



# March



If you are sick of the snow, raise your hand!! It's hard to believe we're already in March but sunny days and warmer weather is on the way!

Dancers are working very hard on their routines in preparation of the year end recital and many classes are preparing to participate in the Kiwanis Stratford and South-Western Ontario Rotary Music Festivals in April. The closer we get to the dates, the more important it will be, for your dancer to attend every class.



WOW!!! Krispy Kreme was a success!!!

MDA sold 291 dozen doughnuts.

Everyone exceeded our expectations, with many dancers raising enough funds between Little Caesars and Krispy Kreme to completely offset their costume fees for the 2025 recital.

**Way to go MDA families & students!!**

Our final fundraiser for the 2024/2025 Recital, will be pies from Anna Mae's Bakery in Millbank.

Information and order forms will be available for pick up from the studio the first week of March and delivery will be the week before Easter.

This is a great way to make dessert for Easter dinner ☺

Funds raised will be used to offset recital costs including videography.

**Anna Mae's**  
BAKERY & RESTAURANT



Join Tavis for our final Hip Hop Workshop of the 2024/2025 Dance Season on Friday March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Registration is only \$15.00

Non-MDA dancers can join by emailing [mintodanceacademy@gmail.com](mailto:mintodanceacademy@gmail.com)

Bring your water bottle and lots of energy!!!

We thank Tavis for joining us this year!

## March Break this year is March 10 – March 14!

There will be select classes and solo rehearsals during March Break.

Ms. Karen will be running Festival & Graduate Solos on Thursday, Friday and Saturday - please sign up in the studio/email Ms. Karen to reserve your spot.

Ms. Elizabeth will be running classes on Monday March 10

Ms. Emmaline will be running classes on Tuesday March 11 and Festival & Graduate solos and Sr. classes on Wednesday March 12

Max & Abby will be running regular classes on Saturday March 15.

Please refer the March Break email for a complete breakdown of class days/times.



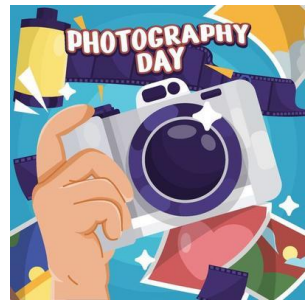
Raffle tickets will be going home mid-March.

As a reminder, you paid for these when you registered. When you sell the tickets, you pay yourself back.

**Parents you will be expected to SIGN for your raffle tickets as this is a lottery.**

All tickets are due into MDA no later than August 26<sup>th</sup> as the draw will be held at our AGM on Wednesday August 27.

Please deposit into the raffle box in the studio lobby.



Recital Photography is Friday March 28 and Saturday March 29<sup>th</sup>. There is no retake day.

Please refer to the newsletter for dates/times for each class, graduate solo and festival participant times.

Please refer to the newsletter for dancer expectations and dress code requirements.

Please ensure payment is made via etransfer to [mdapayment@gmail.com](mailto:mdapayment@gmail.com) or via cash no later than Wednesday March 25<sup>th</sup>. If paying via cash, please deposit in a marked envelope into the lock box in the lobby.

**Your dancer will not be eligible to participate, if photography fees are not paid in full.**

As a reminder, students will be taking home their costume(s) after photography. Parents will be expected to sign a release form and ensuring the costume remains clean and packaged in a garment bag. Dancers who fail to bring their costume and all accessories to a performance will not be permitted to perform in that performance.



There is a little more than 1 month to go until our dancers will be participating in the Stratford Kiwanis Music Festival and South-Western Ontario Rotary Music Festival in Walkerton.

A full Festival Newsletter will be sent with important information regarding performance times, expectations and a full dress rehearsal.

If your dancer is participating in the festivals, **please ensure all fees are paid no later than April 5<sup>th</sup>**. Dancers will not be able to participate in the festivals if fees are not paid in full. If you need to make payment arrangements, please speak to a member of the executive team.



**To the MDA Graduate/Soloist/Duo/Trio** – if you would like extra studio time to rehearse your routine, I will be happy to open the studio to you. If you would like some time in the studio, please send an email and arrange times directly with Ms. Lisa. **NOTE:** If you are under 16, a parent/guardian must be present during all independent rehearsal times, and you must have your own music.

Information regarding Summer Dance 2025 registration will be sent out in mid-March.

Current MDA students will be able to register in April and new dancers will be able to register in May.

Please watch your email for more information and your chance to snag some sweet MDA swag!!!

Classes are \$50.00 and run the month of July.

This is a great way to try a new dance style and keep up with your favourites.





Our next executive meeting is Thursday March 21 at 7:30pm at the Legion  
All parents are invited to attend any executive meeting and learn about MDA.  
There will be a few executive positions open for the 2025/2026 dance season, why not come out and see what it's all about?  
We hope to see you there.

**Please mark your calendars accordingly for the following upcoming dates:**

**SUNDAY APRIL 6** – full dress rehearsal for those classes and students participating in the Stratford Kiwanis and South-Western Ontario Rotary Music Festival.

1:00pm – 4:00pm in the Community Room at the Harriston Legion.

A potluck party will be immediately following.

Please watch your email for a full Festival Newsletter to be sent next week.



Plans for our year end recital are in full swing.  
Watch your email for a full recital newsletter.

Parents: this will be your last opportunity to fulfil your volunteer requirements.

Many volunteers will be required throughout rehearsal week and performance weekend.

**MONDAY MAY 26 – WEDNESDAY MAY 28** – Spring Showcase Rehearsals

These rehearsal times are mandatory for all classes participating in the year end recital.

**FRIDAY MAY 30, SATURDAY MAY 31 and SUNDAY JUNE 1** – Spring Showcase

All recital classes will be in all three (3) performances.

Wow, we are busy!!!!

If there are questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to any member of the executive team.

Happy Dancing,  
Lisa Booth | President