

JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2012

Join us for a visit to.....

CONEY ISLAND U.S.A.



This year we're taking a trip to the New York seashore for a visit to "Coney Island USA". Join our vacationing Family of Four, the high class Aristocrats, and the Honeymooners as they are welcomed by the Manhattan Beach Hotel staff. See all the sights around the Boardwalk, enjoy the seaside and watch the bathing beauties play in the surf, meet the Congress of Curious People, and don't forget to ride in the Tunnel of Love and play all the fun games at the parks.

Our 19th annual recital will be held at Cuyahoga Falls High School on Friday June 15th AND Saturday June 16th

beginning with our Competition Pre-Show at 5:30 pm and then our feature presentation at 6:30 pm on both evenings.

Important Dates for Recital 2012

LAST DAY OF REGULAR CLASSES:

Friday, June 8, 2012

STUDIO REHEARSALS:

Saturday, June 9, 2012

Sunday, June 10, 2012

Staging Rehearsal:

Monday, June 11, 2012

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Dress Rehearsal:

Wednesday, June 13, 2012

Thursday, June 14th, 2012



Snow days!

Call the studio for a pre-recorded message on cancellation details. You can also tune to WKYC-TV 3 OR WEWS-TV-5 for closing information. Other media to watch are email notifications, or follow us on Twitter or Facebook. Please keep in mind we do not automatically close even if the schools are closed.

Don't Miss Out!

Check out our new, upcoming classes!

New **8-week sessions** beginning Tuesday, January 10th! Bring your toddler for our **Mom or Dad & Me 5:45-6:30** or try **Kindercise** for your 3-5 year old from **6:30 to 7:30**.

Get your groove on with Spongebob, Patrick and Sandy in our latest 6 weeks creative class, **Dance with Spongebob** starting **Wednesday, January 18th 4:00-5:00**.

Parents, grab your dancing' shoes and join us for a 4-week **Ballroom** session beginning **Saturday, January 14th 4:30-5:30**.

Fridge Facts

Final Observation

& Spotting Clinic:

January 23-28

Akron U Performance:

February 4

'Tremaine' Competition

February 18 & 19

Cecchetti Exams, Elaine Parks

Studio—Newton Falls, Ohio

February 24-26

'Creation' Competition

Youngstown, Ohio

March 10 & 11

Spring Break:

March 19-25

'Kids Artistic Review' Comp

Columbus, Ohio

April 13 & 14

Ticket Sales:

April 28

Recital Photos -Say "Cheese"!

April 29

Split Club Inductees,

Barberton Maqical Theater

May 4

2012-2013 Competition Auditions:

May 5 & 6

STUDIO CLOSED Memorial Day

Monday May 28

A BIG THANK YOU!

Our whole staff here at AADbK would like to extend to you our sincere gratitude for all your thoughtful gifts and holiday wishes. We hope that *all of you* had a joyous season and a relaxing winter break. May you now share in our enthusiasm for the second half of our dance season.



Have a Party with us!

We can help you have a fantastic party while taking the worry and stress away. We offer the following themes for your guest of honor: Fairy Princess Ballet party, A Glamour Girl Dance party, High School Musical, A Totally Awesome Acrobatic party, Camp Rock with the Jonas Brothers and Hannah Montana Dance party!

ALL PARTIES INCLUDE:

- Custom-made invitations by our staff
- Dress Up attire related to the chosen theme
- A 1,500 square foot, fully decorated room
- A fun, private dance class taught by 2 trained instructors
- A hands-on craft to take home
- Gift recording by the party assistant
- A special gift for the Guest of Honor

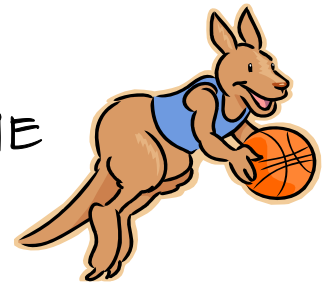
SPLIT DECISIONS!

