

March Newsletter 2018

Hello Red River Dance Families! We are already half way through our Spring Session, and we cannot believe how fast it has gone. Thank you for bringing your dancer's to class and dedicating so much of your time to our organization. We are so thankful for the wonderful support we continually receive!

"Expanding possibilities, Reaching Beyond, and Giving Back"

Red River Dance & Performing Company is a non-profit organization committed to providing a safe and fun learning environment that stimulates students of all ages and abilities to achieve their personal best.

We'd also like to say thank you to everyone who make Giving Hearts Day such a success! We had a blast at our first ever Turns and Leap-A-Thon

<u>**upcoming Event:**</u> Join us on SATURDAY MARCH10th for a Performing Arts Workshop: You can Dance! This event is sponsored by the Creative Plains Foundation at Red River Dance. Get ready to dance! Students will read the book *Giraffes Can't Dance* and then discover how they can dance in their own unique ways. This is a free event for all but if you'd like to donate, you can visit https://www.creativeplains.org/donate/.

Times: 10:00-10:45 and 11:00-11:45

Where: Red River Dance

Who: Ages 5-10 and children must be accompanied by an adult Register at online! Link found at www.redriverdance.com

OUR 10 WEEK SESSIONS BEGIN THIS WEEK!

FATHER/DAUGHTER PROGRAM: This program is **FREE** to your dancers and fathers! (Brothers, Uncles, Step-Fathers, & Grandfathers are welcome too!) We are proud to say that this is our fourth year offering this program and it is going strong! It is a great opportunity to create memories to last a lifetime. We are hoping to reach record breaking numbers of participants so that we can offer two differen age groups this spring!

- Class meets Fridays from 6:45-7:25pm starting March 9th
- Class will only meet 6 times because of weekend competitions! Here are the dates class is meeting:
 March: 9th, 23rd | April 6h, 27th | May 11th, 18th

MOMSTERS: Hey Mom's! Do you want to take a class just like your daughter? Momsters is the perfect class for you! Come join us for a fun, upbeat dance class where you can meet other Moms, get your workout in, and have some fun! This program is **FREE** to you!

Class meets Thursdays @ 7:30

TAPPERCISE: Tap dance + Aerobic exercise = Tappercise! This class combines basic tap movements with rapid, varying musical rhythms to maintain aerobic activity and challenge the mind of the adult dancer. Tappercise Wednesday offers a level I (beginner) and a level II (intermediate) class. Thursday has a level III (advanced) class for people with several years of tap under their belts.

- Tappercise 1: Meets Wednesdays from 6:45-7:25om
- Tappercise 2/3: Meets Wednesdays from 7:30-8:10pm

MOMMY & ME: 30 minute class designed to give tots and their moms an opportunity to dance and learn moves together in fun, safe & happy environment! Moms will have the chance to workout and strengthen body while engaging their little one.

Classes meet either Tuesday or Wednesday mornings from 10:45-11:25am beginning March 5th

NEWSLETTERS: Newsletters are posted at the studio, emailed, & posted on the website.

CLASS RECOMMENDATIONS: At the end of the year dancers will be evaluated and teachers will give recommendations for future class placement. The same goes for the beginning of the session. If a teacher believes a student would be more successful in another classroom we will make sure to contact you so that you and your family get the most out of your experience at Red River Dance & Performing Company!

TUITION:

- Billing: Spring Session has been billed in full
- Payments: The first payment is PAST DUE and the second is due March 5th, 2018
- A LATE FEE OF \$5 IS ADDED TO ACCOUNTS EACH WEEK TUITION IS LATE.
- Tuition must be paid by Visa, Discover, MasterCard, check, or Money Order. o WE DO NOT ACCEPT CASH.
- No refunds will be given once classes have begun. A student may make up missed classes in other appropriate like-classes. Make up classes can occur **ONLY** during the session they were missed.

Please make sure that you have read our Student & Parent Handbook & have signed the Participant Waiver & Release Form. Dancers who do not have the waiver filled out will not be able to participate in class until it is completed.

LOST & FOUND: Items in the Lost & Found will be donated on the last Friday of each month. Please make sure you have all your belongings.

