

STUDIO POLICIES

Absences: Attendance is very important and instrumental to the development of your child's skills. If a student is not able to attend, we ask that you please call the office to report his/her absence. There are no refunds for missed classes.

Tuition Due Date: Tuition is always due the first class of the month. A 10% late fee will be applied to all tuition on the 16th. If you would like to set up credit card automatic payment, please stop at the office and someone can help you. We need a new authorization form each year. There are no deductions or credits for missed classes. Withdrawals must be made before the first class of the each month or you will be billed for the entire month.

Observation: There is no parent observation this month. We will be having parent observation the last week of classes in February. Please remember you are in a learning environment and we must keep noise to a minimum. Parent observation will also be held in April.

Practice CD's and Materials: Cecchetti ballet & tap cd's for practice are available from the teachers for \$5.00. Cecchetti syllabus books are also available. Ballet coloring book/workbooks used in class can be purchased for \$5.00. Your instructor will inform you if you need to purchase any of the above items.

Website: Please check the website regularly. We will try to keep all new forms and papers updated on the website for you. Pictures from "Alice in Wonderland" should be on the website soon.

Forms of Payment: We accept cash, checks, and MasterCard, Visa and Discover. If you are interested, we can set up automatic charge of your tuition each month on your card. Stop at the counter if you would like to fill out the form for automatic payment.

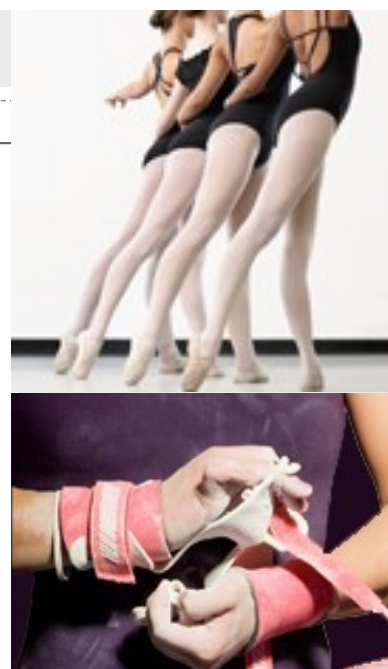
Comment Box: Remember there is a comment box on the wall for any suggestions, comments or ideas you might have to help us meet the needs of our students. We welcome all comments and will try to respond if possible.

E-mail: If you do not receive e-mail from us and have an e-mail address, please let us know in the office. It has been a great help to many of our parents to receive all newsletters and forms by e-mail.

Snow Days: If we have to close due to weather, we will put it on the television stations, the answering machine and the website if possible. With constant contact, it will be possible for Lisa to send an email to everyone from her phone as well.

DANCE SHOW NEWS

Attached to the newsletter you will find a sign up for Dance Show. The girls have decided on "Tangled" to be the theme of this year's show. Once again, the show will be at Power's Auditorium and the dates for the show are June 16 and 17. The dance show form should be filled out and returned by February 1st. Costume deposits for the dance show are \$50.00 per costume and are due by the 7th. **Remember—even if you are not participating in the show, please fill out the paper and return it to us so that we are aware of that.**



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CHRISTMAS SHOW UPDATE

We would like to thank everyone for the basket donations and the gift of your time at the busy holiday season. Currently we are doing a final calculation of money raised at the show. We are just waiting on the final bill from Mohawk Schools for the security and janitorial staff. We would like to thank the Henderson family for attending the show. It was wonderful to have them there. We are hoping to be able to give the Henderson family \$7,000 after expenses. A final amount will be given in the next newsletter.

KDGC WINTER GALA

The Senior, Pre-Senior and Teen lines will again be hosting a performance on Sunday, January 17th at the Fairview Arts and Outreach Center in Struthers at 5:00 p.m. It is a great experience for our dancers to perform solos and small group numbers for their family. Last year it was a wonderful evening out, enjoying a nice dinner and watching our talented dancers.

“Dancing with the feet is one thing, but dancing with the heart is another.”