All students are presently being checked during their classes for their ability to attain any or all three splits. Students will have an opportunity to achieve these until our deadline of March 17, 2012. Keep in mind, all students who have ALREADY attained a split must be able to show their instructors in any given class. Any student who attains a split (or all 3) will be invited to attend the live stage production of Miss Nelson Has A Field Day on Friday, May 4th at the Barberton Magical Theatre. After the show there will be a Pizza Party hosted by Miss Kristen. In addition, the students will be inducted into our 2011-2012 Flexibility Club and will be recognized at the end of the dance season.

COME SEE US PERFORM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON BASKETBALL GAME

Saturday, February 4th

5:00 Women's & 7:30 Men's



Come watch the Akron University Basketball games and see our **All About Dance Competition** members perform at halftime! It's a TWO FOR ONE DEAL! Tickets are only \$7.00 per person to see both games! **Everyone must purchase a ticket this year, including performers. Cash & checks only, no credit cards please.** Sign up at the front desk; payment is due at the time of sign up. **Deadline to order tickets is January 30th. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10.00 each.**

Student Assessments

Over the last few months, instructors have been observing your child in class. As a follow up to our parent-teacher conferences, any parent may request an individual assessment for your child. Assessments are criterion-based and are specific to your child's dance subject(s). If you are interested, please notify the office by January 28th.

The student's assessment will be handed out in your child's class prior to February 11th. Please feel free to email your child's teacher through our website with any questions or concerns you may have.

COMING SOON!

RECITAL CHOREOGRAPHY

Showcase routines will be beginning soon and good attendance is a must. Please notify your instructor of any dates students may be absent. A recital is a big commitment for both our students and their parents. We emphasize the memorization of their dance pieces. Practicing with the correct music or a video of the routine is a great learning aid. All students are encouraged to purchase a pre-recorded CD of their showcase music. Please keep in mind that many times the chosen song is edited and arranged particularly for their class. Each CD sells for \$5.00. Once the routine is underway, please fill out a **dance recital music order form** at the courtesy desk and return with your payment. Music will be distributed to the students during their class approximately 2 weeks later. Also, beginning in April, parents are encouraged to bring in a camcorder to video the routine during class for students to practice at home. This is an extremely helpful tool. Parents are also asked to take note of the student "**Star Charts**" posted on our hallway bulletin boards. These charts will show the progress of all students (exception: Kinderchise) in learning their dance number. They are designed not only to encourage, but to help them understand where they need to practice more and helps them in paying attention to specific details of the choreography.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...

We are ALWAYS in need of anyone wishing to contribute to our recital in any way. We will need MANY, MANY dressing room volunteers for both evenings of our show! Please consider volunteering your time for one evening and enjoying the show for the other!! Please let us know if you are interested in designing and making props! A more official "call-to-duty" will be sent out in the upcoming months for dressing room, line-up, backstage, finale, ushers, door guards, kinderchise/kinderdance, and quick changers. Again, with two shows, why not enjoy our great show from the audience and then also experience the backstage excitement the other night? Stay tuned for more info!

REMINDER:

THERE WILL BE NO STUDENT VISITOR PASSES, NEW STUDENTS, OR MAKE-UP STUDENTS PERMITTED IN ANY CLASSES DURING OUR OBSERVATION WEEKS.

COSTUMES & ACCESSORIES.....



The perfect costume, matching accessories, and individual props are a necessary part of our recital. Pictures of each of the costumes are now displayed on the studio bulletin boards. Any accessories and other details are posted along side each picture as well as the amount. If props and accessories are TBA later, keep checking with the office for details. Most costume orders should be arriving throughout the months of April and May. In the event that the actual cost exceeds the deposit previously paid, the entire remaining balance must be paid in full before receiving your costumes and/or props. If the amount of the costume is less than your deposit, a credit will be applied to your account. Required color for shoes, specific shoes, and tight information will be posted in the following weeks. At that time, AADbK will provide you with the opportunity to purchase the required tights from the studio. The tights will be delivered directly to the studio at a later date for pick-up. This is just for your convenience but you can purchase them yourself; there is no price difference.