



2019 Gotta Dance Recital Letter

Dear Parents & Students:

Can you believe that another year has almost passed? It's Recital time already, but it seems like August was just a few weeks ago! It has been an incredibly busy year. The kids have grown so much and are excited to perform for you at this year's show. Recital is a wonderful opportunity for students to perform and showcase their talents and skills. We would like to remind parents to mark their calendars for the recital and dress rehearsal dates, so that each student will be able to participate. PLEASE NOTE!!!! For the 3rd year in a row our Recital will be at **Liberty High School - 9621 W. Specked Gecko Dr. Peoria 85383**. (Right down the street from our dance studio) Schedules will be listed in the packet that you will receive in May.

RECITAL PICTURES: MONDAY JUNE 17TH

STUDIO DRESS REHEARSAL: JUNE 18TH-19TH AT GOTTA DANCE

TECHNICAL REHEARSAL LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL: THURSDAY JUNE 20TH

RECITAL DATES: RECITAL WILL BE JUNE 21ST AND JUNE 22ND We will have 3 shows and each recital class will be in 2 of the 3 shows. If your dancer is in multiple classes, they will most likely be in all 3 shows.

First up, let's address costume and make up. Costume deposits have been billed to dancer's accounts. Costume balances are being billed now and are due in March. Costume fees are \$75 for 12 & under classes, \$85 for preteen/teen classes. In your packet (that will be passed out in May) there will be a detailed guide for costume, hair and make up for each class for the Recital. When it comes to make-up, we highly encourage the use of stage make-up, even for the little ones. Be sure to explain that stage make-up is not the same as normal make-up, because it is needed to see faces better on a bright stage. That said, we respect our Parent's wishes in this regard and do not require make-up. If you are uncomfortable letting your dancer wear make-up, we understand. That said, the packet will also cover costume, shoes and other requirements for each performer and those items are a must so our dancers all match.

When return from spring break, we will begin measuring dancers for costumes and working hard on getting ready for recital. Attendance is very important through the remainder of the season.

Let's talk tickets. Tickets will be available online for purchase at the beginning of June. We always sell out of tickets, so please get them early. Tickets are \$12 presale and \$15 at the door if available. Remember, we issue tickets when accounts are clear, so please ensure you do not have a balance remaining on your account! Under



no circumstances can a dancer perform in the Recital unless their account is paid in full. Check with the Front Desk if you have any questions.

Now for videotaping and pictures at the Recital. Every year this causes some heartburn for folks – often extended family who do not get the word - so please let everyone in your party know the rules in advance. While you are permitted and encouraged to take pictures and videotape the Recital Rehearsal, there are NO PICTURES OR VIDEOTAPING of the Recital itself. We have a professional videographer who will tape the shows and that DVD will be available a few weeks after Recital. There will be an order form in your packet with more details.

Next, flowers. Many, though not all parents often bring flowers to give to their performers. It's a very old tradition in the dance world. You are welcome to bring flowers if you like from anywhere. Every year we are asked to provide a flower option for parents who simply want to pick up their roses at the event. Thus, in your packet you will find a preorder form for flowers if you want us to have them ready for you at the show where you can pick them up.

Let's talk Programs. Parents, you will have the opportunity to purchase adds in our program with a picture of your dancer. By offering Recital Ads where friends and family can include personalized messages for their loved ones. Whether you just want to wish them luck, tell them you are proud of them or simply tell them you love them, Recital Ads are a good way to deliver the message in a memorable way. The Programs themselves are free.

Have you seen our Recital T-shirts?! They ROCK! Our recital theme will be on the front and all the names of all our Recital dancers on the back. It is a keepsake we see again and again as our dancers wear past Recital T-shirts until they are worn out or outgrown. We only order shirts for those who have pre-ordered and paid for them.

Finally, I'd like to encourage all of you to stay for the entire show. I know it's easy to watch your dancer and get on with your day, but please keep in mind, the last dancer on stage deserves a full audience to clap and cheer for them as much as the first performer. Many studios require everyone to stay from beginning to end. We do not do that, but I do ask that you keep the feelings of these dancers who have worked so hard in mind. Our recital takes ten months to prepare and only lasts two hours. Ours kids deserve all the cheering they can get. Also, at the end of each show, we have our Grand Finale where all dancers take the stage for a final bow, confetti and a last ovation to end the season. It's a great moment and we don't want your dancer to miss it simply to get a head start out the door.

Special note to our COMPETITION dancers and parents: All company members are required to do the recital dances for your mandatory classes. For optional classes



you may choose if you want to be in that dance or not. Recital is a competition team requirement, per your contract.

As always, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me anytime.

Trish

Gotta Dance Company

Classes that will have a recital dance		
MONDAY	4pm	Ballet - Intermediate - 9-11 yrs old
	4pm	Jazz / Musical Theater - Beg - 5-8 yr old
	5pm	Jazz- Intermediate - 9-11 yrs old
	5pm	Ballet - Beg/Int 6-8 yr old
	8pm	Hip Hop - Beg/Int - Pre Teen / Teen
	8pm	Tumbling - Advanced
TUESDAY	4pm	Jazz / Musical Theater- Beg/Int - 6-8yrs old
	4pm	Jazz / Tap / Hip Hop - Beg - 4.5-5.5 yr olds
	4pm	Ballet - Intermediate - 9-11 yrs old <i>*Company dancers this dance will be combined with Monday, so will only be one dance/one costume</i>
	5pm	Hip Hop - Beg/Int - 6-8yrs old
	6pm	Hip Hop - Intermediate - 9-12 yr old
	7pm	Jazz Funk - Beg/Int - Pre Teen / Teen
	8pm	Contemporary - Beg/Int - Pre Teen / Teen
	WEDNESDAY	4pm
	4pm	Hip Hop - All Boys - 7+
	5pm	Lyrical / Contemporary - Beg/Int - 6-8yrs old
	5pm	Hip Hop - Adv - 9-12 yr old
	6pm	Jazz - Adv - 9-12 yr old
	8pm	Tap - Advanced - 12+ yr old
THURSDAY	10am	Jr Preschool - 2.5-3.5 yr olds
	11am	Sr Preschool - 3.5-4.5 yr olds
	1pm	Sr Preschool - 3.5-4.5 yr olds
	4pm	Hip Hop / Tumble - 4.5-5.5 yr olds
	7pm	Tumbling - Beg/Int
FRIDAY	5pm	Contemporary - Beg/int - 9-11 yr olds
	6pm	Jazz Funk - Beg/Int - 9-11 yr old
	7pm	Hip Hop - Beg/Int - 9-11 yr olds
SATURDAY	11am	Sr Preschool - 3.5-4.5 yr olds
	12pm	Tap / Ballet / Lyrical - Beg - 5-6 yr old