KLINKE SCHOLARSHIP

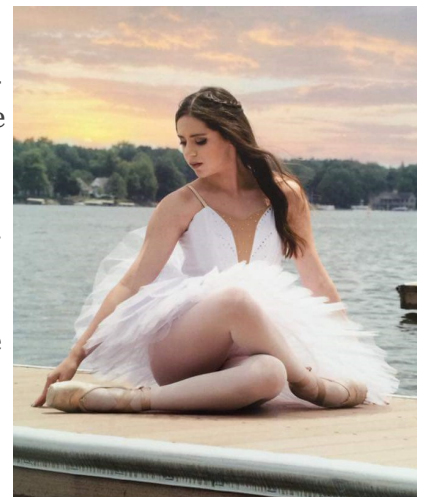
The Peggy Klinke scholarship will be awarded again at this year’s dance show in June. It is a \$500.00 scholarship to a summer dance workshop of your choice and it is given in memory of Peggy, one of our former dancers, who was fatally assaulted.

The requirements are as follows:

- ◆ At least 11 years of age
- ◆ Submit a 1 1/2 minute video in a dance discipline of your choice
- ◆ Submit a 500-word essay, typed, double-spaced and titled “How Dance has Influenced my Life”
- ◆ Please submit application, video, and essay **no later than April 1st**

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

SARAH MCKIM—Sarah is a senior at Springfield Local High School. She is the secretary for the National Honor Society, Science Club and Spanish Club. She has also participated in the Ski Club and Chess Club. She has been dancing at Kathi’s for thirteen years. She can’t thank Kathi and her staff enough for instilling in her the discipline, confidence and pride she feels when dancing. She will be attending Kent State University in the fall of 2016 and will pursue a degree in Speech and Language Pathology.



DANCE EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

Cecchetti Ohio Ballet Day—Kathi's Dance & Gym Center is sponsoring Cecchetti Ohio Ballet Day here at the center on Sunday, February 14th. All Cecchetti students are asked to please attend as much of the workshop as possible. Classes in ballet, jazz, Pointe, as well as other classes will be offered to varied levels for all Cecchetti students. You will be getting papers this week about this workshop.

Cecchetti Exams will be held the weekend of March 4-6, here at Kathi's Dance & Gym Center. Students eligible for small groups will be contacted very soon.

Ohio Dance Masters Convention in Newark— If you are planning on attending the ODM convention in Newark the weekend of February 5-7 please fill out your paper work and return it to Kathi or the office no later than January 16th.

SPECIAL MESSAGES FROM KATHI & MARY

I would like to thank all the students, parents, and staff for the generosity of time and gifts I received over the holidays. It amazes me how truly blessed I am to have you all in my life.

~Kathi

I would like to thank all the dance lines for my wonderful Christmas gifts! Thank you all for being so thoughtful.

~Mary

COMPETITIVE TEAM NEWS

Upcoming Meets:

January 9-10	USAG Optionals at Gymstars
January 23-24	NEOGL Gymnasts at Great Lakes
January 23-24	USAG Optionals at Perfect Balance
January 30-31	USAG Optionals at Gymstars Championship
February 13-14	USAG Optionals at Frozen Meet
March 4-6	USAG Optionals at Arnold
March 6	NEOGL Gymnasts at Johnson's
March 19-20	USAG Optionals at Magnificent March
March 19-20	Level 7 State Meet in Niles
April 3	NEOGL Gymnasts at OGI
April 23-24	USAG Xcel Optionals State Meet
April 30-May 1	NEOGL Level 4 Championship Meet
May 14-15	NEOGL Level 3/Xcel Championship Meet

We will continue to have open gym workouts on Fridays from 4:00—6:00 p.m. for \$10.00

Message from the Coaches

All of the coaches would like to say thank you for the Christmas gifts they received. Good Luck at your upcoming meets. Keep up the hard work!!!



FITNESS CLASSES AT KDGC

PILATES REFORMER

Pilates classes are offered as one hour private classes or semi-private sessions. Kathi is Stott certified and offers classes weekdays before 2:00 p.m. Feel free to call the office if you are interested in scheduling a private.

