


Welcome to another new month! The time sure does fly by when we're having fun!

Wow! The Little Caesars fundraiser was a HUGE success. Our dancers sold a whopping 354 kits!! So many dancers were able to completely offset at least 1 costume fee!!
As a reminder, pick up is THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5 from 5:00 – 7:00pm at the Community Room at the Harriston Arena.
Unfortunately, we are unable to store any kits that are not picked up, please ensure you collect your order. Kits that are uncollected will be donated.
Congratulations to Maya B who was our top seller; with 33 kits sold!!

This month we celebrate our dancers' special day – with twirls, spins, smiles and a big 'hooray!'
Keep shining bright with every step you take, and after class, don't forget to enjoy some cake!
Wishing the following dancers a Happy November Birthday!







VOLUNTEER FEES
Volunteer Fees are due no later than November 1.
Failure to provide the $100.00 cash or post-dated check will result in your dancer not being permitted to perform in the Christmas Showcase.
If you need to make arrangements, please speak to Miriam, our Volunteer Coordinator.
Families were provided a labelled enveloped with the Little Caesars fundraising package.
Your fees are kept secure and returned to you at the end of the season if you fulfill your volunteer requirements. Post-dated checks should be dated for June 1, 2027
Families are requested to volunteer for 2 events throughout the season; one of which must be the year-end recital.

Dress up week was a ton of fun!!
We hope everyone enjoyed the Halloween fun and thank you to everyone who dressed up. Just a few images below of the fun in studio last week!!!













**Week of November 9 – 14**
Parents will be invited into class for the last 5 minutes for a sneak peek of what your dancer has been up to.
Please wait for the teacher to invite you into the studio.

As a reminder, there is no outdoor shoes allowed into the studio; please ensure you remove your shoes and use the boot trays available.

We are thrilled to offer full-day PD Day Camps for the 2026/2027 dance season.
**NEXT PD DAY CAMP IS NOVEMBER 27!**
Camp is open to ages 5 – 12. Campers will spend the day engaging in indoor & outdoor play. Making crafts & memories with their friends, at their favourite place.
Camp is open to everyone; you do not need to be enrolled at MDA so, invite your friends!!
Only $40.00 per day and includes healthy snacks. Campers are asked to pack a lunch and bring water.
Early drop off & late pick up available for an additional charge.
Registration is now open. You will need to register for each PD Day separately via Google Forms.
Please use the links below:

**NOVEMBER 27** - https://forms.gle/yX9uvjZSb1yN8nwd8

**JANUARY 29** - https://forms.gle/okbvfNtZC3EgDqLz5

**JUNE 4** - https://forms.gle/5tiUnaMjqUJZufXc9

**JUNE 30** - https://forms.gle/Rj4HDErowNmFHLWz5






Get ready to fill the streets and help spread holiday cheer!!
MDA is participating in the Harriston & Clifford Santa Claus Parades

**HARRISTON – Saturday November 21**

**CLIFFORD – Saturday November 28**

Watch your email for sign up to help decorate, walk & ride the Christmas float.
We need as many dancers as possible to fill the float!!!

Before the Clifford Santa Claus Parade, be sure to stop by Clifford Christmas in the Village and say "Hi"
We will have snacks; including Rheo Thompson Mint Smoothies available to purchase.
More information on the event through Clifford Connects.







Our Christmas Showcase is **Friday December 18 & Saturday December 19.**
Each show will be at 7:00pm with doors opening at 6:30pm.
A full newsletter will be sent with additional details.
Parents watch your email for opportunities to volunteer during the rehearsal week and performances.

Wow, we are SO busy and there is lots going on.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the studio.

Happy Dancing,
Lisa Booth | President

# Why Dress Code Matters?

Have you ever wondered why dance studios emphasize a dress code? At MDA, our dress code plays a critical role in ensuring that dancers can perform safely, build a community, and get the most out of their training.

**1. Safety Comes First**

The safety of our dancers is our top priority. Our dress code is designed with consideration of the age, skill level, and style of dance in mind. Wearing the right attire allows dancers to move freely while staying safe. When dancers are dressed per the MDA dress code, they can fully engage in techniques, partner work, and acro skills(where applicable) without the risk of injury. Whether it's having hair neatly secured or wearing the correct shoes, every element of the dress code contributes to a safe and effective class experience.

**2. Building Community and Belonging**

A dress code does more than just streamline the look of a class—it fosters a sense of belonging. When dancers step into the studio dressed similarly, they instantly share a connection with their dancer friends. This shared experience helps build a supportive and cohesive environment where students feel like part of a team.

**3. Enhancing Focus and Classroom Management**

A consistent dress code minimizes distractions, allowing dancers to focus on what truly matters: learning and having fun. By removing the need for the teacher to address varying attire or accessories, more time can be dedicated to instruction, creativity, and skill-building. When everyone is dressed appropriately, the class runs more smoothly, and dancers are ready to dive straight into their training.

**4. Reducing Stress and Simplifying Preparation**

Knowing exactly what to wear for class removes the guesswork and stress from getting ready. With a clear dress code, parents and dancers avoid last-minute outfit debates and can focus on arriving to class prepared and on time. It’s one less thing to worry about during a busy day!

**Our Commitment to Professionalism at MDA**

At MDA, we take our dress code seriously because it aligns with our goal to provide professional training in a supportive environment. Adhering to the dress code is expected, we will follow up with families if there are consistent issues to students adhering to the dress code with the following escalation.

Students will be given 1 verbal warning, with the following steps for future infractions:

1) Dress Code Reminder sent home with students
2) MDA Executive communicates with the parents
3) Students may observe their class in lieu of participation

It is requested that all, jewelry, watches, fit bits etc. are to be taken off for all classes. We believe this policy upholds the high standards we set for our dancers and helps them thrive in their training.

Please label all items. Uniform items are not very distinguishable from one another. MDA will not be responsible for lost/misplaced possessions, please leave all valuables at home. Periodically the Lost and Found box is emptied and items not labelled are discarded/donated to charitable organizations.

Thank you for your commitment to helping us maintain a safe, focused, and happy dance community. Let’s keep moving forward together—one step (and dress code) at a time!