

Monthly Newsletter



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Daphne Boden	2/1
Amelia Koebcke	2/3
Deon Readus	2/4
Miranda Searle	2/4
Mairel De La Garza	2/10
Lizzie Copeland	2/13
Ella McNeely	2/15
Aria Gregory	2/18
Dakota Parsley	2/18
Hailey Russell	2/19
Norah Halon	2/20
Olivia Ray	2/22
Brody Campbell	2/23
Madison Pope	2/24
Addison Hensley	2/26
Ciera Wheeler	2/28

The studio will be open on Great Americans Day (February 19)

Spring Break

March 26—March 31

Studio will be CLOSED

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The Surprise Revealed...

We're going to Disney!!!! After nearly two months of promising to reveal the "big secret," it's time to share the good news. In July of 2019, the Premier dancers will have an opportunity to perform on the stage at Epcot® at the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida. ALL Premier dancers ages 7+ (a Disney age requirement) are invited to be part of this special four (4) Night/four (4) Day event (additional days can be added). This is a performance opportunity, not a competition, and allows families to make this 'the' family vacation, with the added benefit of watching their sons or daughters perform in American's Number One Destination. Included in the pricing of the event will be:

- Performance in a stage performance in World ShowPlace at Epcot
- 4-Day Disney 'Park Hopper Pass' to all four Disney World Theme Parks (note Arrival Day is NOT

included in the base package. Park Hopper is intended to be used June 29-July 2. Additional days can be added)

- 4-Nights at Disney's Caribbean Beach Resort (with an option to extend your stay)
- Disney transportation throughout stay
- Dance the World Event memories DVD for each performer
- All taxes, gratuities and services of the Dance the World staff
- Option to attend Dance the World Gala Dinner Event in World Show Place
- Be part of 'Celebrity Week' with special guests available to work with dancers [2019 Celebrity is yet to be announced. Previous celebrities included: Lindsay Arnold (2018), Witney Carson (2017, 2016), Chelsie Hightower (2015)]

All arrangements for this event will be made through

"World Class Vacations."

Special pricing and payment plans will be available through this vacation vendor and is extended to friends and family. We are waiting detailed information on the pricing and payment methods. That information should be arriving shortly; but we didn't want to wait any longer to reveal the surprise.

The theme for next year's competition production number and the 2019 recital will be Disney based. This will allow us a special performance piece without requiring additional (or very limited) practices for the dancers. What they perform at recital will be what they will perform at Disney.

So, mark your calendars! We hope that many of our dance families will be able to join at what is being called, "The Year's Most Magical Dance Event" in one of the most magical places on earth.



Preparing for Recital—June 23

This year's show, *Heart of a Champion* promises to be a fun afternoon for our performers and the audience as well. We will hold two recitals this year. Recital lists and show assignments are now posted in the lobby. When planning ahead, please be sure to make arrangements to be at the mandatory dress rehearsal on Friday afternoon (June 22) beginning at 12 noon.

Here are a few tidbits about recital that you should know:

- Recital will be held on June 23, at Plainfield High School. Mandatory dress rehearsal will be held on

June 22, at Plainfield High School

- A master list of all recital participants is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby. This list will be used to create the program and the "cast list" for the dance recital t-shirts. Please take a few minutes to check the spelling of your child's name and class assignments.
- A souvenir program is being created. There will be space in the program for business ads; as well as an opportunity for family and friends to purchase

personalized ads for dancers.

- A professional photographer, will be at the studio on June 2 (recreation classes) and June 1 and 3 (comp dancers) to photograph groups and individual dancers in costume. Participation is not mandatory, but everyone is welcome!
- Recital is open to the public and you are encouraged to invite family and friends. Presale of tickets will begin on June 1. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

Premier Student of the Month



Broderick Campbell may be new to Premier, but he is already leaving his mark. Not only does Brody bring natural dance ability to his hip hop class; but even more impactful is his “team

player” attitude. He is a great leader in class always willing to help out a friend or asks questions to be sure he is doing everything correctly. Brody has the most positive attitude every week and always gives 100%. It shows week to week that he works at home and is striving to become the best dancer he can be! Brody is quick to see where an extra hand is needed and doesn't hesitate to jump in without being told as evidenced by his backstage help with the younger students during the Breakfast with Santa. We're so excited to have Brody as a

Premier Dancer and look forward to watching him grow as a dancer and young adult.

Age: 11

Nickname: “Brody”

Favorite Color: Blue

Favorite School Subject: Reading

Favorite Restaurant: Chick-Fil-A

Favorite Store: Game Stop

Favorite Candy/Food: Mac and Cheese

Favorite Sport: Baseball

Favorite Dance Style: HipHop

Why do you dance? I very much enjoy dancing and I like to help others dance better, too.

What do you want to be when you grow up? A basketball color commentator. I always think it is fun to announce what is happening on the court.

If you could meet anyone in the world who would it be? Joey Votto. He is my favorite athlete and someone I look to for inspiration to do better.



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Upcoming Events

- February 19—President's Day (Studio OPEN)
- March 26-31—Spring Break (closed)
- April 7—Annual Lock-In
- May 6—Wicked the Musical
- June 1-3—Picture Days (Rec dancers 6/2/18)
- June 16—Comp Team Auditions
- June 22—MANDATORY Dress Rehearsal
- June 23—Recital

Recital Assignments—Check the List!

Please take a few minutes to check the Recital list in the lobby to see:

- Recital assignment (Please make sure that your dancer is assigned correctly to ALL classes in which he/she will be dancing.)
- Spelling of your dancer's name for the program and recital shirts.
- If you see any problems, please notify a staff member ASAP.

Competition Corner

Competition Schedule

Act I Talent*

- February 16-18

On Point

- March 2-4 (Due 1/15)

Imagine

- March 9-11 (Due 1/15)

Encore

- April 20-22 (Due 2/15)

NexStar*

- May 18-20 (Due 3/15)

NexStar National (TN)

- July 5-9 (Due 5/15)

Please make sure your
competition fees are up-to-date!

Special Thanks!

What a wild, crazy start to our competitions season! Between costume complications and canceled competitions, we need to give special thanks to those who have worked tirelessly to ensure our dancers are ready to shine at Act I Talent.

◆ Countless number of parents who have given their time to make sure the girls “sparkle” on stage by applying thousands of stones to the competition costumes.

◆ Tyler Copeland for building an amazing “Boom” box for our Dancercise mini jazz team.

◆ All the Premier Comp parents for their flexibility, patience and support!

Comp Dancer Expectations

A reminder that as members of the Comp Team, you set the “barre” for Premier Academy. Please continue set an excellent standard by:

- Being on time for class
- Dressing appropriately
- Paying attention and working hard in class
- Encouraging all dancers and teammates.
- Exhibiting excellent behavior in the lobby and hallways
- Taking pride in our facility by keeping it tidy