



## **ON YOUR TOES** August, 2008



Welcome to APAC's 21st Year in the dance education field! We have had some great moments over the past 21 years. I can remember every little dancer who has danced "on the boards" here at APAC. Many dancers have started here when they were the tiniest of dancers, and remained until they graduated from High School. I still have them returning to the studio from College. It has been a very gratifying 21 years. I hope that all of the dancers that are with us this year, have a long and wonderful experience with my school.

Very Special Welcome to our new dancers and their parents. We are happy to welcome you and look forward to getting to know each and every one of you. I hope to see you all featured in our Student Spotlight in years to come. PLEASE become familiar with our website. It is our link to each other, and all the information you need about the studio, recitals and, well, just everything is there. Please go there when you have some time and become familiar with it. [www.apacdance.com](http://www.apacdance.com)

Our recital this year will be held at the beautiful Stafford Centre. It will be a great experience for our dancers and their families! We will send info home about that soon. We are sending home info on the recital this very first lesson, so that you can plan and budget it in to work with your family. Our recital will be May 31<sup>st</sup> (after Memorial day, but before the kids get out of school) Our dance classes will run thru May 23<sup>rd</sup>. So if you are planning your life 10 months in advance, like I do- I hope this info helps!

We have an outstanding staff here at APAC. Most of our teachers were former APAC dancers themselves! Please check our website for our staff info. All of our staff come from performing backgrounds and have been teaching for several years. Please feel free to ask them about their backgrounds. You can rest assured that each of us here at APAC are qualified dance professionals. Many of our staff are still performing professionally, so we do reserve the right to change, or sub teachers as needed. Check out our website [www.apacdance.com](http://www.apacdance.com) Here you will find the latest info on Recitals, Competitions, and Students spotlights, and Staff information. We also have a link to print your own costume order forms, and measuring charts to help you choose the best size for your dancer. Click on Recital and scroll down to important info, to find that link. I will post newsletters at least every two months. Please check the website to see any news updates.

Our office hours here at the studio are Mon- Friday from 4:30-7:30pm, and on Saturdays from 10-noon. If you need to get in touch with us outside of office hours, the best way is by email. My email address is [apacdance@comcast.net](mailto:apacdance@comcast.net) Ms. Susan's email is [apacoffice@gmail.com](mailto:apacoffice@gmail.com) Mrs. Susan Belknap will be at our front desk. Mrs. Susan is Ms. Kristen Vickers MOM- and has been at the studio in some capacity for all 21 years! If she doesn't know the answer to your question, no one does!

Our APAC COMPETITION TEAM Dancers had a wonderful, busy, summer. They attended the Starbound National Talent Competition in San Antonio over July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. We won the MOST TOP OVERALL AWARDS OF ANY STUDIO at Nationals. We were Thrilled. Hillary Walker was the #1 Dancer, Miss Starbound, and Top Soloist. Lindsey Georgalas and Christian Garza were Top Sr. Duet. Taylor Barry was a 10 Ten Jr. Soloist, Taylor and Katelyn Vincik were in top ten Jr. Duets. Kingsley Credeur, Maddie Sheedlo, Taylor Barry, Katelyn Vincik and Abbey Dreyer were among the top ten Jr. Groups ALL AND ALL, it was pretty exciting. Taylor Fitch was in our Top Ten Teen Soloists, and #1 Sr. Group was "Long Time Coming"- with Natalie Eramo, Lindsey Georgalas, Alison Richardson and Hillary Walker. There were Thousands of dances, so we are very proud of our dancers! Congrats kids! Now the hard part comes in learning all our new team dances for our upcoming season. We will have a special Gala Performance for our Solos, Duets and Trios in April at the Berry Center. I hope all of you will come and check out our APAC Talent! More info on that later.

FYI- there is a phone in our studio lobby for the convenience of our customers. This phone does not ring for incoming calls, but you can make outgoing calls. Please limit calls to 2min.

FOOD AND DRINKS are not permitted in the dance rooms, lobby or hallway areas. We do provide a snack bar area. Your cooperation is appreciated.

We do not allow unsupervised children in the hallway, lobby or kitchen. Please keep waiting children, sibling with you. Please no coloring, jumping or climbing on furniture or walls.

Dancers are allowed to be dropped off 5 min. before their dance class starts. Dance should be picked up promptly after class, ESPECIALLY the last class of the evening. Your children are not supervised by staff members after their scheduled class time. Please educate them as to your rules for picking them. We do not suggest that they run out to your car alone, as our parking lot is quite busy, and dangerous. If you will be running late, please info the front desk, and have your child sit with them until your arrival. Be sure to check with them for their babysitting rates.

REMINDER- we will be strict with our dress code. Ballet is a strict discipline and is steeped in tradition. Students are permitted to wear black leotards, with pink tights. No shorts, bare legs, or t-shirts are allowed in Ballet Class. Hair is to be pulled up off the neck. We hope that parents will help support us in upholding this tradition, and encourage their dancers to come dressed appropriately for each lesson.

Today, we are sending home a packet with each dancer. It is this newsletter, a recital info packet, an important dates and studio holidays info sheet, dress code and guideline of manners for dancers. If they don't make it home with one of these sheets, please stop by and pick one up.

I know this is going to be a great 21st dance year. It will be our pleasure to work with your kids, and to watch them grow into beautiful dancers and people! Here's to another great year.

Love ya kids  
~Ms. Paula