

2018-2019 LISLE PARK DISTRICT dance program

The Lisle Park District dance program is designed to improve grace and flexibility while exposing participants to the beauty and benefits of dance. Dancing is a life skill that also teaches children good posture, grace, rhythm, and coordination. This is a cumulative program that runs Fall 2018 through Spring 2019. Dancers will learn techniques and skills throughout the year, and during Session 2, each class will learn a dance that will be performed in the Spring Recital. A dancer will stay with the same class for the whole school year.

DANCE RECITAL PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- Dancers need to arrive promptly to class and be prepared to dance.
- Proper dancewear is required. See dancewear section of handbook.
- Courteous behavior is expected.
- No gum or food is allowed in class. Water bottles are accepted.
- Parents of preschool aged dancers should have their children use the bathroom immediately before class begins.

DANCEWEAR GUIDELINES

- GIRLS - Leotard and tights and proper ballet and tap shoes.
- BOYS - Shorts and a t-shirt or sweat suit and ballet and tap shoes.
- Proper ballet shoes are made of leather (not cloth). Shoes can be purchased at Payless, JCPenney's, Sears or go to www.discountdance.com.
- Please label ALL dancewear and shoes with the dancer's name.



GROOMING

Hair should be pulled back away from the face. The only jewelry allowed in class will be small pierced earrings. At dress rehearsal and recital, no jewelry will be allowed.

ATTENDANCE

Regular class attendance is expected. Dancers missing more than three Session 2 classes, may be asked to not perform in the recital and no refund will be given for the class or costume. Prolonged absences affect learning the recital dance for the entire class. Please make attending class a priority.

COSTUMES

A costume fitting will take place during class on January 11-17, 2019 at the Community Center. A separate costume fee of \$55-\$80 will be charged and is due at the fitting. This fee is non-refundable. If you withdraw from a dance class for any reason after the costumes are ordered, you will still receive a costume. Students must have a costume to participate in the recital.

Class Dates for 2018-2019

SESSION 1	
MONDAYS	August 27 - December 17 No class 9/3
TUESDAYS	August 28 - December 18 No class 11/20
WEDNESDAYS	August 29 - December 19 No class 11/21
THURSDAYS	August 30 - December 20 No class 11/22
FRIDAYS	August 31 - December 21 No class 11/23
SATURDAYS	September 8 - December 15 No class 11/24
SESSION 2	
MONDAYS	January 7 - April 29 No class 3/25
TUESDAYS	January 8 - April 30 No class 3/26
WEDNESDAYS	January 9 - May 1 No class 3/27
THURSDAYS	January 10 - May 2 No class 3/28
FRIDAYS	January 11 - May 3 No class 3/29, 4/19
SATURDAYS	January 12 - May 4 No class 3/23, 3/30, 4/20

RECITAL

All dance classes will perform in the Spring Recital that will be presented on Sunday, May 5, 2019, at the Lisle Senior High School Auditorium in the afternoon. The dress rehearsal will be on Friday, May 3, 2019, in the Lisle Senior High School Auditorium. Each class will be assigned a Dress Rehearsal time and a photo time between 4:00pm and 9:00pm. Tickets will be on sale from April 15 - May 2, 2019 for \$3 and day of for \$5.

SESSION 2 PAYMENT INFO

All dancers must be registered and paid before their session 2 class starts.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions regarding the dance program, please contact Cheryl Patterson at 630-353-4342 or cpatterson@lisleparkdistrict.org

MEET OUR INSTRUCTOR - MICHELLE DAWSON

Michelle Dawson brings 39 years of experience to the Lisle Park District. She started dancing at age 3 in the areas of classical ballet and tumbling. Shortly after she began jazz, tap, and gymnastics and she studied Pointe for 7 years. Michelle danced and competed with an award winning local company for 6 years. She was captain for both her high school and college cheerleading squad. Michelle won Junior Miss Young Woman of the Year scholarships for talent, physical fitness, and scholarship ability. She studied dance and mathematics at College of DuPage and Roosevelt University. Since 1989, Michelle has taught with many different studios, park districts, organizations, private schools, and child care centers. In 1995, she formed Dance Kids USA, a mobile dance school giving dance, gymnastics, movement, and cheerleading instruction at various locations. She has taught with the Lisle Park District for the last 19 years. Michelle has a demonstrated love for teaching and is dedicated to the enrichment of each child.