DANCE FIT

Jami Byler's Dance fit classes are \$6.00 per class. Her schedule for this year is as follows:

Monday	7:00—8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	7:30—8:30 p.m.
Friday	9:30—10:30 a.m.

BALLET BARRE FITNESS

Ballet Barre classes are \$6.00 per class. The schedule for classes with Amanda is now as follows:

Thursday	6:30—7:30 p.m.
Saturday	8:30—9:30 a.m.

TOTAL BODY CONDITIONING

Joanne Maloney is back teaching this class geared for people 40—70 years of age. Come try out the class on Wednesday mornings 9:30—10:30 a.m. The cost is \$8.00 per class.



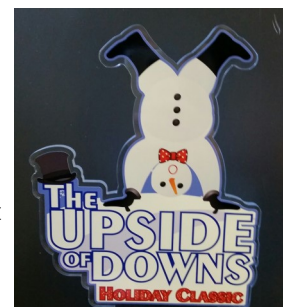
COMPETITIVE TEAM NEWS—Continued

NEOGL MEET AT TEN PT. O—On November 22, the NEOGL team girls started off their season at Ten Pt. O Gymnastics and did a great job. Most of the level 3 team members competed for the first time but you would have never known from watching them. Placing in the 8 years and younger age division were Reagan Savaet in second, Avery Jakubovic in third, Lydia Campbell in fourth, and Halle Argiro in fifth. Brooke Debucci placed fourth and Korey Lynn Kennedy placed fifth in the older 8 year old division. In the younger 9 year old division, Delaney Savaet placed fifth. Brianne Campbell came in first in the younger 10 year old division while Helen Faur tied for third place. Neiva Fegert competed in the older 10 year old division and placed fourth. The level 3s did a great job being that 10 of the 21 girls on the team competed for the first time. Great job girls! Keep up the great work and continue to practice hard.

Five of the seven girls on the level 4 team competed for the first time as a level 4 gymnast and did great. Cali, Nadia, Ella and Ariana all had a no fall beam routine, although Ella did give us a good laugh by adding her own personal “Ella” touch to the routine. Placing first was Cali Matey, followed by Kendall Maughan and Nadia Zarbaugh in second, Ariana Smiley in third, Ayla Thompson in fourth and Alivia Horvath in fifth.

For the first time we have an x-cel silver team made up of girls brand new to the competitive gymnastics scene. Being that this was the first meet for most of them, they did very well. Jillian McIntosh placed first with a 36.25 all around score, followed by Ashley Byers in fifth. A big congratulations goes out to all of the girls on the silver team, each of them had a no fall beam routine in the first ever gymnastics meet. Jillian and Jordan Gady placed first and second in the gold division along with Taylor Sackella in fifth.

NEOGL TEAM COMPETES AT THE UPSIDE OF DOWNS MEET— The NEOGL team competed at the Upside of Downs meet in December and once again showed great determination. Proceeds from this meet went toward the Upside of Downs organization which helps individuals living with downs syndrome. This is a bigger meet for the girls since they can place on each individual event as well as all-around.



The x-cel gold team did an outstanding job at this meet, not only did they do amazing individually but they placed 2nd as a team as well. In the younger age division for the golds on bars Olivia Cmil placed first with an 8.90 and Graciella Ebert placed in fourth with a 8.65. On beam Graciella Ebert placed first with a 9.0 and Angelina Smiley tied for third with an 8.85. In the older age division for the golds, Jillian Gady placed fourth on vault with a 8.60, on bars Taylor Sackella placed second with a 9.15 and Jordan Gady place fourth with a 8.95. On beam Jordan Gady placed second with a 9.05, Lexi Wonner placed third with a 9.0, and Zoe Simon placed fourth with an 8.80. And last but not least Taylor Sackella and Zoe Simon tied for third on floor with an 8.85, along with Lexi Wonner and Jillian Gady tying for fourth with an 8.70. All of these girls did an amazing job, and placing All Around was Jordan Gady in third with a 34.750, Taylor Sackella in fourth with a 34.50, and Zoe Simon in fifth with a 34.350. We couldn't be more proud of all of these girls and we can't wait to watch them the rest of the season! Congratulations girls!!

