

# NW Dance and Acro

## Newsletter



**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
Count Down  
TO SUMMER**

### End of the year

With summer just around the corner, things are really heating up at NWDA! This week is packed with end of the year engagements, culminating in our spring recital, New York, New York: Bright Lights, Big City, Chasing Dreams on Saturday, June 18th, at Snohomish High School Performing Arts Center. We want to make this as smooth a process as possible so here are a few reminders of what's to come.

**Class Photos** - Don't forget that we will be having class photos this Saturday, June 11th, at NWDA with Clear Image Photography. Please plan on arriving camera ready and 10-15 minutes early as pictures often run early. The class photo schedule is available on our website under the Recital Tab for your convenience.

**Make-up Classes:** Due to competition commitments, some technique classes had to be canceled and have been rescheduled to take place on June 11, after ballet photos, for the following classes: Ballet 1/2 - 11 a.m., Leaps and Turns 2/3/4 - 11 a.m., Ballet 2/3 - 12 p.m., Leaps and Turns 1/2 - 12 p.m.

**Online Ticket Sales:** Online ticket sales are underway with the studio presale coming to a close. On June 11th, ticket sales will open to the public and will end on June 13th at midnight. Be sure to communicate these dates with family and friends as tickets are selling rapidly. Any remaining tickets available after June 13th will be available for purchase at the door on recital day on a first come, first served basis. Online ticket prices are \$10 plus a service fee. Tickets at the door will be \$13 (cash or check only).

**Rehearsals:** We have two rehearsals planned for recital. The first rehearsal will take place at NWDA on Friday, June 17th, beginning at 4 p.m. The in-studio rehearsal is a dress rehearsal so dancers should come in costume. You can find the schedule for this rehearsal online under the Recital tab. Watch next week for an email with details regarding the dress rehearsal scheduled at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 18th, at Snohomish High School Performing Arts Center. Families are encouraged to take photos and videos at rehearsal as photography and filming are strictly prohibited during the recital performance. Our recital shows will be filmed by a professional videographer and these DVDs will be available for purchase at recital.

### Recital

The day of recital is always an exciting one but it can be a bit hectic so it helps to plan accordingly. Please check with your teacher ahead of time for instructions on hair, makeup, costume, shoes, and accessories. Plan to arrive 30 minutes prior to show-time with hair and makeup ready and plan for contingencies--

It never hurts to have an extra pair of tights, a makeup kit, and a small sewing kit on hand for mishaps and touch-ups. It is also handy to have snacks and water available for your dancer as they're sure to work up an appetite, but please help us keep the school tidy and clean up afterwards.

**One final note regarding recital...** While we understand that our families have busy schedules, we ask that you please plan to stay for the duration of the show to support all of our hard-working students. We always have a curtain call at the end where we invite all of our dancers up on stage to take a final bow and, we can assure you, they've earned it. Please stay until the end and help us celebrate the hours of practice and preparation our dancers have invested in crafting this incredible show!



**Summer Schedule Coming Soon!**  
**Fall Schedule Available Online in August**

### Dancer of the Month

Congratulations to our May Dancer of the Month Sierra Edmundson! Sierra's teachers rave about her reliability, positive attitude, and attentiveness in class. Sierra shows up for each class ready to work and give her best effort, which really speaks to her devotion to dance. When performing, Sierra's poise and grace are highlighted in her beautiful lines. Fantastic job, Sierra!

Sierra is getting ready to celebrate her 14th birthday on June 13th and has been dancing for five years. She looks to Gisele Bethea, an apprentice dancer at the American Ballet Theater, for her dance inspiration. What she admires about Gisele is that she hasn't let the competition in the ballet world go to her head but keeps her focus on family. Sierra hopes to do the same. She prefers classical and Balanchine style ballet because it has an extra flair to it. When asked what she enjoys most about performing, Sierra says,

"There are no worries. You just see the bright lights and smile and dance!"

Outside of dance, Sierra can be found practicing the high jump and hurdles in track, but she finds almost any sport fun, and she also enjoys geometry in school. This summer she is looking forward to traveling to Iowa to visit family in that area. Her favorite book is "Between Shades of Gray" by Ruta Sepetys, a fictional story about a Holocaust survivor, and her favorite song is "Start a Fire" by Unspoken. Sierra loves the atmosphere at NWDA and that it feels like a family. She says, "Everyone encourages each other and are always there when people need them."

Sierra's mother, Susan Edmundson, has this to say about Sierra's time dancing at NWDA: "Dancing has been a great outlet for Sierra. She always looks forward to her dance nights. When she's dancing, she can let all the other stressors go and just relax and get better at something she loves. Sierra has also become physically stronger and more self-confident. I am thankful for NWDA because of its talented teachers and the many classes offered. Sierra has been exposed to many types of dance which has helped her to find her passion-- Ballet!"

IT'S BEEN AN INCREDIBLE YEAR AT NWDA AND WE'VE ENJOYED EVERY MINUTE OF IT.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART OF OUR DANCE FAMILY.