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From the Director Annette Romano-Merlini

*H*appy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful break and is as excited to be back as I am! All of your caring and thoughtfulness this holiday season is truly appreciated by all of us here at Dance Dimensions. Thank you parents and students!

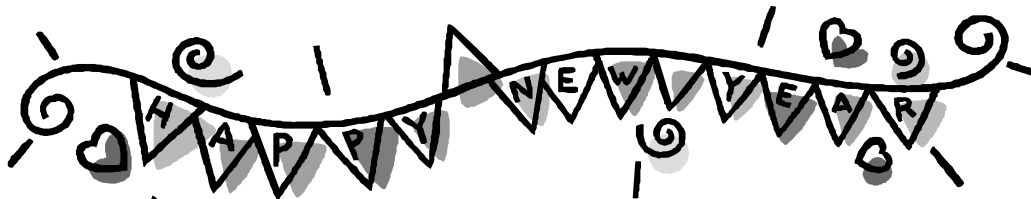
A new excitement will start to come to the classes as we begin our recital routines and costumes arrive. We will also have a few "crazy" weeks during the winter months - read ahead for more details.

2009-2010 Teaching Staff

*D*ance Dimensions is proud to bring you the finest teaching staff, dedicated to provide each student quality dance education with a personal touch!

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CrAZY WeEkS

To help the winter blues pass by with some fun, we will have 3 "crazy" weeks here at Dance Dimensions.

- ★ **CRAZY SOCK WEEK (January 25 - January 30)** Wear your favorite or wildest socks to dance class this week!
- ★ **PAJAMA WEEK (February 8-13):** Wear your comfy PJ's to class this week, just make sure you can dance in them! Even better – wear your "Dance Dimensions" PJ Pants – many sizes in stock – just ask the office.
- ★ **SPECIAL LEOTARD / DANCEWEAR WEEK (February 22 - February 27):** Do you have a special leotard or dancewear that you would love to wear to class but it's not in the dress code? Well here is your chance to wear it to class during this week!

Need New Dance Shoes, tights or leotards? Most are in stock. Just ask at the office. If we don't have your size in stock we can usually get it by the next week.



This and That

- ★ **Reminder: No food or drink** (except water) in the studios or waiting room. Thanks!
- ★ **If we close for snow** it will be posted on our website: www.dance-dimension.net. A message will also be left on the answering machine. If the normal message plays, we are open.
- ★ **Cold/Flu Season:** Please encourage your children to wash hands often. If they are sick please keep them home and schedule a make-up class.
- ★ **Parking Reminder:** At the studio - please park between lines in marked spaces, if lot is full please park across the street on Cedar Road or circle around. SUV's and Vans - please be careful to take only one spot. At the Annex – please be careful not to park where there are yellow lines. Thank you so much for your cooperation!
- ★ **Leg Warmers & Sweaters** are available at the Dancer's Closet — perfect for those chilly days!

Dates to Remember

Final Tuition Payment Due no later than Saturday, January 23

January 25-January 30
CRAZY SOCKS WEEK



February 13-14

Competition at Paramus Catholic High School. Admission: Free



February 8-13

PAJAMA WEEK



Monday, February 15
Presidents Day

Studio Closed



February 22-February 27
SPECIAL LEOTARD/
DANCEWEAR WEEK



SPRING RECESS

April 5-10 - Studio Closed

Picture Day:

Tuesday & Wednesday
May 4 & 5

Times will be posted by Feb. 1

Dress Rehearsal:

Thursday June 3 & Friday June 4
Times will be posted by Feb. 1

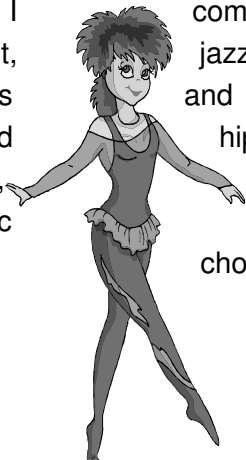
Recital:

Saturday, June 5 & Sunday, June 6
Check the bulletin board to see what time your child will be performing.

Meet an Assistant

Allison Maloney

Allison is a 13 year old student in the 8th grade at River Dell Middle School where she is a student ambassador. She was chosen for this position because of her motivation, friendliness and all around good character. This is Allison's first year assisting and she is a wonderful helper to Miss Susan's Shooting Stars 4 yr.old class on Friday evenings. Allison loves little children and they bring a smile to her face whether she is assisting or babysitting. Allison is a 4 year member of our intermediate I competition team; she studies ballet, jazz, musical theater, leaps and turns as well as some tap and hip-hop. When she's not at D2, Allison enjoys listening to music on her ipod and choreographing her own dances.



