The page is decorated with various sizes and styles of light blue snowflakes scattered throughout. In the top right corner, there is a logo for 'NEXT STEP DANCE KODIAK' consisting of four colored squares (blue, green, yellow, red) arranged in a 2x2 grid with the letters N, S, D, K, and the text 'NEXT STEP DANCE KODIAK' to the right.

Hello NSDK families and students!

It's not exactly a winter wonderland out there, but it's still Merry and Bright in the studio, and it's hard to believe we'll be on winter break soon. Classes will take a break from Saturday Dec 15 through Jan 2, with classes resuming on Thursday Jan 3. (Don't worry, you'll get plenty of reminder emails, too!)

Congratulations to our wonderful performers in the Winter Showcase on Dec 1st. You really shone, and showed the audience what hard work and focus you've put in during the last three months! I am so proud of each of you and your efforts, and have received so many positive comments in the past week. People loved the parents and kids dance, so if you want to be part of that, we're offering an opportunity in Wizard of Oz! And many people remarked how they enjoyed seeing the snapshot of a ballet class, and to see all the things that a student has to do in class, in order to create the performance that goes on up stage. Perhaps my greatest compliment, though, came from the Auditorium Manager, who made a special point to tell me how professional our students were in rehearsal and on stage. As a studio owner, that meant so much- that our students pay attention, take direction, are respectful of the space and their teachers and Auditorium staff, and that our students know how to conduct themselves in a performance space. Well done all of you!

With the recent earthquake, I wanted to give all our parents a reminder of our emergency policy. NSDK is a shelter location, outside the tsunami inundation zone. We have a portable generator, and emergency lights that run off batteries. We are not a long term shelter facility because there are no shower facilities in the building, but in the event of a natural disaster or community emergency, NSDK should be a safe place to shelter. If your child is at class during an event, we will remain at the studio, and parents or care givers can pick up students with a sign out procedure. In the event of an evacuation you might also consider bringing young children to the studio (rather than the high school which may be unfamiliar). The Nov 30th earthquake was a good reminder to be prepared with water, food, and a plan for an emergency.

Finally, the holidays should be a joyous time of celebration, but for some in our community, it is also a time of increased stress on already stretched resources. If you have the ability to provide some extra help to families who may need a hand, please consider one of the community "Giving Trees" with your student. Providing a holiday gift to someone in need, many of whom are children, is a wonderful lesson to teach our young people about the value of community support and caring for others. Giving Trees are located throughout the community, such as KMXT, Walmart, Providence Kodiak Island Hospital, Kodiak Women's Resource and Crisis Center, and various other locations. Thank you for sharing what you can with those less fortunate.

Thank you so much for being part of our wonderful studio family, and may your holidays be Merry and Bright! (and yes, hopefully just a little bit nutty, too!) With grateful thanks to the wonderful NSDK teachers and staff, and to all of you,
Ms. Mary Beth

December Student Spotlight!



SLOAN is one of our beautiful beginning ballerinas, and she also takes tumbling. She loves twirls and cartwheels!



JONAH is one of our many superstar boys at NSDK! He takes hip hop and Intro to Ballet&Tap. He loves to rehearse and perform on stage



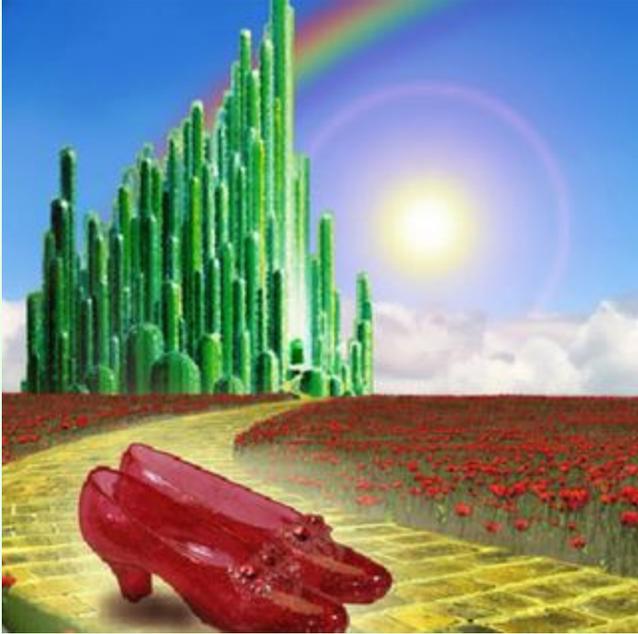
Vivian is 8 and takes tumbling, hip hop jazz 2, and contemporary 1! She recently came back to Kodiak and we're so glad! She loves her dance friends!



Maya takes ballet 3, hip hop 3, and musical theatre!! When she grows up, she'd like to be an actress- we know she'll be great!!

Learn lots more about our incredible NSDK students all year long on our Student Spotlight Bulletin Board!

Spring Recital: The Wizard of Oz!



We are thrilled to announce that May 10 & 11, Next Step Dance Kodiak will be presenting The Wizard of Oz!

This fun, heartwarming story of friendship, loyalty, and courage fits perfectly with so many of our values at NSDK. We know this story will allow our students to show a wonderful combination of the technical prowess and artistry demanded by ballet, the energy of jazz and hip hop, the exuberant joy of our smallest stars in Rhythm & Movement, and a chance for our musical theatre students to present pieces from the Broadway Repertoire!

