

# PAPA NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER - 2022

## OOGIE BOOGIE BUCKS

Each year, based on the gala theme, we incorporate a new student incentive program. In keeping with this year's Nightmare Before Christmas theme, this year's student incentive is the "Oogie Boogie Buck."



Here's how the rewards program works:

- Every dancer is eligible
- Throughout the dance year, teachers will be awarding students "Oogie Boogie Bucks" for exceptional behaviors, i.e., special acts of kindness, being a good listener, mastering a skill, cleaning up after themselves, etc.,
- The dancer's name will be written on the "buck" and signed by the teacher. The dancer is responsible for depositing it in the purple Nightmare jar on the front desk.
- Drawings for prizes will be held periodically throughout the year.



## A HOME FOR "RETIRED" SNEAKERS

PDC Boosters has partnered with GotSneakers who recycles used sneakers (sneakers only) to keep them out of the landfills. These shoes are generally not made from materials that are biodegradable and add to toxic fumes of the air and into the soil. PDC Boosters receives an amount back for every pair of used sneakers that can be used towards the cost of competition and supplies. The amount per pair is based upon the condition of the footwear. Shoes are being collected in the marked bin in the back of the studio near the east exit.

Fall Break	Thanksgiving Break	Winter Break	Spring Break
October 10th-16th	November 24th-27th	Dec 23rd - Jan 2nd	March 24th - 31st
<b>STUDIO CLOSED</b>	<b>STUDIO CLOSED</b>	<b>STUDIO CLOSED</b>	<b>STUDIO CLOSED</b>

# THEATRE, FESTIVALS, AND MORE!



## RAISING THE CURTAIN WITH PREMIER

After two years of waiting we are finally able to bring back one of our favorite events..."Raising the Curtain with Premier." Raising the Curtain offers our dancers and their families the opportunity to experience live theater and dance. Past productions have included *Cinderella*, *Wicked*, *Lion King*, *Cirque Dreams Holidays*, *Hamilton*, and *The Nutcracker*, to name a few.

Through our partnership with Broadway Across America, we have been able to secure a limited number of tickets for the Broadway musical, *Disney's Aladdin*. The show will be held **Sunday, November 20, 6:30 p.m. at Clowes Hall**. Tickets are \$45 and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you are interested in attending, please let us know. Tickets must be paid for by October 15.

We look forward to sharing this experience with our dance family.

## PREMIER WINDOW DECALS

Premier Academy window decals (studio logo personalized with the dancer's name) are available for purchase for \$10. The next order will be placed on October 15. If you're interested, place your order at the front desk or through email at [dance@premieracademyofdance.com](mailto:dance@premieracademyofdance.com).

## HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL

The Avon Chamber of Commerce, Avon Town Parks, and Washington Township Parks have joined forces to create a new program, the Harvest Moon Festival. (There will no longer be an Avon Heritage Festival). This new event will host an abundance of family-friendly activities including hayrides, bounce houses, petting zoo, pony rides, pumpkin smash, pumpkin carving, "Cornfield Mafia" concert, fireworks, and much more. The event takes place on Saturday, October 1 and runs from 12-9 p.m.. For a list of all activities go to [harvestmoonfestival.my.canva.site](http://harvestmoonfestival.my.canva.site).

Should you happen to attend, please stop by and visit the Premier Academy booth (11a.m.-5p.m.). We'd love to see you!



# NEW STUDIO HAPPENINGS...



## BRING A FRIEND WEEK, OCTOBER 3-7

Have a friend who has been expressing an interest in dancing, but not sure if it's for them? Or, is there that special friend you would like to bring to dance class, "just for the fun of it." **Premier Academy's Bring a Friend Week** will be held **October 3-7**. Friends will be welcome to attend class free of charge. Everyone is welcome!

## TINSEL AND TIARA

Calling all princes and princesses!!! Premier is excited to bring back "Tinsel and Tiara" the annual holiday tea/mini camp. The event will be held on Saturday, December 17, 9 a.m.-12 noon and is targeted for ages 3-7 years old. Participants will make crafts, play games, and attend royal etiquette lessons. Parents are invited to join in the culminating activity—an honest-to-goodness tea party. (Rumor has it that there will even be a secret visitor dressed in red making an appearance.)

Be watching for more information over the next couple of months. Space will be limited.

Participants will be selected on a first-come, first served basis

## ADULT CLASSES

Have you ever stood outside the dance room and said, "I wish I could do that?" Well...now you can. There are several adult classes now available.