The x-cel silver team did an awesome job at the Upside of Downs meet. The girls are improving their routines and we love to see each of the girls having fun while competing with their teammates. On the balance beam, Jillian McIntosh placed third and Ashley Byers tied for fourth. On floor exercise, Jillian McIntosh tied for fifth. We would also like to note that the silver team once again had no fall beam routines from each girl! Way to go!!!

The level 4s had a good meet as well. Placing on vault for the level 4s were Cali Matey in second and Alivia Horvath tied for fourth. On uneven bars Cali placed first with a score of 8.5 and placed second on balance beam. Cali and Kendall placed on floor exercise in first and fifth. In the all-around, Cali again placed first with a 34.85. Great job girls!!

The level 3s also had a wonderful meet at the Upside of Downs classic. We had the biggest team entry so we were split up into two groups for their session. As always, the girls were smiling and having fun while competing and showing off their routines! In their age groups, on bars, Amanda Reeveley tied for second, Brooke Debucci placed third, Brianne Campbell placed third, Hallie Joyce placed fourth, Kaley Johnson placed fifth, Jewelina Reeveley placed fifth, Avery Jakubovic tied for fifth. On the balance beam, Brooke Debucci placed first, Kaley Johnson tied for first, Korey Kennedy tied for third, and Hallie Joyce placed fifth. ON the floor exercise, Hallie Joyce placed second, Amanda Reeveley placed second, Kaley Johnson placed fourth, and Brianne Campbell placed fourth. For the all-around, Amanda Reeveley placed third, Brianne Campbell placed fourth, Hallie Joyce placed fourth, and Kaley Johnson tied for fourth in their age groups. Awesome job girls and keep up the hard work in practice!



Dance Show 2016



We are now planning our 2016 Dance Show. The graduating seniors have decided on "Tangled" as the theme for this year's show. Once again the show will be held at Powers Auditorium in Youngstown, Ohio. The show dates will be June 16th and 17th, with rehearsals on June 13, 14, and 15. It is imperative that we know immediately who will be participating in the show this year, so please fill out the paper below and return by February 1st. Open class students will perform in one night of the show (this includes Kinderdance/Kindercise). If you are in Thursday's show you will have staging on Monday and dress rehearsal on Tuesday. If you are in Friday's show you will have staging on Monday and dress rehearsal on Wednesday.

Costume deposits will be \$50.00 per costume and due by Feb. 7th. Costumes will not be ordered unless your deposit has been paid.

Please return this paper even if you are NOT planning on being in the show.

NAME: _____

(As you want it to appear in the program)

_____ **I WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE DANCE SHOW IN THE FOLLOWING DANCES:**

_____ BALLET _____ (CLASS TIME) _____ POINTE _____ (CLASS TIME)
_____ JAZZ _____ (CLASS TIME) _____ HIP HOP _____ (CLASS TIME)
_____ TAP _____ (CLASS TIME) _____ KINDERDANCE _____ (CLASS TIME)
_____ KINDERCISE _____ (CLASS TIME)

DANCE LINES ONLY: (mark groups you will be performing with)

JAZZ LINE _____ LYRICAL _____ COMPANY _____ SENIOR _____ TEEN _____ PRE-TEEN _____ JUNIOR
TAP LINE _____ COMPANY _____ SENIOR _____ TEEN _____ PRE-TEEN _____ JUNIOR

DEPOSIT INFORMATION: (please make your checks payable to **KDGC**)

_____ PAYMENT ENCLOSED (\$50.00 FOR EACH COSTUME)
_____ PAYMENT ENCLOSED (\$150 JUNIOR, PRE-TEEN, OR TEEN LINE COSTUMES)
_____ PAYMENT ENCLOSED (\$200 SENIOR & COMPANY LINE COSTUMES)

FAMILIES HAVING MORE THAN ONE STUDENT IN THE SHOW:

NAME OF BROTHER/SISTER: _____ THEIR CLASS _____

_____ **I WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE DANCE SHOW THIS YEAR.**

_____ **I AM UNCERTAIN AT THIS TIME BECAUSE:** _____