



Happy February everyone!

February is one of our favorite months at the dance studio. Not only do we get to start rehearsals with featured parts for the recital, but this month we have two special events happening for all our studio members, to celebrate February!

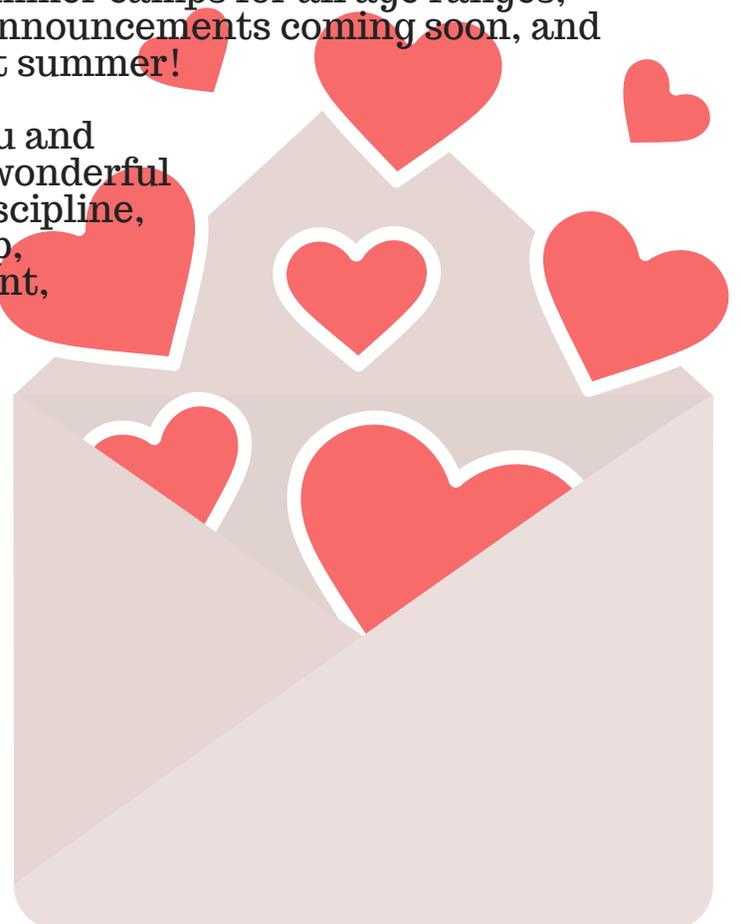
First, leave a review (we hope it's 5 stars!) on facebook or google, and receive an entry to win tickets to the recital, gift certificates to the dance store, or a dozen roses for your recital performer! Second, loved ones are invited to participate in our "share the love" week, where students can choose a loved one to bring with them to participate in class! More information will be coming home with your student about dates and classes this week.

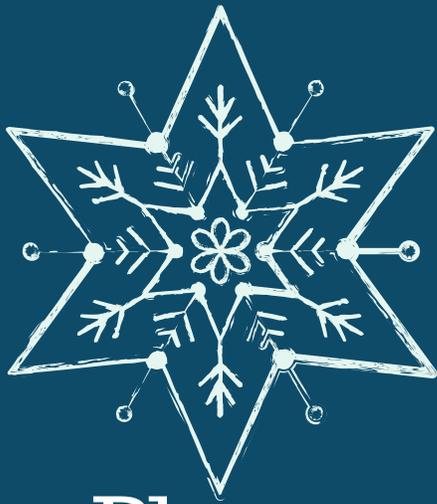
So much has happened in January- we have three excellent new teachers on staff- Ms. Melanie, Ms. Mariah, and Ms. Lacey! 10 students and 4 NSDK teachers traveled off-island for our first ever studio convention, and costumes have already been arriving for our spring recital! Please mark your calendars for our rehearsal schedule on stage beginning in April. We also will need lots of backstage help staying with our younger students and helping them be ready for their time on stage. All backstage volunteers receive a free ticket to watch the other evening show.