RECITAL THEME: "40th Anniversary!" Our dress rehearsals and dance recitals will be held at NDSU Festival Hall May 19th

RECITAL COSTUMES: Dancers have been measured for costumes! Please remember costume fees are non-refundable. Prices will range between \$35-\$60 per costume. We realize that costumes get to be expensive and we will do our best to keep our costs down, especially for those in multiple classes.

- Billing: Costumes will the week of March 5th-9th. We have ordered costumes, and families will receive an emailed statement.
- Payment: Costume fees are DUE Apri 2nd
- Whether or not the class is dropped or the student decides not to participate in recitals they are still responsible for costume payments.

SPRING RECITAL: All our dancers participate in the Spring Recital **"40th Anniversary".** All our dancers participate in the Spring Recital "40 th Anniversary" Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 19th and Sunday, May 20th! More information will be sent home as soon as we have the rehearsal and performance schedules. (Anticipate for the beginning of April)

PICTURE WEEK: Every year we have Scherling Photography comes to Red River Dance to take pictures of each class wearing their recital costumes! **Scherling photography will be at the studio the week of May 7-12 for Picture Week.** We will take pictures for each class as close to their scheduled class times as possible. Dancers will be required to wear their costumes, tights, and shoes. If dancers are supposed to do their hair in any special way with hair pieces they will be sent home with special instructions. More information will be sent home as soon as we have the picture day schedule and hair, and costume information.

^{**}Please be aware that once classes have begun working on recital pieces that even though the class may be the same genre they may have a different dance they are working on.

SUMMER SESSIONS

Come dance with us this summer during one or all of our summer sessions! The summer schedule will be posted at the beginning of April so stay tuned for that announcement.

COST AND TUITION:

Class Length/4 week session	PRICE
30 minute class	\$45
40 minute class	\$55
55 minute class	\$65
70 minute class	\$75
Single Cap	\$175
Family Cap	\$280
Class Length/3 week session	PRICE
Class Length/3 week session 30 minute class	PRICE \$35
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30 minute class	\$35
30 minute class 40 minute class	\$35 \$40
30 minute class 40 minute class 55 minute class	\$35 \$40 \$50

DANCE ALL 11 WEEKS!

Family Cap

Class Length/# of Classes	PRICE
40 minute class	\$135
55 minute class	\$155
70 minute class	\$180
Single Cap	\$41
Family Cap	\$720

\$220



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Important Summer Dates:

Session 1: June 4-29th

Session 2: July 9th - August 3rd

Session 3: August 6th-24th

Momentum Dance Convention @ Trollwood July 21st

Summer Dance Intensives 12-14th

Fairydell Dance Camps:

June 12-14th | July 10-12th | August 12-16th

THANK YOU!

We would like to thank our community collaborators and financial sponsors:

Alex Stern Foundation, Bill & Cris Marcil, Carol Rogne, Eric & Brenda Krueger, Forum Communication

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Nikki Black, Office Sign Company, Sarah Elliot, S&L Computer Services,

Trollwood Performing Arts School

^{*}Events such as Momentum Dance Convention, Intensives, and Fairydell Dance Camp can be registered for online through the parent portal in the events calendar.

OPPORTUNITIES & EVENTS

PRIVATE LESSONS: Need some one-on-one training? You can arrange a private lesson with one of our instructors! Call 701.280.0004 or email info@redriverdance.com to set up.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES: Looking to have a dance party this year for your birthday? Consider holding your next birthday bash at Red River Dance! You pick the style of dance you want to learn from one of our awesome instructors specially designed for your special day! Call 701.280.0004 to set up.

SUDIO RENTAL: Need space for a special event? You can book out one of our studios

STUDIO	SQUARE FEET	RATE/HOUR
1A-1B	2,407	\$125
1A	1,236	\$60
1B	1,171	\$60
2	900	\$50
3	900	\$50
1	600	\$45



SHOP WITH RED RIVER DANCE FOR YOUR SHOPPING GIFT CARDS!

What is Scrip?

- Over 300 retailers sell certificates to Scrip at a discount
- · Families from RRD buy the certificates at full face value and redeem them for full face value
 - Offer 3 types of gift cards:
 - 1. Traditional physical giftcards
 - 2. ScripNow giftcards
 - 3. Reload of previous giftcards purchased from Scrip
- Red River Dance gets the difference as revenue to use toward our expansion, scholarships, programs and more!

