



ON YOUR TOES Vol.17 Issue 1/ August 2004



Welcome to APAC! I hope everyone had a great summer break. Mine was short and busy! I am really glad to be back on a regular schedule. I would like to thank all the parents and students for all the kind notes about our fantastic Spring recital. It was a smash success. I was so proud of all the talented dancers

This summer, our APAC Competition Dance Team represented TEXAS, at the STARBOUND National Talent Competition. The event took place in San Antonio TX. It was very exciting. The APAC dance team took the title of Grand National Showcase winner for 2004. We have also won that title in 2001, 2002, and 2003. We are the only school in the country to win big, four consecutive years! Outstanding! Our Jrs. Won 3rd and 4th in the Grand National Jr. Showcase. This was an outstanding accomplishment. There were schools represented from across the nation and over 1000 entries. To see the results, check the website, www.Starbound.net/

APAC Student update: Several APAC dancers had a chance to attend Summer Workshops this summer, Lyndsay Lunsmann, Blaire Ostendorf and Hillary Walker hit classes in Los Angeles, and has a blast! Page Leahy and Allysen Hooks attended a workshop at Boston Conservatory, Kristen Stanley attend the Broadway Theater Project in FL. Kyle Santonlini and Sarah Stanley attended an intensive at Point Park in PA. Kelsey Johnston and Jenny Crosson attend a workshop at TCU. Amy Crowson performed in the Bay Area Theater's production of "Gypsy". Several APAC dancers will be following my example by attending the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. Kenneth Jackson and Taylor Bass will be freshman, Sarah Stanley will be a sophomore, Allysen Hooks, Kristen Stanley, Amy Crowson and Page Leahy will be in 11th grade. All these dancers had to audition to be accepted at this prestigious school. Former APAC dancers, and HSPVA Grads, Angela Dickens and Raul Machorro came back to APAC this summer. They are wonderful dancers, and did some outstanding choreography on our dancers. Diana Lee will soon return from a 9 month gig dancing Royal Caribbean. We will be seeing a lot of her here at APAC as she will be joining our staff before she set sails again.

Former APAC Competition dancer, former Cy-Creek Silverado Head Officer, and now APAC Staff member Traci Carpenter has spent the summer touring the country teaching Drill Team Camps, Traci will be bringing her excellent Hip Hop and technique here to APAC dancers this year.

Be sure to check out our new Website <http://www.apacdance.com/> and see our other outstanding staff members, and be up to date with all our latest info, and the student spotlight. There is a "bulletin Board" for apac dancers and parents to communicate with other apac people. I hope you enjoy the new site. It has all the info you need for recital and classes here at APAC.

Ms. Laura Stanley will again be our office manager here at APAC. Ms.Laura knows all about everything, and can help you with all your dance needs at APAC. Laura's daughter, Kristen has been an APAC dancer for 13 years, so Laura is pretty informed on studio policy around here! She has my ear, and it is best to leave all messages for me with Laura, and I will have her get back with an answer for you. **We will accept credit card payments for tuition and costumes.** These payments have to be made with Laura during office hours of M-F 4:30-7:30pm, and on Sat from 10-12.

FYI: There is a phone in the 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 2 minutes.

Food and drink are not permitted in the dance room, lobby or hallway areas. We do provide a kitchen area for snacks. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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

Dancers are allowed to be dropped off 5 minutes before scheduled class. Dancers should be picked up no later than 5 minutes after class is over. Our parking lot is quite dangerous, and would like all students to wait in the lobby until their parents arrive. We try to watch for all the kids, but occasionally one slips by us. Please educate your child on the rules for pick ups. If you will be late, inform Ms. Laura, and tell your child to sit with Ms. Laura until you arrive. If you will be longer than five minutes, you can check with Laura to make babysitting arrangements, and check on the going rate!

Our business hours are Monday-Friday 4:30-7:30 pm, and Saturday Morning's 10-noon. Our answering machine does not take messages. If you need to contact us, please call during office hours. You can reach me by [email](#).

A REMINDER: **We will be strict with our ballet class dress code.** Ballet is a strict discipline, and is steeped in tradition. Students are permitted to wear black leotards and pink tights. No shorts, bare legs, or t-shirts are permitted in Ballet Classes. Dance skirts and leg warmers are permitted. Hair must be up off neck for all classes. We hope that parents will help support us in upholding this tradition, and encourage their dancers to come dressed appropriately for each class.

A very special hello is offered to all of our new dancers and parents. We are happy to welcome all of you and look forward to getting to know you. I hope to see all of you featured in our APAC student update in the future!

We are sending home with each dancer, in addition to this first edition of our monthly newsletter, a recital info packet, an important dates and studio holidays info sheet, APAC staff info, dress code, and a guideline of manners for dancers. If your dancer doesn't make it home with all this info, please stop by the front desk to keep informed.

All of our staff have performing backgrounds and have been teaching for several years, and are loved by all. Feel free to ask them about their dance backgrounds and education. You can rest assured that all of us here at APAC are qualified Dance Professionals. I have enclosed additional info on our APAC teaching staff.

I know this is going to be a wonderful year. This is APAC's 17th year in business. It will be our pleasure to work with your kids and watch your children grow into beautiful dancers and beautiful people. Here's to another great year!

*Love Ya, Kids!
Ms. Paula*

IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER:

ALL DANCERS ARE ASKED TO STAY INSIDE DANCE LOBBY UNTIL THEIR RIDE COMES INSIDE TO RETRIEVE THEM. PLEASE INSTRUCT YOUR CHILD TO WAIT INSIDE FOR YOU. OUR PARKING LOT IS VERY BUSY AND DANGEROUS. REMEMBER THAT ALL DANCERS ARE TO BE RETRIEVED AS SOON AS THEIR CLASS LETS OUT. WE CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CHILDREN BEFORE OR AFTER CLASSES OR IN THE PARKING LOT. IF YOU ARE RUNNING LATE, PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICES SO THAT YOU ARE CHILD CAN SIT WITH MS. Laura UNTIL YOU ARRIVE. CHILDREN LEFT AFTER 5 MINUTES WILL BE CHARGED BABYSITTING FEE. OF \$5.00 PER QUARTER HOUR,