

TIPTOZ NEWSLETTER

Spring 2023

Important Dates:

All important dates are always listed on the homepage of our website: www.tiptozdance.com

PARENT WATCH WEEK: APRIL 3-6

One parent (or grandparent) can join your dancer for classes this week to observe, take pictures/videos, and enjoy watching your dancer learn! Please be courteous to your child's class by not talking during lessons, do not direct your child or interrupt classes, and please be mindful in the hallways that you do not block passage of students. Please do not bring younger siblings that have trouble sitting still for extended periods of time. Space permitting, siblings or a second parent/grandparent can join on watch night!

WAMEGO RECITAL DETAILS:

May 1-4: Wamego Pictures (in class)

May 12: Wamego Rehearsal:
(6 p.m.)

May 13: Wamego Recital- (2 p.m.)
(Season ends)

Venue: Wamego High School Auditorium

COUNCIL GROVE RECITAL DETAILS:

May 15-18: CG Pictures (studio)

May 30: Tiptoz Council Grove Rehearsal (Act 1) (Starts 6 p.m., Big Broadway starts at 4 p.m.)

June 1: Tiptoz Council Grove Rehearsal (Act 2) (Starts 6 p.m., Big Broadway starts at 4 p.m.)

June 2: Tiptoz Council Grove, Show 1 (6 p.m.)

June 4: Tiptoz Council Grove, Show 2 (2 p.m.)

Venue: CGHS Auditorium

Recital Season!

We are gearing up for recital season! Many of our dances are finished, or close to finished. Teachers are posting videos on our Facebook practice pages, but if you need a practice video, just ask your child's teacher if you can come in the last 5 minutes of class to record. If you need cut music for your dancer, please email us and we can send it to you! Most classes have already received their costumes, however, a few are still coming in!

Picture Weeks:

We will have all group and individual pictures taken on the following weeks DURING REGULAR CLASSES. Please mark these dates on your calendar. Dancers should wear costumes, and have their hair and make-up how they will wear it for recital. They should wear their appropriate tights and shoes.

Wamego Pictures: May 1-4

Council Grove Pictures: May 15-18



No More Glitter Please!

We have been asked by both venues for our recital to cease the use of glitter. Please do not use any sort of loose glitter, glitter hairspray, or body glitter. If your dancer's costume has glitter on it, please wear a cover up if they are seated in the audience.

Instructor Evaluation Forms and Pre-Enrollment:

This year, at the end of our season, each student will receive an instructor evaluation form that indicates what skills students have mastered, what skills they should work on, and what classes their instructor suggests for them next season. Some dancers will receive invitations to audition for our Company program, which will include a Competitive team, but also our new "Technician" program, which will

offer an accelerated education for technical skills and several performance opportunities within the community. This is a great option for dancers that take their craft seriously, but aren't able or interested in participating in the competition circuit. This year we will be pre-enrolling for our school year season. This will help us offer our current students better placement in classes and ensure a spot for next season!

Company Audition Dates:

May 21: Wamego Company

June 11: Council Grove Company

Costumes:

Almost all of the costumes are in! When costumes have been tried on and or altered they will be sent home with the dancer. Please do not wear costumes until picture day/rehearsal/recital so they do not get stains. Please hang them up in a safe place and steam out any wrinkles- be careful if you iron and make sure it's not going to melt/burn fabric. If you would like to make minor alterations to your dancer's costume, please feel free to do so! Send any questions you have our way!

Rehearsals:

Please remember, dancers are required to attend their rehearsal in order to participate in recital. This year, we will not wear our costumes during rehearsals. All dancers will be asked to wear *plain black dance attire* (Leos, tanks, leggings, bra tops, dance shorts, etc.) This will allow us to move quickly during rehearsals.

Recital Fees & Tickets (Per family):

Recital Fees are \$15/family, this includes the digital video recording of the recital and complimentary programs. This does not include any tickets for the recital.

Recital Tickets:

Tickets for recital will go on sale May 1st. Dancers do NOT need to purchase a ticket for themselves, unless parents would like them to have a reserved seat. Dancers may sit in any open seat in the auditorium. Parents and family members will need to purchase a ticket to attend the performance. Ticket sales go towards program printing, venue rentals (your community school!), and paying staff to run the show! Thank you for supporting your local theatrical departments!

