

September 2011

# Backstage Bulletin

## THE "BACKSTAGE BULLETIN"

This is Bridget Dawn's Studio monthly communication newsletter. Each month you will find studio highlights, activities, important dates and reminders. It will be placed in your mailboxes at the beginning of each month and will also be available to print off of our website.

To have a fun and successful year please make sure you read the Backstage Bulletin each month!

### NEW ONLINE ACCOUNTS

Many of you found how easy it was to register for classes and have already created a password to the site. For anyone who did not register online, but registered in person at the studio you can still have access to your account by following a few simple steps.

1. Go to our studio website and click on classes.
2. Then click on online registration/family accounts.
3. Click on forgot password and enter the email address you gave us when registering. If you forgot the email you gave us or this does not work please contact the studio.

By having access to your accounts you can view and edit information about your family (such as: family registration info, student enrollment, and current balance due).

## WELCOME BACK

We are very excited to welcome you to Bridget Dawn's Studio of Performing Arts 9th season! We are always working to provide our students and families with a fun and educational performing arts experience and are happy to share our talents with you.

We are very blessed to have many of our students and families back and look forward to meeting and getting to know our new students and their families.

As you come back you might notice a few differences outside the studio. Our buildings landlord chose a color and had the building painted. The landlord also had carpet laid down for a new "sidewalk".

Inside we used our "updating" budget to purchase a brand new air conditioner and stereo as both had stopped working.

We are looking forward to a fun and successful season ahead!

### Early Registration T-shirts

Any students who registered and paid by August 11th will receive a free Bridget Dawn's Studio t-shirt as was advertised. These t-shirts will be placed in the students mailbox as soon as they arrive. Merchandise orders are in your mailboxes!

# VOICE CLASSES

Students interested in taking voice should let the receptionist know to put them on the interest list. We will call you the end of September/beginning of October to set up a class time.

If there is enough interest we would like to have a small class for K-5 graders. Please let us know if this class would be an interest to you so we may schedule it.

Students in voice will be instructed on proper body, face and vocal warm-ups, along with breathing and vocal exercises. Students can choose to participate in the recital or just take the class for fun and technique.

## STEP OF THE WEEK

During the fall students in preschool, level 1 and level 2 will be receiving a slip of paper that contains a "Step of the Week" for them to practice for the following week. At the end of each class the student teacher will come out with the students and demonstrate the step for you so that you can assist with their step in case they don't remember it.

## Yankee Candle Fund-raiser

We are very excited about our first fund-raiser of the year as we've heard a lot of positive comments from last year. Ordering packets were placed in your mailboxes, if you did not receive one please see the front desk. This is an optional fund-raiser in which you will receive a gift certificate to Bridget Dawn's Studio for the amount you earn.

Orders are due with full payment into the studio on or before October 7, 2011. **NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED**, by the studio or company. Checks are payable to Bridget Dawn's Studio. Please double check that no checks are payable to you or Yankee Candles before you turn it into the studio.

Don't forget these make great gifts for teachers, co-workers and family members! They tell us orders will be in by Thanksgiving, but we cannot promise this, but will be in before Christmas.

## DRESS CODE

We do understand it might take students a little while to purchase proper attire, but please note the dress requirements in the Parent/Student Handbook. As a reminder **T-shirts, regular shorts and sweats** are not proper attire, but warm-ups.

All attire and proper shoes should either be purchased or on order from us by October. We understand some students have the correct shoes, but not the correct color. This is fine until early spring.

All hair is to be pulled away from the face and back into a bun, ponytail or braid. No watches, necklaces, bracelets or dangling earrings are allowed to be worn.

It is an interruption to the entire class to correct proper attire after class has begun so please take care of this before entering class.

Thank you for following our simple dress code. If you would like to order from us clothing and shoe information forms can be found in the reception area. We will be ordering once in September and once in October.

## HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE

## WALK TO CURE DIABETES

Bridget Dawn's Studio is proud to support Phoebe's iPhans in this year's Walk to Cure Diabetes scheduled for Saturday, September 17, 2011 at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg (the studio will be closed on this day). The walk begins at 10 am, but there are many fun things to do before the walk starts, such as a climbing wall and cookie decorating. A team photo will be taken at 9:45. There is also a box lunch served after the walk. If you'd like to join us, you can register online at [jdrf.org](http://jdrf.org). Be sure to select Phoebe's iPhans. You can also register by calling the Gilmores at 724-238-2097 and they will register you. There are fundraising forms available at the studio. Come and help us make a difference in the Walk to Cure Diabetes.

You can also support the team by sponsoring one of our many dancers and staff members that are walking or directly to the team online at [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org).

We are also selling "shoes" at the studio for either \$1, \$5 or \$10 to raise money for this very important cause.

# "Poetry in Motion"

Congratulations to all of our dancers who performed on June 18, 2011. Our recital was a huge success with our talented performers dancing, singing and acting beautifully. Thank you to all of the students, families and volunteers, without you the show would not have been as special! So take one last curtsy or bow . . . BRAVO! . . . ENCORE!



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DVDS for sale . . . We have ordered some extra dvd's for anyone who forgot to order their copy and they are almost sold out! We only have two afternoon performances left, these are first come, first buy so please ask the receptionists if you are interested in purchasing a copy, they are \$40.00 per show.

## Awards

"Grandpap" Scholarship Awarded to: Brittany Finger

"Shooting Star" Scholarship Awarded to: Mallory Miller, Brianna Bridge, Autumn Kostley

Volunteers Baskets were won by: Mrs. Kromel & Mrs. Martinosky



## **Idlewild's Showcase of Stars**

Congratulations to our Starz Team students who performed at the Hillside Theatre in Idlewild on July 1st!



## **FACEBOOK**

**Bridget Dawn's Studio is now on**



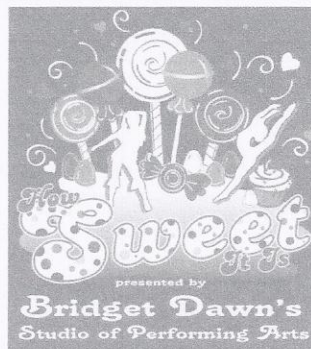
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**We will be posting reminders of important times, dates and also snow closings!**

Please write this date on your calendar **June 16, 2012**. This is when our year end recital will take place at Ligonier Town Hall Auditorium. During June 11-13 will be mandatory blocking rehearsals (only one of the days) and our mandatory dress rehearsal should be June 14th. Exact schedules will be given out in the recital packet late winter/early spring. There will be two shows (a matinee and evening) on June 16th and students will be notified of which show they will be performing in through the recital packet. All preschool students perform in the matinee performance.



All students are encouraged to participate in the recital, but it is not mandatory. Those not wishing to perform or unable due to prior obligations need to fill out

the recital drop form located in the lobby, by Nov. 1st. You may still continue classes without participating in the recital up through the end of April.

For most students the recital is the highlight of their dance year and students of all ages love to receive their trophy that gets taller with each consecutive year they participate.

Performing in the recital does require a time commitment and money, please make sure you have read the handbook that outlines the cost and guidelines to participate in the recital. If you wish for your child to participate - that is wonderful!

Keep posted much more information will in future newsletters!



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