Sabrina Shen

Sabrina is a 7th grade student at David E. Owens middle school in Tenafly. Sabrina can be found assisting Miss Amy in the Shooting Stars Kindergarten class on Monday afternoons. She loves young children and is happy to assist in the classroom. Sabrina is on our intermediate competition team and competes in lyrical and jazz as well as having a lyrical solo. When not at the studio Sabrina enjoys snowboarding and reading/watching the Twilight/New Moon Saga. Sabrina's favorite color is green and she is also fluent in Chinese!!

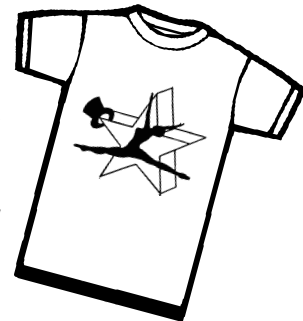
Winter Word Scramble

Answer Key: <http://www.dance-dimensions.net/Newsletter.html>

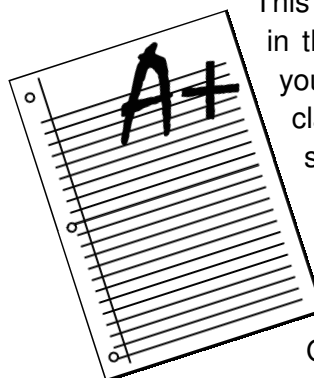
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Dance Dimensions Apparel

If you missed out on the latest order but would still like a sweatshirt, PJ pants or a fleece, check with the office. We still have a few sizes in stock.



Report Card Raffle



This raffle is open for all students in the first grade and up! Bring your report card into dance class and for every A (or your school's equivalent), up to ten A's, you get to put your name on a raffle ticket. On February 15 we will draw five names to win prizes! Good Luck and keep up the good grades!

Competition Team News



- ★ Our competition team will be sponsoring a candy fundraiser (M&M's, Skittles, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Butterfingers and more) during the last week of January/beginning of February. Candy bars are \$1.00 each and will be available from team members as well as in the waiting room. Please help support our teams!
- ★ We are still collecting empty ink cartridges!

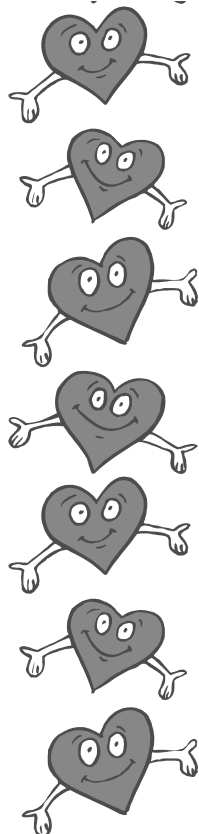
Our routines are all finished and are in the final stages of cleaning and polishing. Our first competition will be Saturday & Sunday, February 13 & 14 at Paramus Catholic High School. There is no admission charge to observe, so come and support our kids. We will be entering 22 group routines, 9 duets/trios and 50 solo numbers.

Good Luck Seniors, Intermediates, Junior, Petite & Mini Competition Team Dancers - Keyana Frost, Samantha Hilscher, Stephanie Noble, Anna Plysyk, Maria Rivellini, Julianna Ventimiglia, Stephanie Carridi, Amanda Conroy, Alyssa Delacruz, Victoria Albanese, Megan Luongo, Amanda Ocampo, Ashley Schwiederek, Caroline Ogden, Morgan Tracy, Marisa Alvarez, Jessica Alvarez, Amy Ayoub, Jessica Byrne, Taylor Rivera, Haley Contino, Lillibeth Javier, Aliya Subhit, Amanda Tarantino, Melissa Mabasa, Christina Dominquez, Kristina Vetere, Annika Canta, Allaire Merlini, Tori Schwiederek, Briana Lawton, Rose Millheim, Sabrina Subhit, Sabrina Shen, Jennifer Vialonga, Allison Maloney, Rachel Bernstein, Kaitlen Villa, Sara Ayoub, Emma Bednarski, Emma Rivera, Lauren Ogden, Lauren Bednarski, Bianca Cosentino, Megan Luca, Grace Nastasi, Julianne DiCostanzo, Casey Ferrante, Krystina Bisig, Cara Jordan, Ashley O'Connor, Tyra Jones, Alen Motoki, Ashley Balasa, Catherine Halligan, Kelsey Sanchez, Alexia Kazianis, Kaylee Semenez, Alexandra Williams, Riley Barker, Kaitlyn Lack, Tina Motoki, Julie Pellegrino, Nicole Richter, Taylor Salvaggio, Alyssa, Avallone, Sara Gardener, Vickie Lepine, Megan Mackey, Emma Millheim, Grace Moran, Rebecca Reyes and Ava Senior



Looking for a *GREAT* Birthday Party?

We Do "Tons of Fun" Birthday Parties at Dance Dimensions. We'll dance, tumble, play games, and eat pizza and cupcakes and so much more. Check out our website for more details or call the office to reserve your date!



Valentine's Day Word

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