Although it seems like winter might last forever, summer is just around the corner! NSDK will be offering many summer camps for all age ranges, throughout the summer. Look for our announcements coming soon, and sign up early because they filled up last summer!

In addition to technical skills like tendu and grand battement, dance teaches such wonderful life lessons to our students, like self-discipline, working as an individual within a group, self-expression, poise, time management, self-awareness, and pride in their own accomplishments. We are proud and amazed by the growth of our students of all ages and disciplines in our studio, and look forward to bringing a fantastic spring production to Kodiak May 8th and 9th!

See you in the studio,
Ms. Mary Beth





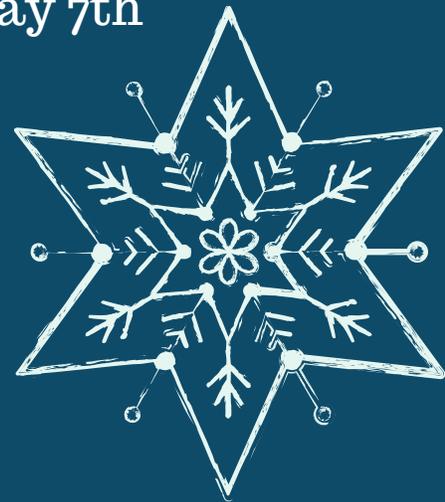
SPRING RECITAL: FROZEN MAY 8TH & 9TH

Please mark your calendars:

Stage Rehearsals: April 4, 18, 25, May 2-May 7th

April 11th (only for certain groups)

Performances: May 8th and 9th



We will need volunteer help with sets, backstage, front of house, and many other items!

Reminders - Attendance, Makeup Classes, and Weather-Related Cancellations

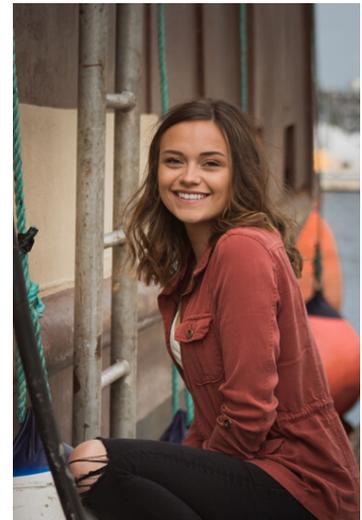
Dancers with excellent attendance progress faster through the levels and perform more confidently throughout the season. We know sometimes illnesses or conflicts come up, and have a generous makeup policy. If your dancer needs to miss their class, we appreciate a heads up (email is best) so our teachers can plan accordingly if they have several dancers out one week for a school concert, etc. Students are invited to make up any class they miss by simply attending another class at the same level or one level below theirs. There's no need to ask the office beforehand – just come to the class and let the instructor know you're there for a makeup ☐

While it's ideal to make up a ballet class missed with a ballet class, any genre the dancer participates in will work for make up classes. Students with perfect attendance will be recognized on stage with a certificate at rehearsal for our Spring Recital!

In the event of a weather cancellation, we will make our decision about morning classes by 8 AM and afternoon/evening classes by 2 PM. If we need to cancel, we will let families know by emailing the entire studio and posting in our private Facebook group (if you haven't joined yet, please go to Next Step Dance Kodiak Current Students to request membership). If we must cancel a class due to weather, we do not schedule additional makeups – we encourage families to attend an alternate class as a makeup.

SENIORS AT NSDK!

