



# Steppin' Out SPOTlight

Steppin' Out Studio of Dance 12844 Coldwater Road, Suite D Fort Wayne IN 46845 260-637-9660

October, 2011

[www.steppinoutstudioofdance.com](http://www.steppinoutstudioofdance.com)



## Mark Your Calendar!

**Fall Break:** Friday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Classes resume on Monday,  
Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Thanksgiving Break:**  
Wednesday-Friday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>-  
25<sup>th</sup>. Classes resume on  
Monday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Winter Break:** Monday, Dec.  
19<sup>th</sup>-Friday, Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>. Classes  
resume on Monday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Encore DCS Competition:**  
Friday-Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>-  
25<sup>th</sup>. Fowlerville, Michigan  
(near Lansing).

**Spring Break:** Thursday,  
March 29<sup>th</sup>-Friday, Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Classes resume on Monday,  
Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Hall of Fame Competition:**  
Thursday-Sunday, Apr. 26<sup>th</sup>-  
29<sup>th</sup>. Columbus, Ohio.

**Last Day of Classes:**  
Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Recital:** Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>  
(Saturday Dress Rehearsal),  
Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> (Sunday  
Dress Rehearsal and Saturday  
Recital), and Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
(Sunday Recital).

**Parent Exit Interviews:**  
Monday-Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>-  
7<sup>th</sup>.

**Hall of Fame National  
Competition:** Monday-  
Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. St.  
Charles, Illinois (near  
Chicago).

## It's Costume Time...and not just for Halloween!

I hope all of our students are having a good time and working hard in their dance classes. Although next June seems so very long away, our teachers are busy selecting music and then planning the choreography for their recital dances. Soon they will be picking out recital costumes for each dance.

Getting costumes is a long and time-consuming experience. It begins this month, with student measurements. During the week of October 17<sup>th</sup>, we will start measuring all the female students during class – we do chest, waist, hips, inseam, and “girth,” which is a circular measurement down from the shoulders, through the legs, then back to the shoulders.

*If you have a son that dances at the studio, please pick up a measurement form at the front desk. Our female staff or volunteers don't measure the boys. Once you have measured and recorded your son's measurements, please return the form to the front desk by November 10<sup>th</sup>.*



We allow for growth when recording measurements. When all students are measured, the numbers are entered into the computer so they can be matched with each costume company's sizing charts.

We work with a variety of costume companies, and our teachers spend hours reviewing catalogs to find costumes that best match the theme of their dances. I review each costume based on style and affordability. If I do not feel a costume is appropriate because of its style or price, I ask the teacher to select a different costume.

When all costumes have been selected, I place orders with the costume companies. Because the companies carry a very limited inventory, the manufacturing time is several months. That is why our registration contract mentions that, for each dance class in which your child is enrolled as of November 1<sup>st</sup> (not including technique-only classes), you will be responsible for payment of that costume. Costumes generally arrive in time to distribute them shortly after Spring Break.

As a reminder, the studio WILL BE OPEN on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, for all classes even though Northwest Allen County Schools are closed for Fall Break. However, the studio will be closed after our early afternoon pre-school classes (1:00-2:30 p.m.) on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> due to Halloween.

Thank you for your continued support and allowing our staff the opportunity to work with your children!

Beth Berry

Studio Director



**Halloween — Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**

Studio closed **after** pre-school classes  
1:00-2:30 p.m.





## Studio Reminders

If you ordered a **2011 Recital DVD** and haven't picked it up yet, please check at the front desk.

You can still **purchase recital photos online:**  
1) Go to: [www.seemyprints.com](http://www.seemyprints.com)  
2) Type: Steppin' Out  
3) Password is: Dance  
4) Type in your e-mail address

**Tuition is due the first week of each month.** A late fee of \$10 will be assessed if payment is not received by the 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Tired of writing tuition checks every month?** Stop by the front desk to set up automatic monthly tuition payments...from checking or debit/credit card.

Please **DO NOT PARK** in the row of parking spots in front of the building across from the entrance to Steppin' Out. There are two offices that have business hours during the afternoon and evening.

**Help us keep the studio clean.** Please remind your dancers to clean-up after themselves if they have meals or snacks at the studio. Food wrappers and empty or partially-filled food and drink containers often don't make it to the trash cans. Let's get the year off to a good start by keeping wrappers and food OFF the floor. **THANKS!**

**Become our facebook friend!** Just type *Steppin' Out Studio of Dance* in the search bar on **facebook**, and you'll pull up our page. Then click *Like*. You can keep up to date on upcoming events and holiday breaks and more. We'll also be able to post when we're closed for severe winter weather, etc.



## Any New Ballet Students Out There?

Shortly before the studio opened for fall classes, we added another Ballet class for 4-5 year-olds. We need a few more students in that class before the end of this month to ensure that we don't have to consolidate it with another class due to size.

**It meets on Wednesdays from 5:00-5:30 p.m.**

If you know any parents who would like to enroll their child, please pass this information on to them. Thanks!

## Money Matters

Parents — If your last name is different than your child who dances at Steppin' Out, please be sure to list the child's full name on your check or credit card slip. Same goes for other relatives (i.e. grandparents) who make tuition payments. Right now, we have a credit card slip for \$35 from (last name) "Weddle" that we can't match, so some family isn't (yet) getting credit for a tuition payment. If you know who it's for, please tell one of our front desk staff members.



## Moms — Up for a Fitness or Dance Class?

We would like to offer some classes for moms after the first of the year. But what would you like?

If you would take a couple of minutes to complete this survey, you can help us determine if there is enough interest to offer the class(es), the type of class(es) to offer, and best times.

- What type of class would you be interested in (check one...or if more than one, rank 1, 2, 3)?**  
**Zumba** \_\_\_\_ : a combination of dance-inspired movements, cardiovascular activity and fun Latin music, the class feels more like a high energy dance party than a rigid workout.  
**Yoga** \_\_\_\_ : designed to control breathing, maintain and sustain physical poses, and increase flexibility. Yoga is a great way to improve total body strength and endurance (upper, lower, and core), balance and stability, and reduce stress.  
**Fitness Jam** \_\_\_\_ : combination of toning/strengthening drills (such as push ups, jumping jacks and squats) and cardio/aerobic exercises. In each class, you'll switch from toning to cardio drills, allowing for maximum calorie burning.  
**Tap** \_\_\_\_  
**Hip Hop** \_\_\_\_
- How many times each week would you like to attend a class?**  
Once \_\_\_\_ Twice \_\_\_\_ More \_\_\_\_
- What time is best for you?**  
Morning \_\_\_\_ Early afternoon \_\_\_\_  
Other time \_\_\_\_ (when? \_\_\_\_\_)
- Would you prefer a "drop-in" price for each class attended, or a flat monthly price for all classes offered?**  
Drop-in price (pay each time you come to class)...come whenever you want \_\_\_\_  
Flat monthly price (price covers all class sessions offered — for one type of class — during the month) \_\_\_\_
- Other comments appreciated!** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Name (optional):** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please clip and turn in at front desk or drop in Suggestions & Comments box in lobby.)