Tickets: will be available for purchase online on our website for \$10-\$12/each. Children that can sit on a parent's lap or 3 years old or younger are free. Recital fees will be applied to May invoices.

Recital T-Shirts will soon be available for pre-order. Keep an eye on your email/Facebook for updates! This will be the very last Tiptoz shirt available ever! Why the last shirt...keep reading!

Tiptoz is Rebranding!

Starting this summer, Tiptoz Dance Company is rebranding! Our mission is changing and our company is evolving, and so is our name! We are excited to reveal our new name and brand this summer!



Summer Classes / Camps

We will have several summer classes and camps available the month of June and July!

Registration will open April 1 for summer classes! When Shine teams are elected, we will give you more accurate dates for choreography sessions.

Company Auditions:

Wamego Auditions: May 21

Ages 6-10: 2 p.m.
Ages 11+ 3:30 p.m.
Solos/Duets/Trios: 4:30 p.m.
*Mandatory Parent Meeting 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the beginning of your dancer's audition.

CG Auditions: June 11

Ages 6-10: 2 p.m.
Ages 11+ 3:30 p.m.
Solos/Duets/Trios: 4:30 p.m.
*Mandatory Parent Meeting 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the beginning of your dancer's audition.

Tulip fest: Tiptoz Shine Competition Team Performing : April 15, 2 p.m.

This year our Tiptoz Shine teams will be performing for Tulip Fest! Come and watch them perform at the park gazebo, Saturday April 15 at 2 p.m.!

Congestion in Wamego Hallway:

Our hallways in Wamego have become very congested, and with parent watch week coming up, we want to encourage our parents to spread out so that we do not block the doors/hallways. There is very little space to wait outside the dance room; however there is a waiting area in the room to the left of the entrance if you want to wait inside the building for your dancer. Otherwise please stay to one side of the hallway and allow students to walk through.

New Staff Member: Welcome Miss Marah!



Miss Marah comes to us from Kansas City, Missouri. She has danced since she was 4 years old at Miss Dianna's School of Dance. Marah started dancing competitively there at age 8. Marah teaching jazz, tap, ballet, pom, lyrical and acrobatics! Marah was a member of her high school dance team which was ranked at the state and national level. Marah is currently a student at K-State studying engineering. She has a strong passion for creating a positive environment, and has an uplifting attitude! When asked why she loved dance, Miss Marah responded with: "i've always loved dance because it not only gave me a happy place to escape to but a sense of belonging and family."

Costume Credit Program:

This is a *trial program* we will be implementing this year in an effort to begin reducing the number of costumes we order “new” each year. This will be a consignment program, so no payments will be made upfront. To put your costume into the Costume Credit Program, you will fill out the “CCP” form for your costume with your contact information. At the conclusion of the the recital, you can leave your costume in the designated drop off location with all included accessories, hair pieces, and the form with your information. Your costume will then be taken to a regional costume sale, and a portion of the costume fee (**if sold**) will be credited to your account. Costume prices will vary, but most costumes will accredit \$15-\$40 for a resale. *This program is optional*, and we do anticipate a few hiccups along the way. At recital, we will provide a list of costumes that we are able to take back (we have limited storage, so we cannot take all costumes back, and some costumes we won't be able to re-sell.) We are going to try the program with a group of select costumes this year and see if it goes well and if we can continue to expand this program. We are excited because this program will potentially offer reduced costs for used costumes, issue costume credit to our customers who participate, and will reduce the overall volume of costumes and help our company to take steps in sustainability.



POM SQUAD



SUMMER CLINICS & PERFORMANCE TEAM!

We will be holding two summer clinics where dancers will learn pom technique and basic Acro skills! Next season we will have a “Pom Squad” that perform at

2 regional dance competitions and 2 local festivals!

(This program only located in Wamego.
If your dancer is interested in this new performance team, they must attend summer 1 of the 2 summer clinics to join the Pom Squad.)

Coaches: Miss Audrey and Miss Marah
 Clinic 1: June 17 & 18
 Clinic 2: June 24 & 25
 Clinics will be 4 hours each day, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Dancers will receive a set of poms to keep! Dancers will need to bring a sack lunch.
 Cost: \$125/clinic (includes poms, if signing up for a second clinic, price reduced by \$20)
 Ages: 6-10, no prior experience necessary