

FW Ensemble News

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Back to School– Back to Dance

Fall has come and that means our dance season is in full swing. Routines are well underway and many are finished and starting to clean. Fall also means it's time for festivals and convention, and Christmastime is right around the corner. If you haven't made your reservations for the convention or for competitions yet, please do so as many hotels are already full.

Big/Little Meet and greet will be at Jeter Pumpkin Patch again this year on Sunday, October 8 at 2:30 in the afternoon. Tickets will need to be purchased once you arrive. We will all meet and then you can hang out with your friends and new bigs and littles.

ALL team members will be participating in 3 Christmas parades this season. We are asking that all team members participate in at least one, and we would love to see you at all of them. Please see the attached form for parade costuming size. The minis/bitties will be riding the parade float and will have an outfit chosen based on the theme. Preteens– Seniors will dance behind the float and will learn the routine in each of their classes for several weeks prior to the parade. They will have a coordinating sweat-shirt/ hat/ gloves ordered for them as well. (Cost for all age groups was \$65 last year)

We wanted to clarify due to some confusion that all solo/duet/trio contracts are for 5 hours this year, not 6. The contract can be found online under ensemble parent resources at floydwarddance.com

PLEASE talk to your student about using the cubbies in the back lobby in Vinton. We have put those in specifically so that bags will not be in the hallways, on the tables, and in the classrooms. Thank you!

Supply List

Many veteran ensemble members know that more than any other groups in the studio, our ensemble members treat the studio as their second home. Unfortunately, this means that often our supplies are depleted very quickly. Each team member is asked to bring supplies to contribute to our "home." You will find your supply list below and may drop them off with the secretary.

Please turn in these items if you have not already done so!

Mini/Bitty Ensemble Members

2 Packs of Ponytail Holders
1 case of miniature water bottles
1 Box of Tissues
1 Pack Dum Dum Suckers

Preteen Ensemble Members

2 Packs of Ponytail Holders
1 case of miniature water bottles
1 Container of Hand Sanitizer
1 Pack of Ice Packs

Junior Ensemble Members

2 Packs of Ponytail Holders
1 case of miniature water bottles
1 Box of Clorox Wipes
1 Pack Band Aids

Senior Ensemble Members

2 Packs of Ponytail Holders
1 case of miniature water bottles
1 Box of pads and/or tampons
1 Box Ziploc Baggies (any size)

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ARE YOU READY TO FUNDRAISE???

There are lots of ways to defer the cost of dance. Throughout the year, we will hold several fundraisers, most of which will raise funds specifically for your dancer's account. None of the fundraisers are required and you are welcome to participate in

as many or as few as you wish. Please watch the FWSOD Facebook page as fundraising information will ALWAYS be posted there.



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Follow ups will be sent through emails in parent portal.

For planning, here is a list of what has been scheduled thus far. We will be adding some fundraisers throughout the fall, so this is not a comprehensive list. New ideas area always welcome for consideration. Some efforts work better than others for sure, but each dollar raised does help make dance more affordable.

Valley Hall Bingo – Weekend volunteers needed to cover day and night games (you can pick). Earn dance credit of \$75 per volunteer shift. Accounts are credited monthly.

Sign up through signup genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094aa9a82aa0fb6-july2>

VA Diner Peanuts – Packets are available now. This is run like a typical school fundraiser with various selections of food, gift items and wrapping paper. Sale ends September 9th. Sellers earn between 45% - 48% of sales for their individual account.

Butter Braids – We have sold this great product for a couple years and will plan again for spring. Folks love Butter Braids, so mark your calendar and watch for details. Dancer earns approximately \$8 per item sold.

Flower Sales – Seasonal Flower Sales in Fall (Mums), Winter (Poinsettias), Spring (Colorful Baskets). Amount for account will vary based on seasonal price of flowers.

Gift Card Giveaway – Contribute a \$25 gift card and sale tickets for a variety of store gift cards. Generally, we have about \$350-\$400 worth of gift cards. Tickets generally sell \$5 per ticket and dancers receive 100% of profit from ticket sales. Marci Borba and Cherie Powell are the contacts for this event. Watch for info.

Group Fundraisers - On occasion, we will partner with area businesses and restaurants to have a night to promote FWSOD and receive a portion of profits from that restaurant. Please be on the lookout for these nights.

Kroger Cards If you shop at Kroger and have not attached your Kroger Plus Card to an organization, please connect it to FWSOD Ensemble. Go to:

<https://www.kroger.com/account/communityrewards> to sign up. Our organization number is PL250. We receive quarterly checks for participation.

Questions? Text or Email me:

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Christmas Parades 2023

Due October 1

My child _____ will be in attendance at the following scheduled Christmas parades.

Students should attend as many as they are able. Line-up times will be announced closer to date.

_____ November 30 Vinton Christmas Parade (Evening)

_____ December 2 Fincastle Christmas Parade (Afternoon)

_____ December 8 Roanoke City Christmas Parade (Evening)

My Preteen-Senior would like a size _____ sweatshirt.

We will contact Mini/Bitty parents once outfit has been decided on for sizing.

We also need 8-10 parent volunteers for each parade. Unfortunately, due to parade rules, we cannot allow all parents to march. Please let us know if you are interested below and for which days. Please also include what size sweatshirt you would like. All parade participants must coordinate. We will send out a list of assignments closer to parade date. Chaperones are expected to arrive 30 minutes prior to student arrival time and to help pass out candy, carry signs, and check students in/out for safety.

I _____ would like to chaperone the following parade(s). Please purchase a size _____ sweatshirt.

_____ November 30 Vinton Christmas Parade (Evening)

_____ December 2 Fincastle Christmas Parade (Afternoon)

_____ December 8 Roanoke City Christmas Parade (Evening)

Solo, Duet, Trio Registration Form

Please Fill out 1 Form for EACH routine

DUE OCTOBER 1

(Not to be used for **OPTIONAL COMPETITION**- Please see forms posted on floydwarddance.com under the parent resources/ ensemble parent resources tab)

*Students with outstanding balances at the registration date will not be registered for solo, duet, or trio competition

Student(s) Name(s)_____

Student(s) Birthdate(s)_____

Routine Title_____

Routine Style_____

Choreographer_____

Please check those you wish to attend.

Ultimate Dance Tour

ASH

Showstopper

Dance Machine

Important Dates

October 8	2:30 Big-Little Meet and Greet at Jeter Farm
November 22-26	Thanksgiving Break
November 30	Vinton Christmas Parade (ALL TEAMS)
December 2	Fincastle Parade (ALL TEAMS)
December 8	Roanoke City Christmas Parades (ALL TEAMS)
December 16	Christmas Extravaganza
December 17– January 1	Christmas Break
January 2	Classes Resume
January 20	Ensemble Dress Rehearsal– Grace Family Church (ALL TEAMS) Ensemble Picture Day
January 27	Recital Fees Due
February 2-4	Ultimate Dance Tour– Roanoke, Virginia (ALLTEAMS)
February 16-18	ASH– Reston, Virginia (Elite Teams and other teams by teacher selection) For Host Hotel and Location Information (https://ashdance.com/events/reston24/)
March 1-3	Showstopper– Richmond, Virginia (ALL TEAMS) Competition is to be held at the Richmond Convention Center
March 15-17	Boogie Fever– Roanoke, Virginia (ALL TEAMS)
March 24-31	Spring Break
April 29– May 3	Ensemble Evaluation Week
May 4-5	Recital Pictures
May 11	Last Class Day
May 14-16	Dress Rehearsal
May 17 & 18	Spring Recital