 hr rehearsal and learn routines that will be brought to multiple performances around the community. Last year our performance team performed at a Clipper Game, Dineyland Parade, Showstopper Dance Competition, and an extra routine in our June Recital.

Requirements upon admittance are as follows: Minimum of one hour of classes of any kind per week and attendance to a 1 hr-2 hr weekly rehearsal class.

Performance fees include adding one more dance class to your monthly tuition, cos-

tumes, warm-ups, tickets and/or venue charges to the events.

Auditions and a parent information meeting will be held at our Hermosa Location Friday, Nov. 3rd at 6:15pm. Dancers must be 6 yrs by Nov. 3rd through 17 yrs of age.

Groups will be divided by age and dance experience. Attendance and commitment is also required.

Please call in your dancers name to reserve a spot for auditions—spots are limited. See you there ! (*Tennis shoes only required at auditions*)



HOLIDAY CAMPS ! (OVER THANKSGIVING , WINTER, PRESIDENTS , & SPRING BREAK)

Hermosa & Redondo School of Dance presents it's EVER-SO-POPULAR All-In-One Camps during our HOLIDAY BREAK !

The All-In-One Camp includes Hip Hop, Jazz, Yoga, Cheer, Music, Acting, Theater, Gymnastics

and an end of the week demo for the parents !

Spaces are extremely limited due to the fact that there are only a few holiday breaks, so if you are interested we are taking sign-ups starting Oct. 9th for our holiday camps.

Please wear comfortable clothes, tennis shoes, and bring a bagged lunch for a face-paced, full on active day. Only 12 students per session will be accepted. Hermosa & Redondo Locations. Ages 4-5yrs / 5-8yrs/ 9-12 yrs accepted.

Thanksgiving Camp

Nov. 20-22 M-W 9-1pm

Winter Camp

Dec. 26-28 M-W 9-1pm

Presidents Camp

Feb. 20-22 T-Th 9-1pm

Spring Camp

April 4-6th T-Th 9-1pm

ADDED CONVENIENCE TO OUR MUSIC STUDENTS !

To help families with their busy schedule, Hermosa & Redondo School of Music is adding a wonderful convenience to their program.

We are now providing all of our music students a compli-

mentary music book for their lessons. This will save more driving around time for our south bay families. Doing this ensures that our students are starting or continuing lessons with the proper materials in a

timely manner.

Note : Only one book or music supply is given per quarter by the school, additional materials can be found at our recommended stores. (Marshall Music, Guitar Center, etc.)



COMMON MUSIC QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ?

Do I need a piano at home to take piano lessons? You can start lessons by using an electric keyboard to practice on. Most of our students rent or buy small electric keyboards to practice on at home. We recommend a keyboard that has regular size keys and a touch sensitive response, which means if you press a key harder it will play louder and if you press a key softer it will play quieter.

Do I need a full drum set to take drum lessons? No you do not need a full drum set to start drum lessons. Students can start lessons by using a practice pad. This is a small dinner plate size pad that costs \$20-\$30 that is used for practicing basic drum rhythms.

How long does it take to learn an instrument? There is no set answer of how long it takes to

learn an instrument. With regular practice a basic level playing can be accomplished in a few months. Most of our students take lessons on a long term basis because they want to be constantly improving and they find lessons enjoyable.

I don't have any musical background or ability; can I still help my child practice? Yes. Even if you don't have a

musical background you can ask the teacher for advice on how to help your child practice. By simply monitoring that they are doing exercises a certain number of times per day the student will progress. Many parents occasionally sit in on their child's music lesson to get an idea of the proper way a song should sound or how the student should be positioning their hands.

WHICH BALLET SHOES ARE BEST FOR ME ?

Leather? Canvas? Full Sole ? Split Sole ? These days dancers have a wide range of options in choosing a pair of soft ballet shoes. Factors vary from dancer's age, and shape of foot.

Leather vs. Canvas? When trying on leather shoes, one must be sure that the shoe fit rather snug because the leather will stretch as the dancer wears and breaks in the shoe.

Canvas does not stretch as much as leather so when trying on canvas shoes, they should fit comfortably. Canvas shoes are usually more comfortable for dancers with wider feet. Therefore, when buying the right

ballet shoes, leather should feel uncomfortably tight when they are new, where canvas should be very comfortable when trying on.

