

## **Zeeland Youth Dance Company October 2016 News**

**Happy FALL! Here's a ton of information to get you caught up on all that is happening in the next few months. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY! We understand it's a lot to go through, but your attention is so appreciated! Thanks for sharing your lovely girls with us, as always! They are working hard and starting the year off so well!**

**Future Newsletters** will be sent via email on the last Monday of the month. Please make sure you have a current email that you check often on record at the Recreation office. The office is happy to include students' emails as well. Please email Kris Ferry at [kferry@zps.org](mailto:kferry@zps.org)

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Expect e-mail responses to be 1-2 days. For immediate needs call Zeeland Recreation at 748-3230.

This year's newsletters will be sent to you via e-mail. Please make sure the office has your current e-mail and one you check on a regular basis.

**Goodies Factory Cookie Dough/Sandwich Sale** An update for those of you that participated in this individual fundraiser: Delivery date has been scheduled for October 13. We have not yet received a specific time, but we will let you know as soon as possible.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Schedule Change for Parade Practice: Monday, October 3, ALL DANCERS PERFORMING IN THE PUMPKINFEST PARADE NEED TO PLAN ON PRACTICING TOGETHER FROM 5:45-6:30.** JR Co. is asked to stay late, ZYDC is asked to arrive early, ZDC members are asked to come as well. See more info on the parade performance below.

**The NUVO sign up will BEGIN on October 7 and continue through the 14th.** Please check the Zeeland Recreation website beginning Wednesday, October 28 for information on this exciting dance convention. It was a great learning and team building experience for those who went last year. A \$50 deposit paid to Zeeland Recreation secures your spot. This money will be later applied to the tuition cost. We are hoping to secure a small coach size bus for transportation to and from Chicago. Many more details are available online.

**Pumpkin Parade!! Saturday, October 8. Line up by 2:15 PM.** We often line up on Main Street between Centennial and Maple, facing West, but we are not yet assigned our division. The Parade begins at 3:00. We often end at the corner of Wall and Central. Please meet us there or let us know if your child has permission to leave on their own, with an older dancer or a different adult.

Parade attire: Black camisole leotard, black dance shorts, tan dance tights (not panty hose), sequin sneakers, white low-ankle socks- if needed, and purple jacket. Please skip underwear, we have noticed panty lines in the past. If the weather is chilly, you can layer an additional shirt under your jacket, preferably one that doesn't show. Dancers should also wear their rhinestone earrings (new members will receive theirs on Saturday at the parade). Hair should be side parted with the bang portion braided into a ponytail at the top of the back of the head. We will not be wearing ribbons, so please use a hair colored rubber band to secure hair (tan for blondes, brown or black, etc...) Fake eyelashes are not

necessary, but some eye make-up, brow defining (darkening for blondes) and a shade of lipstick 1-2 shades darker than natural lip color makes the face stand out nicely outdoors. If your child flushes during exercise, skip blush.

Needed:

- A driver to play music. Car needs to be in like-new condition.
- ZYDC Banner Carriers- Two carriers- siblings or dance friends to help us at the Pumpkin Parade. Carriers will need to be in about third grade or older to be tall enough to hold the banner off the ground. E-mail Ms. Rachel if you know of someone to ask or would like to help.
- Two extra adult helpers to hand out our card/ candy ads. Items may not be thrown! Ms. Cydney and Ms. Rachel can help hand out ads but also want to keep our eyes on the dancers, so we'd love some help.

**Parent Volunteers:** In addition to the above needs, we are working on a Parent Volunteer sign up through sign up genius. Until then our immediate need is a small team of parents willing to help with the Kids Dance Day, particularly helping order, set up, serve and clean up the lunch for the day.

- Volunteers also needed for the **Costume Closet Clean Out Day!** We will be working on sorting and whittling down some of our old costumes on Saturday, October 1 from 9 AM – 2 PM. Please e-mail Rachel if you are able to come for all or part of the time.

**Pop Can Fundraiser Saturday, October 22 from 10 AM-2 PM.** Please plan to **sign up** for the pop can fundraiser on **Monday night, October 3.** This is a fundraiser for dancers to earn money for their individual account and is, therefore, NOT A REQUIRED FUNDRAISER. Each groups' money will be turned in and split equally among the group members, including parent drivers. This is a great way to boost your individual account. In the past, our average earnings have been around \$30-40 per dancer (or driver) for about 3-4 hours work. We are asking this year that you form your own groups and sign up on the clipboard in or outside of Studio A beginning October 3 at 4:30. Please plan on listing:

Parent driver:

Email:

Neighborhood:

Dancers:

My car is: \_\_\_\_\_ full \_\_\_\_\_ Has \_\_\_\_\_ additional spots:

Sign up for neighborhoods is first come first serve. To make sure that more than one group is not hitting the same area, YOU MUST sign up on the list. DO NOT e-mail or verbally communicate your plans with your directors. Sign up can continue through Monday, October 17. The sign up clipboard will remain in Studio A. After this time, **no further sign up can be accommodated** as the drivers need to be able to know their plan and envelopes be made ready. Although we do not want to be responsible for signing up for you if you e-mail us, please do feel free to contact us with questions you may have.

We suggest groups of four, but dancers may work with more or less, depending on how many a car can hold or size of neighborhood, etc. Please indicate if your group has openings so we can accommodate all dancers wishing to participate. So, for instance, if you plan to drive, and your daughter has found one friend to go with you, but your car could hold two more, please pencil in the appropriate number of spaces to indicate your openings below where the sheet says "my car has \_\_\_ additional spots:" Thanks for your help.

**Dancers will meet at Zeeland Recreation at 9:45 and collect from 10-2.** This is a great time to exchange cell phone numbers, as sometimes groups finish early or run slightly late. If you would like to arrange with your group a different meeting spot or adjust the time of the day that your group works, please feel free to arrange that amongst the members of your group. All money collected should be sealed in a provided envelope labeled with each participant's name on the outside and placed in the Zeeland Recreation drop box by then end of Saturday. In the past, dancers/parents have provided the receipts from the pop can returns, with the funds, which is also helpful.

In the week or two after the fundraiser, you will receive a statement from Zeeland Rec, about the exact amount that your child earned. Money in individual accounts can be used to pay for dues, dance apparel, and more. Please see the sign up table for copies of the individual account policy and info. on how to use the money in your account.

**ZYDC LOGO Apparel.** An apparel sale is the works for later October with items delivered in time to make great Christmas gifts. We will be offering duffle bags, jackets, t-shirts, sweatshirts, Tervis water bottles and garment bags.

#### **ZDC ONLY:**

**Sleeping Beauty Couples Waltz:** We will start with sign up for the couples' waltz for members in ZDC Silver, as twelve dancers with twelve partners more than fills the stage. If there are spots open because members of Silver choose not to participate, we may look at inviting additional dancers from ZDC Teal.

**The Couples Waltz will practice on Saturday, November 5, 12, 19, December 10, January 7, 14 from 1:30-3. Please set aside January 28 if we need one more session to clean.** Sign up your name and partner's name on the clipboard in Studio A no later than October 21.

**KIDS DANCE DAY:** In order to start advertising, we need to secure dancers in ZDC to lead age groups. We would like all dancers in ZDC to sign up, but please speak with us soon if you would like to be excused from this activity. You may sign up in groups of 2 or by yourself. You may request an age group to work with and we will take this into consideration based on seniority and need. This will be an opportunity for dancers to raise money for their individual accounts, gain exposure for our group and our Winter Benefit Concert/ Nutcracker on Saturday evening and gain some useful teaching experience. Please sign up on the desk in Studio A.