

# Midwest Dance Notes

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## +Studio T-shirts+

T-shirts with the studio name and logo are available now for \$18 children or \$20 adult. Come to the office to order yours today.

## Creative Movement and Motor Development

Why are they playing games in dance class? We use a creative movement curriculum that targets development in spatial relationships, literal development, balance, body awareness, muscle development, and listening skills. Each week the children play a game or do an activity that helps them develop motor skills and learn concepts in each of these categories. Sometimes the activity will be incorporated into dance or tumbling, other times it will be in a games section. Just because we are playing, doesn't mean it isn't serious learning for your 3 or 4 year old. By the end of the year they will have developed all the skills needed to progress to the next level of dance.

## New Students

It takes a while for many students to adjust to dance class. Your child may not want to go in the classroom or may only want to watch for the first few lessons. Please don't let this bother you. Your child is learning even when not in the class. They are learning how a dance class works, they are learning how other students act with the teacher and they are learning what parents are doing during dance class. We have found that all of the children are participating by the 4th week. Just let your child take the time he or she needs to feel comfortable.

**Make-up policy:** If your child misses a class for illness, vacation, or holiday you can always make up the class anytime during the year. To make up a class just drop in any class that is the same level. There is a schedule in the office or on our website.

## Our Newest Staff Member

We welcome Miss Jane to Midwest Academy of Dance. Jane received her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri. She is trained in Ballet, Tap, Jazz and Modern along with six different world dance genres. She has taught dance in the St. Louis and New York area to dancers of all ages and levels. We are very excited to have Miss Jane join our staff.

## Halloween Party

Save the date, October 31, for our studio Halloween party. Children are encouraged to come in costume to play games and enjoy snacks. More information coming in next month's newsletter.

## Parents!

## We have classes for YOU!

### Dance

Jazz, Monday 7:00 - 7:45 pm

Tap, Monday 7:50 - 8:35 pm

### Yoga

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 - 9:30 am

Wednesday 7:00 - 8:00 pm

### Zumba

Monday & Wednesday 8:30 - 9:30 am

Wednesday 6:30 - 7:00 pm

**COME TRY A CLASS TODAY!**

## Vendor Fair

Many of our parents sell Avon, Homemade Gourmet, Usborne Books and other vendor merchandise. We will have a vendor's fair Saturday, October 17th from 9:00 am - Noon in the large studio. You are invited to exhibit your product there. Vendors must be parents or grandparents of our students and register in the office. There is no charge to the vendors, but spaces are limited so call or come in now.