How does this help our non-profit earn?

"How many of you spend at least \$75 a week on groceries?\$50 a month on clothing? \$25 a week on gasoline?\$50 a month dining out?"

What will happen to the proceeds?

Every non-profit organization uses their scrip proceeds differently. We plan to use our proceeds toward our expansion efforts, future scholarships and programs!

Scrip Program Retailers

There is a wide choice of retailers from Fargo & across the country. These merchants are doing something very generous for our organization. We are excited to show our appreciation by sending our shopping dollars to the retailers that support us through Scrip!

Red River Dance's Scrip Program

There are a couple methods to purchasing gift cards through Scrip to help benefit RRD.

At Red River Dance:

- Fill out Scrip Order Form Located at front desk and end tables at RRD
- · Total out quantities and prices to form your grand total

- · Make a check out to "Red River Dance" with Scrip in the Memo line
- Drop check & order form into Scrip Drop Box attached to the side of the RRD front desk

Online:

- Go to www.ShopWithScrip.com
- · Click on Sign-up and enter Enrollment Code for Red River Dance
 - o RRD Enrollment Code: 2C4DCL94468L2
- Explore the website, order physical gift cards, ScripNow certificates, etc. & SUBMIT order
- · PRINT invoice, bring invoice and check made out to "Red River Dance" with "Scrip" in the Memo line
- Drop check & order form into Scrip Drop Box attached to the side of the RRD front desk

When will my gift cards arrive?

Red River Dance orders the Scrip gift cards <u>weekly!</u> We process orders after every Monday and your gift cards will be ready to take home by the following Monday. For example: If you drop off your order invoice/form with corresponding check on Wednesday, we will process the order at the end of Monday and your gift cards will arrive by the following Monday! In a 1-2 week turnaround, you have tremendously benefited Red River Dance & ordered personal shopping cards at no hassle!!



Did you know Red River Dance is on Amazon Smile? The foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers.

2018 Important Dates/Event Calendar

January 8	Spring Session Begins - first half of tuition is due (16 weeks)
January 17	Welcome Night – new families (7:00-8:00pm)
January 19 - 21	Radix Dance Convention – Rochester, MN
February 9	Red River Dance Friday Nights (Free program from 7:00-9:00)
February 10	Dance Workshop with Guest Instructor TBA (9am-6pm)
February 16 – 18	Triple S Dance Competition – Fargo or Grand Forks, ND
March 5	Tappercise + Momsters + Father/Daughter + Mommy & Me begins (10 week sessions)
March 5	**Costume Fees billed and Second half of Tuition due
March 15 – 18	Hall of Fame Dance Competition – Minneapolis, MN
March 16	Red River Dance Friday Nights (Free program from 7:00-9:00)
March 26 – April 1	Spring Break (No classes)
April 2	Costume Fees Due
April 13 - 15	Ovation Dance Competition – Fargo, ND
April 20 - 22	Celebration Dance Competition – Duluth, MN
May 3 - 6	Midwest Starz Dance Competition - Fargo, ND
May 7 - 12	Picture Week: dress in recital costumes (At Red River Dance)
May 14 - 18	Dress Rehearsal WEEK at Red River Dance (come to each class in costume)
May 19 & 20	Dress rehearsals and Spring Recitals at 3:30 and 6:00 at NDSU Festival Hall
May 19 - June 3	No Classes

June 4 - June 29 Summer Session One (4 weeks) June 12 - 14 Fairydell Dance Camps (Ages 3-7) Summer Dance Intensives with Guest Instructor (9am-6pm) June 12 - 14 Competition Team Showcase (Fargo South High School) June 15 July 9 - August 3 Summer Session 2 (3 weeks) Fairydell Dance Camps (Ages 3-7) July 10 - 12 July 11 - 16 Celebration Nationals - Wisconsin Dells July 21 MOMENTUM Dance Convention - At Trollwood Performing Arts School August 6 - August 24 Summer Session 3 (3 weeks) Summer Dance Intensives (9am-2:30pm) August 7 - 9 August 7 – 9 Fall Registration Opens // Open House from 3:30pm-8:30pm Fairydell Dance Camp (Ages 3-7) August 14 - 16 August 14 - 16 2018-2019 Competition Team Auditions August 27 Fall Session 2018 begins (16 weeks)