



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS 2008 - 2009

### WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING TO CLASS?

- ❖ The proper uniform for all participants.
- ❖ A diaper is required for any child who is not toilet trained.
- ❖ Long hair should be securely tied or fastened so it stays out of their eyes.
- ❖ Shoes fitted to your child's feet for Traditional classes, Level 1 or above. Please make sure child's name is clearly written inside each shoe. No shoes are necessary for Jumpin' for Joy, Magnificent Moving Kidz, or Aimdance for Kidz classes.
- ❖ A dance bag is recommended. It is helpful to have something to keep belongings (i.e. shoes and uniform) contained on the way to and from class.

### HOW CAN I MAKE SURE MY CHILD HAS THE BEST EXPERIENCE POSSIBLE?

- ❖ **Allow plenty of time before class so your child is not rushed.**  
This includes time for changing into dancewear, removing shoes, using the restroom, etc. You and your child coming into class late is a huge distraction for those children already in class, and can make it more difficult for your own child to focus.
- ❖ **Limit observers to one or two per child.**  
While we love it when parents take an active interest in their child's progress, there comes a point when too many observers are detrimental to the classroom learning environment. This could be due to a variety of factors, including an increased noise level, cell phones ringing, people entering/leaving the room, the presence of cameras, snacks, water bottles, toys, etc. Keep in mind, if each class has the maximum of 12 students, and each child has 2 observers, that's 24 people in the room—potential for multiple distractions.
- ❖ **If your child gets upset or refuses to participate...**  
Either of these is a natural expression of a child's discomfort or fear which can come from an unfamiliar and new experience, or may be an effort to draw attention away from the other students. Parents need to keep a positive attitude and show confidence in their instructor without reinforcing the child's behavior. We will never do anything to intimidate your child. Our instructors are qualified and committed to working with your child to help him or her to overcome their reservations.



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### DO YOU ENCOURAGE TAKING CLASSES YEAR-ROUND OR TAKING A BREAK?

Consistency and repetition are very important for children to acquire and maintain skills and concepts. The longer they are away from dancing, the longer it takes the child to work back to their previous skill level. In addition, there is a chance they could lose confidence or become fearful during a break. In addition to Fall and Spring classes, we offer Summer classes so students have the opportunity to maintain and improve their dance skills without the usual distractions of school and other activities.

### WHAT ABOUT RECITALS?

Please read more on our philosophy. We don't do recitals because we believe that working on those recital pieces for an all-important, one-time only performance takes away valuable time for learning and progress, in addition to taking the joy and artistry out of dance. Yes, gaining performance experience is valuable for developing into stronger, more technical dancers, but we don't think it should be forced onto young children. For students who wish to have performance experience, we have developed the AimDance Ensemble Program for ages 6 and up. We think this is a much more valuable way to for students to experience the excitement and joy of performance.

### WHAT IF I HAVE A QUESTION OR CONCERN?

We would be happy to meet with you and address your concerns. However, instead of trying to fit those questions in before or after class, we ask that you set up an appointment. This is so that we can devote our full attention to you and not be distracted or rushed to start the next class.