

November Newsletter 2013



FREE TICKETS TO NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCES!

We are so fortunate that local ballet companies like Los Angeles Ballet and Westside Ballet offer our students FREE tickets to see their amazing Nutcracker performances! In the past few years, however, some people have signed up to reserve tickets and then didn't show up at the last minute. This type of behavior is disrespectful, makes our organization look bad in the eyes of the companies offering tickets AND takes away an opportunity from another student who may want to go but didn't sign up in time.

So, new field trip rule: If you sign up for FREE tickets to a performance and do not show up to make the trip, **you agree to do ten additional service hours by June, 2013.** There will be no exceptions to this rule. If you know in advance you cannot attend, let the dance office know so they can give your tickets to someone else OR find someone else to go in your place.



Dates to Remember

November 27- 30th

CLOSED

Happy Thanksgiving!

November 29

Westside Ballet NUTCRACKER; Broad Stage in Santa Monica. Sign up in dance office
(1 student goes with 1 parent).

December 7

Parent Meeting: Echo Park 11:30 am

ATTENDANCE:

"You can't learn how to dance if you don't come to class" - Carol Zee

Our program wide attendance goals is 90% and higher for each quarter. Our September -October average across all three locations is 84%. **Pretty good, but we can do better!** In every dance class, teachers review material from the previous week AND teach new material, always moving the class forward. If a student misses class, they fall behind within just one lesson and it's no fun to show up and not know what is happening in the class. **307 everybody dance students had 95% - 100% attendance in September and October.** Amazing! Keep it up dancers!

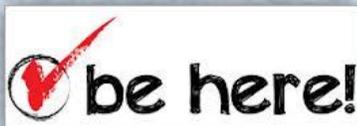
MONTHLY FOCUS IN DANCE CLASS: LEADERSHIP

Each month, the dance faculty chooses a theme to touch upon with their dance students. The November focus is LEADERSHIP. You might see teachers asking students to demonstrate steps for the class or even simply asking the kids what being a leader means to them. We encourage you to talk about these monthly themes at home with your children to reinforce these positive concepts.

NEW CHECK POLICY

When making a payment by check, we are now asking that you please write the check out to "**Gabriella Foundation**" and not to everybody dance!

DECEMBER 21, 2013: HOLIDAY POTLUCK PARTY! STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION!



Monthly focus Leadership

What makes you a leader?



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