

The Dance Corner News: January 2021



A new year is upon us. Welcome 2021!

While I know everyone is ready to move on and say goodbye to 2020, but we do have some awesome things to celebrate from last year here at TDC.

We welcomed two talented new teachers to our faculty- Mr. Brandon and Miss Jaci, and we also welcomed back TDC alumna, Leianna Dolce to our dance shop and teaching team.

This fall we were voted Best Dance Studio, Best Ballet School in the Shoreline newspapers' Best on the Shoreline readers poll. I am so honored to be voted Best Dance Instructor. Thank you everyone for your support of me and our entire team.

Miss Emilee got married and is now Mrs. Bowden!

In December we held THREE brand new holiday events in the community. The first weekend of December, our students paraded through the Beechwood Senior living community spreading holiday cheer to residents.

The following weekend our kiddos braved the elements to dance for toy donations at Haddam Elementary school and then the next day they did it again under sunny skies at Anytime Fitness in Madison. We collected over 200 toys and gift cards for those in need on the shoreline.

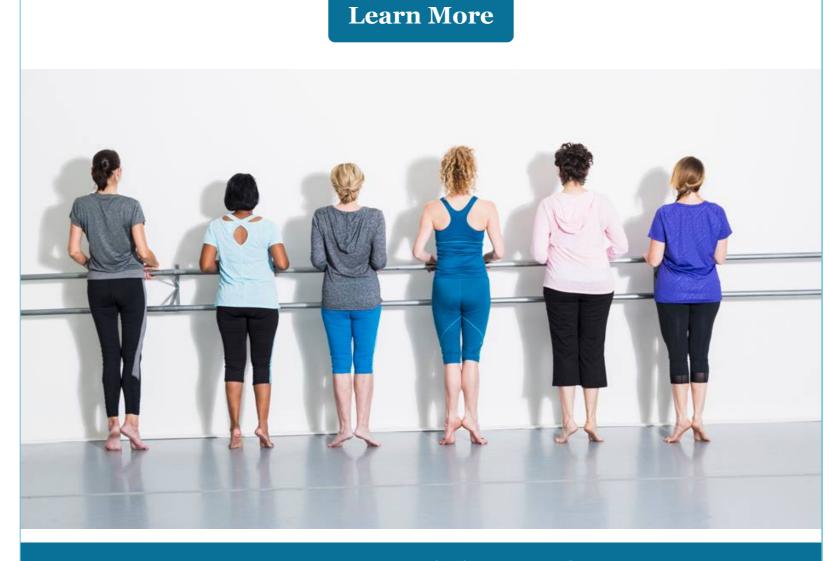
I am so proud of our students not only for using their talents to give back to others, but for their grit and professionalism dancing in the elements, on sidewalks, and in the cold. Our young people never cease to impress me with their resilience and dedication.

Our dancers pivoted to online learning in March of 2020 and they have continued to adapt to new ways of learning in the studio and at home. While last year looked different than any other year in my time at TDC, one thing remained constant. My pride in our students and their commitment to their art, and to their friends and teachers in the TDC community. Watching students support and offer encouragement and words of care and kindness to each other since the start of the pandemic has made my heart so full even on the darkest days.

Let's step into 2021 with a renewed commitment to caring, support, and kindness towards one another. Every day we are one step closer to reaching the rainbow after the storm. We will continue to dance through the storm, moving forward together into the sunlight. We are #TDCStrong so let's #KeepDancing into 2021!

Thank you dancers, families and staff for sticking with us through the past year. We can't wait to see what 2021 will bring. It's going to be our best year ever! Happy New Year!





January Spirit Week!

We invite kids and staff to have fun and and show their studio and recital spirit by dressing up for class during our color themed week this month!

BLUE Spirit week- Monday, January 18th- Saturday, January 23rd Wear all your favorite **BLUE** clothing and accessories to classes. Be sure you can dance safely in whatever your wear.



Save the Date!

TDC Fest 2021, Rainbow Connection is going to be a weekend full of dance, family and fun!

Our dancers will perform on an outdoor stage at Haddam Neck Fairgrounds in East Hampton ,June 5th-6th 2021

More details about TDC Fest including showtimes will be emailed and mailed to families as they become available over the next couple months.



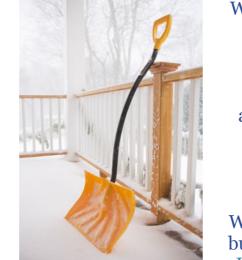
Dancewear for Chilly Days

During these cold winter months, we understand that students may need to wear a cove cover up over their leotard at the start of class. Please remember that we do not allow any baggy clothing in class. Fitted sweaters or long sleeve shirts are fine for warm-up, as long as they don't fall below the hips. Leg warmers are also allowed in class. Our <u>dance shop</u> carries ballet sweaters and leg warmers to keep

your dancer toasty this winter.



Storm Closings



Winter is upon us, and in the event of severe weather, The Dance Corner may have to cancel classes.

Did you know you can sign up for text alerts for TDC closings? Just log into your customer portal account at <u>TheDanceCorner.com</u>, select **Account** and then **Contacts**. Select **allow text messaging** under your mobile phone number.

We will only send text alerts about weather closings or emergencies.

We send an email blast out to all families if classes are cancelled, but to be sure, please call the studio at <u>860-663-3738</u> or visit our <u>Instagram</u> or <u>Facebook page</u> to find out if classes are still being held.

The Dance Corner does not cancel classes based on school system closings. There may still be dance class, even if area schools are closed. If classes have been cancelled The Dance Corner's voicemail greeting will let you know that we are closed. We will also post closing information in our <u>Facebook families group</u> and on

our social media streams.

Monthly Tuition Payments

Monthly Tuition bills are due the first of each month. Make your payments conveniently and securely online by logging into our <u>Customer Portal</u>.
We accept credit and debit card payments online or you can pay directly from your bank account by e-check. Recital costume fees will be automatically charged to your account on November 15th. Clients can check their balance at any time by logging into their account at TheDanceCorner.com.

A \$25 service fee will be charged for all returned checks. Accounts not paid within terms are subject to an accruing 5% monthly finance charge until paid. The Dance Corner reserves the right to discontinue service to any customer with an account more than 60 days past due. Accounts more than 60 days past due may be submitted to a collection agency. Customers will be responsible for any attorney or collection fees arising from The Dance Corner's efforts to collect unpaid balances.

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