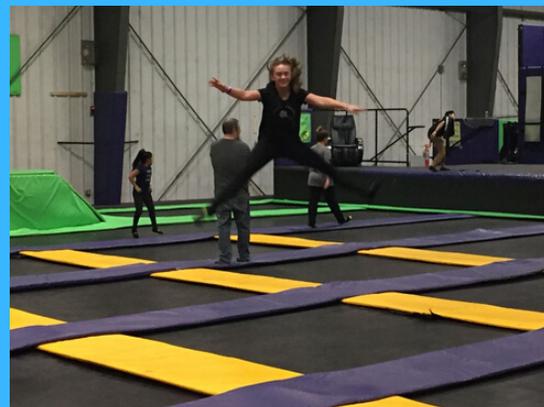
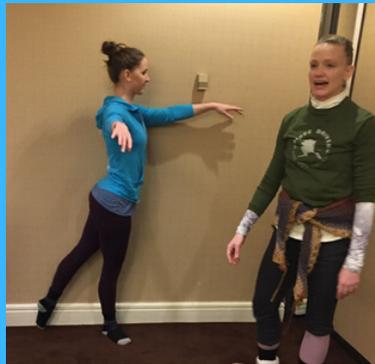
We are so proud to have so many High School seniors with us this year. Whether they've been dancing since they were 3 years old or just started last year, they provide a great example to our younger students, and make our studio an extra-special place to be part of. When you see them in the studio or around town, please congratulate them on all their accomplishments this far- we know they will do amazing things in the future, too!



CONGRATULATIONS!

Dance Driven Convention!!!

Early in January, 10 NSDK students and 4 teachers traveled to Anchorage for a 3-day dance convention. It was a great weekend- 16 hours of dance classes from Friday evening to Sunday, in tap, jazz, contemporary, hip hop, and ballet. Students performed Sunday night in front of all convention attendees. We are so proud of the confidence that our students gained, the great classroom behavior they displayed, and the skills they gained. Plus, we had a great time shopping, at the trampoline park, and staying together bonding and having fun as a studio! Stay tuned for next year- we'll definitely be going back!





Share the Love- in Class!

Our Next Step Dance Kodiak students work hard in class, but too often, even our own families don't know how much time, focus, dedication and effort it takes to master new steps, and progress through levels of dance!

During the week of February 12-16, dancers will be able to invite a loved one to join them to dance together in a class! Parents, siblings, caregivers, grandparents are all welcome to attend to discover what their student is doing at our studio!

Loved ones should wear comfortable clothes (barefoot is fine!) come prepared for fun and with an open mind, and to be amazed by how challenging a dance or tumbling class really is!

Schedules of days for Share the Love classes for each level will be sent home with students and also emailed to each family.

Costumes have all been ordered and are beginning to arrive! Costume costs for each class will be added to your February and March bills.

Stay in touch:

check out our website at www.nextstepdancekodiak.com where you can get the latest news and sign up for our newsletter.

facebook: www.facebook.com/nextstepdancekodiak

send us a message at:
dance@nextstepdancekodiak.com
we're on instagram at: [nextstepdancekodiak](https://www.instagram.com/nextstepdancekodiak)

or, we love to actually talk to you, too!
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Share the Love- leave an online review!



During February, head to Next Step Dance Kodiak's Facebook page and leave us a review, (we hope it'll be 5 stars!) Or write a google review for us so that new families find us faster when looking for activities for their kids! For each review, you will receive an entry into a drawing to win:

1. tickets to the recital,
2. a dozen roses for your performer
3. a gift certificate for the dance boutique
4. our Dancing Olaf- who you've probably seen at our front desk!!



Ballet Vocab Section:

Tendu: (tawn-doo) "Stretched" or "to point". the action of stretching your leg and foot out from one position to another, while keeping it on the floor. While most teachers may simply say "Tendu...", the complete term is *battement tendu*. Tendu is one of the first elements of ballet learned by any dancer!

Pique: (pee-kay) Pricked, pricking. Executed by stepping directly on the point or demi point of the working foot in any desired direction or position with the other foot raised in the air. Such as 'pique arabesque' or 'pique turn'.

Chainne: (Sha-nay) chains or links. A series of turns on both feet, picking up each foot back and forth in order to keep moving in a line or circle. A full rotation is done for every two steps.

"Share The Love" Week

February 10-15

Invitees (parent,
sibling, friend) join
their loved one in
dance class!

Wear clothes you can move in,
bring water, a camera to capture
precious moments, and a sense of
humor! Invitees 5 and under should
be accompanied by an adult.