**October Newsletter**

Happy October RAVE Families!

It's finally fall, can y'all believe it? We sure can't but are so excited about all the wonderful things this season brings, starting with our monthly updates 😊

**BACK TO DANCE SUCCESS**

We would first like to acknowledge how awesome it has been to be back to regular classes. We have our largest enrollment to date and keep growing, with a student count over a hundred and our hearts so full. We are so appreciative of our RAVE families who share their love for our studio family throughout the community and spreading the word. You are all awesome and we are happy to have you as a part of our studio. To all the new families, we hope you are enjoying being a part of RAVE, we are loving having y’all around, and all the new faces in class have been a joy to see week to week.

**ADULT DANCE CLASS UPDATE**

\*\*We will not be having Adult dance this Monday 9/30. \*\* We will restart the class October 7th and have made the choice to switch the genre to jazz! So, if you are a parent or adult friend of the studio who has been waiting to join the adult class when jazz started, we are starting that segment early by request. Hope to see y’all there on October 7th. Spread the word, grab your friends, and come enjoy some YOU time.

**AUDITION ANNOUNCEMENT –**

**OF MOVING COLORS PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS – *KICK IT OUT***

Of Moving Colors Productions, Baton Rouge’s professional contemporary dance company, will be producing it’s 11th community production of *Kick It Out.* Kick it Out is a weekly dance and performance training program for boys and girls ages 5-18 taught by professional dancers from Of Moving Colors and culminating in multiple full-scale productions in January. NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. Beginners to advanced dancers are welcome! For more information visit [www.ofmovingcolors.org](http://www.ofmovingcolors.org)

**THE NUTCRACKER AND KICK IT OUT**

We would like all families with students who will be performing in Baton Rouge Ballet Theatre's *The Nutcracker, A Tale from the Bayou* and Of Moving Colors Productions' *Kick it Out* to please let us know so we can include a special shout out in our November Newsletter.

**OPEN FOR FALL BREAK, CLOSED FOR HALLOWEEN**

We know some students are off for fall break during October, but we will, in fact, remain open during the various school fall breaks. We will, however, be closed Thursday, October 31st so our students who participate in Trick-or-Treat can enjoy the festivities.

**SILLY DRESS UP WEEK**

Our annual dress up week is approaching fast! Got your costumes ready? Students are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to dance for the week leading up to Halloween. Don’t celebrate Halloween, no worries! Students who do not have Halloween costumes can simply come dressed in a fun silly take on their normal dance attire. This also applies to our kiddos who take multiple days a week. Below you can see the lineup for fun dress up suggestions. Since Halloween falls on Thursday, silly dress week will begin Thursday, Oct 24th and carry on through Wednesday, October 30th. We can't wait to see what all our students come dressed in. It's one of our favorite weeks of the year!

Silly Week Suggested Themes for Students Not In a Halloween Costume

* Thursday – Fun Decade Inspired (i.e. flappers, disco, hippie, etc.)
* Monday – Famous Characters (Book, Movie, Comics, TV, etc.)
* Tuesday – Disney Day!
* Wednesday – Wacky Tacky Wednesday

**BALANCES**

Families, please assist us in checking your balances. We want to make sure everyone is kept up to date, with little to no balances. In the upcoming months we will begin applying Revue fees to your accounts and we do not want balances to grow. Please do your best to stay on top of payments.

**STORE ORDERS**

Our most recent store order will be in on Thursday for orders taken since the start of dance. Please note we will not be doing orders all the time. We can only place an order when there is a large bulk order ready to be placed. If you are seeking attire or shoes, check to see if we have what you need in stock, and if we do not currently have what you are looking for in stock, we will direct you to a store you can purchase from. Our next order in-studio product order will be placed likely over winter break.

**COME SUPPORT OUR COMPANY TEAM AT THEIR FIRST FALL EVENT**

The RAVE Performing Arts Company Team will be dancing in the 9th annual Downtown Baton Rouge Halloween Parade on Saturday, Oct 19th at 4 pm. If you make it out to the parade, holler at us and we'll throw you some candy!

**CANNED GOODS DRIVE FOR GREATER BATON ROUGE FOOD BANK**

Speaking of the Downtown Halloween Parade, the parade partners with the Greater Baton Rouge Food Bank for a food drive. If you would like to contribute to our Team’s collection of non-perishables, you may bring them in to the lobby of B where we will keep our collection.

**JAMBALAYA FUNDRAISER**

Our Company Team Parent’s Club will be hosting a jambalaya fundraiser Sunday, November 10th, 12-4pm in the parking lot in front of RAVE. They are currently pre-selling some tickets, if you would like to pre-purchase a ticket, see Elizabeth at the desk, or you can purchase the day of the event. Lancaster House will be open that weekend so it can be a fun time for you to get into the festive spirit, shop local, and eat some delicious jambalaya to benefit our team.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Please save the date for our 4th annual RAVE Revue end of the year performance, which will be held Saturday, May 30th, 2019 at the Manship Theatre in The Shaw Center for the Arts downtown. Dress rehearsal will be Friday May 29th. More info will come in the next newsletter.

For any questions and inquiries, please e-mail us anytime at [raveperformingarts@gmail.com](mailto:raveperformingarts@gmail.com)

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