Classes are beginner level, require no previous dance experience and require no long-term commitment. You can enroll online through the parent portal. All you need is a pair of dance shoes and a willingness to have fun, laugh, make new friends, and get a little exercise for both the mind and body.

*"Life is short and there will always be dirty dishes, so let's dance."*

*—James Howe*

### Adult Ballet

- Tuesdays, 8-8:45 p.m.

### Adult Tap

- Tuesdays, 1-1:45 p.m.
- Thursday, 7-7:30 p.m.  
(twice a month only)

Check the front desk for dates





# HOLIDAY SHOW AND PREMIER GALA



"WITHOUT LEAPS OF IMAGINATION OR DREAMING, WE LOSE THE EXCITEMENT OF POSSIBILITIES. DREAMING, AFTER ALL IS A FORM OF PLANNING." — GLORIA STEINEM

## PREMIER GALA & HOLIDAY SHOW THE NIGHT(MARE) BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Several Premier staff members recently gathered at a cabin in Unionville, Indiana where they spent a weekend planning and prepping for the season. The goal for the retreat was formulating a plan for the dance year....aligning curriculum, laying the groundwork for the studio's virtual holiday show, and our prepping for our end-of-the-year gala. They spent hours listening to music, creating scripts, looking for costumes, and building curriculum.

This year's storyline for our virtual show (Holiday) will be, **"The Night Before Christmas."** Dancers will learn a short routine and then record their show in class **December 12th-December 16th.** Those recordings will then be edited into a virtual show to be shared with our dance families over the holidays. More detailed information will be upcoming regarding the show, performance t-shirts, and other pertinent information.

Our end-of-the-year gala will be a story, loosely based on the film **"Nightmare Before Christmas,"** will be a performance opportunity for ALL Premier Dancers. This formal, in-person production is the highlight of the year, so mark your calendars. The gala is tentatively scheduled for **June 17th.**

### CURRICULUM BUILDING



### GALA PREP



### SMORES AND MORE!



# PAPA DANCER NEWS: SEPTEMBER

## Happy Birthday

KINSEY ANTIOIR	SEPTEMBER 5
EMMA O'NEAL	SEPTEMBER 6
STELLA AUKER	SEPTEMBER 7
JOCELYN MENDENZ	SEPTEMBER 7
ADELYN ALBERTSON	SEPTEMBER 8
LILLY CLARK	SEPTEMBER 8
CHARLOTTE CASE	SEPTEMBER 9
HELENE GREER	SEPTEMBER 9
CLAIRE NEWBY	SEPTEMBER 9
MIA COPELAND	SEPTEMBER 10
SAVANNAH PARSLEY	SEPTEMBER 10
AALYA ROMERO	SEPTEMBER 11
SCARLETT FAYLOR	SEPTEMBER 12
SEBASTIAN BERENDS	SEPTEMBER 14
ADDISON JONES	SEPTEMBER 14
KENDALL ROSS	SEPTEMBER 14
KENDELL ASPLING	SEPTEMBER 15
EMILIA ST. CLAIR	SEPTEMBER 15
CHLOE WASSON	SEPTEMBER 16
NATHAN AKE-UZOIGWE	SEPTEMBER 18
SAM FERGUSON	SEPTEMBER 19
ALAINA IVY	SEPTEMBER 20
BERNICE FULLER	SEPTEMBER 21
JOSALYN BROWN	SEPTEMBER 29
MIA JENNINGS	SEPTEMBER 29



## DANCER OF THE MONTH

September's Dancer of the Month is Elena Barnes. Ellie is a long-time recreational dancer that her teacher praises as being very "hardworking." Her teacher was also quick to say, "She's willing to challenge herself and has become a wonderful dancer!"

Ellie always walks into the studio with a big, infectious smile on her face. She works hard, takes corrections well and is a good friend to her teammates. We look forward to seeing her come through the door each week, knowing that she brings with her a positive attitude and a willingness to do whatever it takes to be a better dancer. Keep up the good work, Ellie! You make us so proud!

**Name:** Elena Barnes

**Nickname:** Ellie

**Age:** 8

**How Long Have you Dance At Premier:** 4 years

**Favorite Color:** Turquoise or Teal

**Favorite Candy or Food:** Frozen Yogurt

**Favorite School Subject:** Reading

**Favorite Dance Style:** Ballet

**Favorite Store:** Spirit Halloween

**Favorite Restaurant:** Olive Garden

**Favorite Sport:** Softball

**Why do you dance:** Dancing makes me feel happy and I get to be around nice people!

**What do you want to be when you grow up?**

A Veterinarian

**If you could meet anyone in the world who would it be?** Dove Cameron (or somebody kind like Ms Dionne)