



ALMOST FAMOUS

Dance & Gymnastics

Happy October Almost Famous Families! It is so nice to get back to routine here at the studio, the students are adapting well to all of our protocols and have a great understanding of what to do upon arrival and dismissal. We thank you all for abiding by our "Kids Zone Only" Rules and only entering the building when needed. All classes began their preparation of Winter Showcase routines, so it is officially Christmas time at the studio! Not that we are inviting snowy weather into our outlook, but it is fun to hear the jolly music! Thanks again for being a part of our Almost Famous Family!

*Have a great day,
Melissa Ehrisman & Amanda Hackney*

Dress Code Reminder

Please help us keep our students safe by abiding by our dress code. All female students can wear any type of dance/gymnastics leotard, spandex shorts, or leggings. Male students should wear activewear. Keep hair pulled back and away from face. No dangling earrings or large jewelry. No gum.

- Jazz/Tap – Tap Shoe
- Ballet – Stretch Ballet Shoe
- Hip Hop – Black AF Hip Hop Sneaker



- Pom – Stretch Jazz Boot
- Technique – Stretch Jazz Boot, Ballet Shoe, or Pirouette
- Gym & Acro – Bare feet

Last Month Recap

- Drop In Class was a super fun way to invite new and current students in to try out some new styles of dance or gymnastics.
- Pre-School Theme was "Fun with Numbers" we had a great time counting and learning our numbers while we progressed our skills.
- Miss Andrea headed to the Annual USTA Congress to learn new drills, skills, and safety tips for this year's gymnasts.



This Month

- Think **Pink** Week! We will be celebrating Breast Cancer Awareness Month by asking our students and teachers to think pink when dressing for class the week of October 12th-15th.
- Pre-School Theme is Planes, Trains, & Automobiles. We are so excited to find new ways to teach our skills & drills in the this theme this month. We hope you hear all about it.
- Parent Viewing Week is cancelled for this Fall Season. Due to keeping numbers low within our building. Please be sure to check our Facebook & Instagram stories every night for a look into our classes.
- Halloween Week is set for the week of October 26th-29th. We invite all students to dress in their Halloween Costumes, Hair, and/or Festive Activewear during class.



- Monticello High School Showcase Performance is set for October 31st. Our Performance Pom, Competition Dance & Gym students will be performing. Come support the dance team and cheer on Almost Famous!

- Be on the lookout for Recital Costumes coming in! All students would have ordered these costumes at registration, we have



sized them at class and the how to wear will be sent home within the Winter Showcase Information Packet. All Gym Students (including moovin' and groovin') use our traditional black velvet AF leotard. You should have either ordered new at registration, purchased used on our AF Garage Sale Site, or had from years past. If you don't currently have one, please email the studio to purchase.

Future Information/Events

- Thankful Month is coming up in November. We invite students to bring a non-perishable item to donate to the local food pantry the month of November. We will also be making our wall of thanks!
- December 20th – NEW WINTER SHOWCASE DATE! Due to the inability to utilize the High School for our Showcase we were forced to change our facility which also forced a new date. Please make note of this change. This will be held at the Monticello Berndes Center. Dyersville Show

11AM & Monticello Show 4PM. Please keep a look out for our Winter Showcase Packet.

- Schedule Change! Due to ISDTA change of the state dance competition there will be no class on November 16th-19th. November 30th-December 3rd will now have class

Teacher Feature of the Month:

Miss Maddie Decker. Maddie teaches Hip Hop, Ballet, and Technique at our Dyersville studio. Maddie grew up dancing



in both studio here at Almost Famous and on the Western Dubuque High School Dance Team. She continued dancing as a member of the Dance Team at the University of Northern Iowa. Maddie currently resides in Dyersville and works for her family business at Decker Concrete! We love having her back at Almost Famous!

Quote of the Month:



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