



ON YOUR TOES August 2005



WELCOME TO APAC! This summer was jam packed for the studio, competition team dancers and myself. I hope that all of my returning students and our new dancers had a great summer, and are excited to be at the studio! My Staff and I would like to say "Hey" to all of you! Be sure to check out our website www.apacdance.com on a regular basis. You can read all our studio policies, and exciting happenings on that site. This website also has on the info on our staff members and all the latest studio info-recital info and class info, everything to keep you up to the minute with APAC.

The first of June took several of our APAC Dancers on a New York Study Trip. We attended lots of classes at the BROADWAY DANCE CENTER and saw a Broadway Show every night. It was cool to see a former student of mine, Kevin Cahoon, playing "the child catcher" in Chitty Chitty Bang Bang- a true thrill for me to see one of my kids on Broadway! We also a tour of Radio City Music Hall, and some SERIOUS SHOPPING! It was so much fun, and I want to send out a special thanks to all the parents who made this such a great trip. We all had so much fun; we will definitely try to do another trip soon.

Our Competition team never stops working. As soon as our spring recital was over, we were back on the studio boards learning new dance numbers for next year, and rehearsing for our National Competition that was held in San Antonio at the beginning of July. APAC can again boast of being the home of "National Champions". Our Teen Dance Team won the 5th Highest Award with "Jungle Bill" and the 1st -Grand National Showcase Winners (6th year in a row!) with "Gabriel". Our Jr High Dancers Won 5th Showcase award for "History Repeating" and our tiny dancers won TOP OVERALL PETITE GROUP for "Shake Your Groove Thing". Needless to say, we were all VERY EXCITED and proud of our dancers. Check out the website for photos.

APAC Student Update:, Lyndsay Lunsman has been selected by the National Magazine, "Dance Spirit" as a "future star of tomorrow". She will be featured in an article to come out in October. Lyndsay just graduated from Cy-Falls High School, and will be leaving for her first professional dance job, with Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines also in October. Until then, she will be helping us out with classes and dance team stuff. Allysen Hooks spent part of her summer in NYC attending the Paul Taylor Workshop. Sarah Stanley went to Boston Conservatory, Page Leahy and Kristen Stanley went to the prestigious Broadway Theater Project. Jackie Boe will be attending OU on a dance scholarship this fall. Raul Marchorro came home and did some work here at APAC, and now has booked a Cingular commercial in Canada. Angela Dickens came home and did some choreography for APAC and will be finishing up at University Arizona (which she attended on a FULL dance scholarship) in December. Laura Makkoui just graduated from UA and got a job with my best friend in Vegas who is in charge of all the entertainment for Harrahs. He called me out of the blue to tell me he had hired one of my kids, and she is "Fierce-Diva Dancer". He didn't even know she was one of my kids until they were in rehearsal- so that was exciting for me. Diana Lee is back on Royal Caribbean and will be back with us in about 10months when her dance contract is up! I am so proud of all these kids, and proud that they got their training, and passion for the arts at APAC! I know we will see some of these dancers on Broadway one day!

Ms. Laura Stanley will again be our office manager. Laura's daughter, Kristen is a 14 year APAC dancer, and now one of our instructors. Laura knows more about the studio than I do! She can help you with everything. We do accept credit card payments for everything here at the studio for your convenience. There is someone at our desk Monday-Friday 4:00-7:30pm, and on Saturdays from 10-noon.

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 DRINKS are for sell in our vending area. We ask that all food and drink be kept in that back kitchen area. It is not permitted in our dance rooms, lobby or hallways. Your cooperation is appreciated!

We do not allow unsupervised kids in the hallway or kitchen area. Please keep waiting siblings seated next to you and not running around our common areas. Please no color or jumping on the furniture!

Dancers are allowed to be dropped off 5 minutes before class starts, and picked up no later than 5 minutes after class is over. Our parking lot is quite busy and dangerous. We would like students to wait in the lobby until parents arrive to pick them up. We DO try to watch all the kids, but occasionally one slips by us. PLEASE educate your child on the rules for pick ups. If you are running late, please inform the front desk. We will have the child sit behind the front desk until you arrive. If you are going to be later than 5 minutes- ask the front desk for their babysitting rates!

Our business hours are Mon-Fri 4:30-7:30pm, and Sat mornings from 10-12. Our business answering machine does not take messages. If you need to contact us, please call during business hours, or email us at apac@houston.rr.com .

A REMINDER: We are strict with our older dancers (3rd grade and up) on our dress code-especially in ballet class. Ballet is a strict discipline and steeped in tradition. Students are permitted to wear black leotards, pink tights. No bare legs, shorts, or t-shirts are allowed in ballet class. Hair must be up in a bun. We are counting on parents to help us support us in upholding this tradition, and help and encourage their dancers to come to class dressed appropriately.

In addition to this first "On Your Toes" newsletter, we are sending home with each dancer info on our spring concert costumes and fees, an important dates and studio holiday sheet, dress codes and a guideline for manners for dancers. If your dancer doesn't make it home with all this info-LET US KNOW!

A VERY SPECIAL hello to all the new APAC dancers. We hope to see you all featured in our student spotlight in the future. Our staff is very excited to welcome all of you. They are all wonderful dancers, that come from performing backgrounds and have all been teaching for several years. You can all rest assured that your dancers are being taught by qualified Dance Professionals, and we have a very low staff turn over rate at APAC. We are all just one big happy family!

I know this is going to be a wonderful year. This is APAC's 18th year in business. It will be our pleasure to work with your kids and watch them grow into beautiful, artistic dancers and people. Here's to another great year!

LOVE YA KIDS~Ms. Paula