- Join us Saturday afternoon Dec 15th to watch the movie version of the Wizard of Oz at the studio!
- The spring recital is often the highlight of the dance year for our students, and involves all dance, musical theatre, and acro class (but not tumbling classes). Stage rehearsals take place the 4 Saturdays preceding the performance, as well as the week prior to performance
- Participation is encouraged, but not required. Costumes will be ordered during the winter break; if your student would prefer not to perform, let us know using our Opt-out link ASAP!



CLASS CHARACTERS FOR WIZARD OF OZ



These classes will be double cast, so only perform 1 night:

3 yr old R & M – Saturday: Farm animals

4 year old R & M- Saturday: Bluebells

3 & 4 yr old R & M – Thursday Farm animals

3&4 Year Old R & M – Tuesday: Woodland creatures

3&4 yr old R & M – Wednesday: Woodland creatures

Intro to Ballet & Tap – Monday: Bluebells

Intro to Ballet & Tap – Saturday Bluebirds in Munchkin Land

Intro to Ballet, & Tap- Thursday: Bluebirds in Munchkin Land

Beginning Ballet 1- Monday: Snowflakes in poppy scene

Beginning Ballet 1-Friday: Snowflakes in poppy scene

These classes will perform both nights:



Adult Ballet: Citizens of Oz



Beginning Ballet 2: Munchkin pages/band in Munchkin Land

Ballet I : Magic at Prof Marvel's Caravan

Ballet 2 : Citizens of Oz Group 1

Ballet 3 : Poppies

Ballet 4: Vultures

Ballet 5: Flying Monkeys

Ballet 6 : "Kansas welcome", and Flowers in the poppy scene

Boys funk and jazz class: Lollipop League in Munchkin Land

Contemporary 1: Scarecrows in field

Contemporary 2: part of Tornado

Hip Hop 1A (Monday) and Hip Hop 1B (Friday): Storm front/Tornado

Hip Hop 2A and Hip Hop 2B: Guards at Wicked Witch Castle

Hip Hop 3: Scary trees (throwing apples)

Jazz 1: Munchkins

Jazz 2: Crows in field with scarecrows

Musical Theatre! Age 10+ and Musical Theatre! Age 6-9): Citizens of Oz

Group2

Pointe Class: Emeralds

Tap 1A: Guards at Emerald City Gates

Tap 1B: Wash Up & Brush Up Company

Tap 2 : Ruby Slippers

Acro 1: Munchkins

Acro 2: Rainbow at start of Munchkin Land

Parents and Kids: "Walk on down the Road" in Munchkin Land



Featured roles for WIZARD OF OZ (in general order of appearance)



TOTO (double cast): Siiri Riutta (Act 1- intermission) Lilliana Kattenecker (Act 2- finale)

Dorothy (double cast:) Michaelina Bell Bianni Penaloza

Aunty Em: Hailey C

Hunk/Scarecrow: Kaelie P (contemp & char. ballet, en pointe)

Hickory/ Tin Man (double cast): Kayla H (hip hop) Krista S (tap)



Zeke/Lion: Elianah M (jazz)



MissGulch/ WWWest: Leif K

WWEast: Sara S

Glinda: Isabella P

Lullaby League: Lydia S, Hailey C, Audrey L, (Bianni P one night)

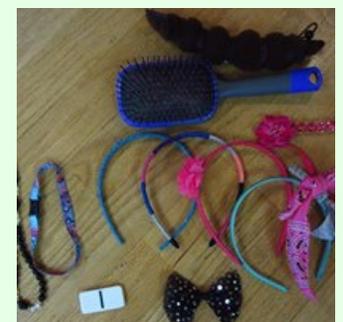
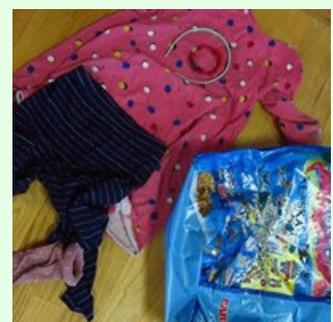
Emerald City Welcome Guides: Xander J, Lilly Slagle, Megan C

Horse of a Different color: Cassidy F, Myla W

Fire: Brianna M, Delaney C, Arianna F, Maya C

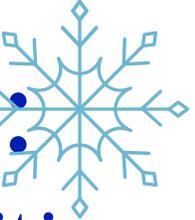
Water: Myla Woodley, Audrey Lonheim, Sara Scott, Grace Jackson, Maleah Kubicki, Ariana Fangolino, Francie Eufemio, Eunice Fangolino, Falyn Costello, Krista Simpler, Veronica Johnson, Hailey Cornett, Abigail Pruitt, Lexi Geir, Cassidy Foster, Alana Schoenwether, Ishi Taboy, Tosha Simpler, Lydia Schrof (Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion will dance and interact in their characters)

These are just a few of the treasures collected in our Lost&Found bin at the front desk. We'd love to return them to their correct owners! Please check the bin the next time you're in the studio. Any items left at studio when we go on break on Dec 16 will be donated.





Mark your calendars:



Please be sure to stop by the Kodiak Maritime Museum's annual Harbor Lights celebration Dec 15th to see our NSDK performers!

Dec 10-14: some adjustments to the schedule will be made for class parties and craft time

Dec 15: Harbor Lights performance by select performers

Dec 15- Jan 2: No regularly scheduled classes

Jan 3: Back to dance and tumbling classes!

Missed a class? Make it up!

Each year at the Spring Recital, students with perfect attendance are recognized in front of our audience before the show. We know that illness, travel, and unexpected events mean that sometimes our students miss their regular class.

No problem! Talk to Ms. Cory at the front desk, or send us an email, and we will get a make up class set up for your student. This way, they will continue to learn and progress, and also be eligible for the Perfect Attendance Award!



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