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2026 RECITAL NEWS & INFORMATION

MONDAY JUNE 15

LAST DAY OF REGULAR CLASSES

Wednesday, June 17 & Thursday, June 18

DRESS REHEARSAL at Oliver Ames High School Auditorium

Wed June 17	Thur June 18
11:00am Recital	3:00pm Recital
Arrive by 5:00pm - we will begin rehearsal no later than 5:30pm	**Arrive by 5:00pm - we will begin rehearsal no later than 5:30pm**
***NO SEPARATE DRESS REHEARSAL FOR 6PM RECITAL**	

(see "Guidelines for All Dancers - Dress Rehearsal and Recital Days" below for full instructions)

- ⇒ Both Wednesday and Thursday Night Rehearsals are FULL-DRESS REHEARSALS and will run exactly as the recital order - except for possibly preschool
- ⇒ Our full recital order will be sent out by the end of May
- ⇒ If you are unsure which show your dancer is in, please check with us in the office
- ⇒ **We will not wait for dancers who arrive late**

Please be on time and be ready to dance to keep things moving

- Dress Rehearsal attendance is **mandatory** unless it has been cleared with us ahead of time.
- Dress Rehearsal helps the dancers feel more comfortable with the staging, costume changes, having an audience etc. It is important they attend.
- **Dressing Room Volunteers** should plan on helping for Dress Rehearsal as well, so dancers are familiar with you, and you are familiar with their costume changes

(PLEASE INFORM US IF YOU CANNOT MAKE DRESS REHEARSAL)

Saturday, June 20

DANCE RECITAL at Oliver Ames High School Auditorium

There are 3 Shows: 11:00am, 3:00pm, & 6:00pm

11:00am show dancers – ARRIVE BY 10:30am
3:00pm show dancers - ARRIVE BY 2:30pm
6:00pm show dancers – ARRIVE BY 5:30pm
Volunteers – ARRIVE 1-hour before showtime

GUIDELINES for ALL DANCERS

Dress Rehearsal & Recital Days

ARRIVAL:

1) **Dancers should arrive 30 minutes before the start time of each show (w/ the exception of mini-movers who should be brought backstage 15 minutes before start of show)**
   - Bring ALL costumes, accessories, and ALL dance shoes
   - MAKE SURE NAMES ARE ON ALL SHOES, ACCESSORIES, SUITCASES, BASKETS etc.
   - THEY SHOULD ARRIVE FULLY DRESSED IN THEIR FIRST COSTUME
2) **Parents - bring your dancer(s) to the Drop Off /Pick Up Area**
   - PARENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO WALK THEIR DANCERS BACK TO THE DRESSING ROOM (Unless cleared with us)
3) **Our Volunteers will bring your dancer to their assigned Dressing Room table**
   - **The dancer will get checked off from their class helper at their table**
   - Mini-Movers, arrive already in their ballet shoes
   - Preschoolers, arrive with dance shoes in **Ziploc bag** with their name written **(do not bring dance bag)**
4) **Dancers with multiple costume changes**
   - Bring a rolling suitcase or a laundry basket with all items
   - Keep items contained in the dressing room and in between changes
5) **MALES will have a separate Dressing Room Area in hallway behind stage** (look for signage)
   (Mini-Movers & Preschooler males can stay in dressing room or with their parents)

****DANCERS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE AUDITORIUM during Rehearsal or Recital IN THEIR COSTUMES****

Bring a longer/bigger T-shirt or a robe to cover costume while sitting in the auditorium

DURING:

6) **NO underwear should be worn under costumes**
   - Let us know if your dancer is in need of a camisole undergarment for changing
7) **Hair and Make-up for Dress Rehearsal and Recital – will be the same**
   - HAIR (BUNS FOR MOST) & MAKE-UP must be worn the same at DRESS REHEARAL **and** RECITAL
   - Bring bobby pins and safety pins to secure costumes and hair nets for their buns
   - Neutral eye shadow, blush and bright lipstick (no frostedLipstick) - Eyeliner, mascara and foundation are recommended for older dancers
   - NO COLORED NAIL POLISH SHOULD BE WORN (fingers or toes)
   - **No jewelry should be worn**, which includes ALL earrings, chains and rings - Leave all valuables at home

Hair & MakeUp Help Table! More Info Coming Soon with Times & Prices!

8) PLEASE NOTE: **Only designated Dressing Room Volunteers** should be in the dressing rooms
   - Volunteers will have a nametag and bracelet (for auditorium entry) to identify them as a helper
   - Costume changes will be the responsibility of the backstage volunteers
   - Parents will NOT go back to change their dancer if they are not an assigned volunteer.
   - Please have dancers practice their costume changes at home so it will make for a smooth change at the show

ENDING:

9) **Dress Rehearsal ONLY:** Once dancers are finished with all their dances:
   - They will be allowed into the auditorium to watch or can leave to go home.
   - Dressing Room Volunteers will walk dancers to the Drop Off/Pick Up area to meet parents
10) **Please do not to bring siblings or young children to Dress Rehearsal if they are not in the performance**
11) **Recital ONLY:**
   - All students are to remain in their assigned area in the Dressing Room with their group and volunteers until the finale.
   - DANCERS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THEAUDITORIUM DURING RECITAL*(other than preschool & mini-movers – see below)
12) **Preschool dancers after their ballet dance/ Mini-movers after their dance** - may leave or be seated in the lap of a parent
   - Parents, please go to the **Drop Off/Pick Up** area to meet your dancer

- If you would like your pre-school dancer to participate in the finale at the end of the show, please bring them back to the drop off table **within 5 numbers before the end of the show.**

13) Please wear your Recital T-shirts for the Finale

PHOTOGRAPHY AND RECORDING

NO PHOTOGRAPHY OR VIDEO TAPING WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE RECITAL, IT IS ALLOWED ONLY AT REHEARSAL

AT DRESS REHEARSAL:

14) ALL PICTURES AND RECORDINGS CAN BE DONE AT REHEARSAL in the auditorium

- Dancers and parents will be allowed in the audience to record or photograph dancers on stage; they will not be allowed to stand at the front of the stage

AT RECITAL:

15) **NO PHOTOGRAPHY OR RECORDING WILL BE ALLOWED DURING THE RECITAL ON SUNDAY in the auditorium**

- Please inform all family and friends attending – NOT TO USE THEIR PHONES OR CAMERAS DURING THE RECITAL

16) The Recital will be photographed and videotaped by a professional

- **ALL will receive a digital download of photos and recordings**

17) Each recital show will be livestreamed **as long as the internet is working properly**

- ALL will receive a streaming link – it will be posted online to our Facebook page

18) **ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD, DRINKS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED IN THE AUDITORIUM**

19) **SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

DRESSING ROOM VOLUNTEERS * Email us if you would like to Volunteer: info@deeaston.com

You will be notified separately when we have our volunteer list completed.