Canvas shoes become dirty extremely fast picking up any dust particles off the floor, however can be washed in a washing machine and air dried. Where leather shoes look clean and new for a longer period of time. Leather shoes also cost usually a little more than canvas shoes.

Full Sole vs. Split Sole?

Most teachers prefer a full sole shoe for ballet training. A full sole shoe offers more resistance than a split-

sole, and is important in building foot strength.

Some students prefer to wear a split-sole shoe, which is more flattering to the line of the foot because it accentuates the arch for a beautiful point. This is also why split-sole shoes are preferred for performances.

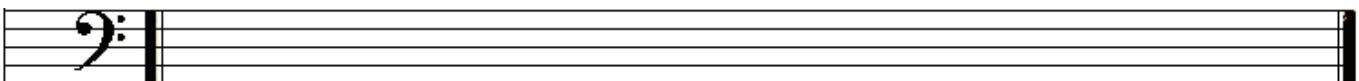
There are other misc. differences in ballet shoes from U vs. V-shaped vamps, drawstrings, seams, etc. The only way to know which shoe is right for you is to try several types and compare. Please remember to take your time fitting your ballet shoe properly.

What is required at our

school?

Pink ballet shoes are required for dance class due to the fact that the dancers will need that color for the end of the year recital.

As for specific type of ballet shoes, we leave the decision up to you. You may also have you dancer ask his or her teacher what she prefers. If you are training in ballet more than once a week and want the best of both worlds you may choose to have both full sole & split sole to some times work on foot strength and other times enjoy showing off you beautiful arch.





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OCTOBER 2006

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Holiday Camp Registration Begins October 9th. You may pick up your holiday camp flyer at the front desk.

Come join us for a special Break Dancing Workshop at our Redondo location on Oct. 20th at 3:15pm. You may register for this at the front desk. All 9yrs & up are welcome.

Bring a friend week begins the week of October 23rd ! Make sure to pick up your invitation to give to your friend from your teacher.

School is open on Halloween, please let us know if you will be missing this day.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	2 Oct. School Month	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Holiday Camp Registration Begins	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20 BREAK DANCE WORKSHOP Redondo 3:15	21
22	23 BRING A FRIEND WEEK	24 BRING A FRIEND WEEK	25 BRING A FRIEND WEEK	26 BRING A FRIEND WEEK	27 BRING A FRIEND WEEK	28 BRING A FRIEND WEEK
29	30 Nov. School Month	31 Halloween ! School is open Please call if you do not plan on Attending. Thanks				

Check out our online calendar at www.SchoolOfDanceAndMusic.com for the most current information.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Performance Dance Team Auditions will be held at our Hermosa location at 6:15 Nov. 3rd. Please remember to call ahead of time to reserve your spot.

Costume Measuring will be taking place for our dance program Nov. 6th—18th. Students will be called out by the dance recital directors one by one to get their measurements for our June recital. Process takes about 2 minutes, and growth is also taken into account. Please try not to miss class during this time thank you.

School will be closed Thanksgiving break week, however, we will be open for our Holiday Camp!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Oct	30 Oct	31 Oct	1	2	3 Performance Dance Team Auditions Hermosa 6:15 pm	4
5	6 Costume Measuring Week- Make sure to be in class.	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Costume Measuring Week- Make sure to be in class.	14	15	16	17	18
19 Thanksgiving Break—No Dance Classes or Music Lessons	20 Holiday Camp 9am—1pm	21 Holiday Camp 9am—1pm	22 Holiday Camp 9am—1pm	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	1 Dec	2 Dec

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

School will be closed during Winter Break however we will be open for our Holiday Camps !

Other Community Events :

Journey to Bethlehem is free and open to the public Dec. 8th, 9th, and 10th from 6-8:30 PM . Families come to taste authentic foods, make pottery and experience this time in many different ways. Located at 1243 Artesia Blvd. Manhattan Beach. Directed by one of our dance teachers Jennessa Assay.

Kairos Dance Company will be performing at the Hermosa Play house at 8PM January 5th & 6th. Tickets may be purchased those evenings at the Hermosa Playhouse box office. Directed by one of our dance teachers Hazel Clarke

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Dec School Month					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				Last day of classes before break	Winter Break—No Dance Classes or Music Lessons	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Holiday Camp 9am—1pm	Holiday Camp 9am—1pm	Holiday Camp 9am—1pm		
31	1 Jan	2 Jan	3 Jan	4 Jan	5 Jan	6 Jan
					Classes Resume	

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