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THIS MESSAGE IS FOR ALL PARENTS WHO SAY THEY DON'T READ OUR NEWSLETTERS. (You're probably not reading this one either.) These newsletters are designed to keep you up to date on what's happening at the studio. They also serve as a reminder of important dates and deadlines such as costume money, ballet exams, videos, recital dates, etc. Newsletters are now emailed to you and are also on our website. We usually have the same IMPORTANT messages on the marker board and the front door, and all newsletters are on the bulletin board. There is no excuse for not knowing what's going on. Being uninformed hurts your child, as they are not prepared for or miss certain events. We cannot possibly call every student in the school and remind them. This year we had to drop several students from the recital due to unpaid costumes. That is a terribly sad thing. Let's hope that never happens again! We send out the newsletters on the last week of the month. If you change your email address, please let us know. By the time April comes, we will be updating the "News" page on the website almost every week. So please be on the look out for them and READ.

LATE TUITION PAYMENTS

Parents, please do not embarrass your child by sending them to class when tuition has been unpaid. As you know, tuition is due BEFORE the first of the month. Tuition not paid by the 7th is late and you will be charged a $5.00 late fee and your child will be asked to sit and watch the class. If tuition is not paid by the 14th, you will be charged an additional $20 late fee. Please pay on time.

COSTUMES

Costumes have been ordered. Photos of the costumes will be on the bulletin board soon. By the way, it takes over a week just to fill out the order forms. This year we ordered from 10 different companies and purchased over $28, 000.00 in costumes! NOTE TO PARENTS: Whether you are purchasing 1 or 10 costumes for your child, I know how expensive it is and how hard it is to come up with the extra money at Christmas time. Please consider making small costume payments starting this summer. We will start receiving payments as early as June. We had one parent who started making weekly $20 payments this summer for her child's 9 costumes, and had them paid in full by mid November! Every little bit helps!

RODEO DAY

Yes, we are open on Friday Feb 18th, Rodeo Day. Our next holiday is Spring Break, when we will be closed March 20th -27th. If there is any other time that the schools are closed, except for weather emergencies, we are still open for class. If you are ever unsure, please consult our "News" page on our website.

ATTENTION PARENTS

Has your child been studying with us for 5 years or longer? If so, please let us know, and also, for how many years.

PARENT'S VISITATION

We will be having Parent's Visitation for ALL classes the week of February 6th – 12th. Still and video photography are welcome. Please refrain from bringing small children who may disrupt the class.

RECITAL AUDIO CD'S

CD's of the recital dances will be available for home practice at the end of February. This is a wonderful tool for the students so they can perfect their recital dances. The CD's are $5.00 each, payable in advance, and can be ordered at the desk.