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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

As this newsletter goes to print, we are in the final preparations for the Teelin Spring Show on April 9. I'm looking forward to seeing all of our students on the big stage! Many thanks to our wonderful volunteers... we would not be able to do this production (or so many other events) without you, and I am extremely grateful!

In addition to the Spring Show, there are two other big events in April. First, I will be traveling to Dublin, Ireland, with three of our students who are competing in the World Championships... so proud of them! And second, we are moving to a new studio space. Lots of excitement this month!

One more issue of this newsletter (May/June) will be published next month as we wrap up the school year. Until then... Happy Spring!

~Maureen

TEELIN IS MOVING TO A NEW STUDIO SPACE! (Don't panic, it's right around the corner...)

Exciting news! Teelin School of Irish Dance is moving to a new studio space in Columbia, literally around the corner and down the street from our current space. This move will allow us to be in an end unit with larger studio rooms. When? Sooner than you think!

Construction is already underway in the new space, and the majority of the move will occur during the two weeks that Teelin is closed for Spring Break, April 18-29. When Columbia classes resume on Monday, May 2, we'll be in our new studio!

To get there from our current studio, turn left out of our parking lot onto Red Branch Road, turn left onto Rumsey Road, drive to the end of Rumsey and look for the sign that says "Equus". Turn left into that parking lot, and our studio is the first unit on your left. Door to door, it is exactly half a mile by car from our old studio to our new studio (according to Google Maps). The address is 9221 Rumsey Road, Columbia, and a map has been posted on our Teelin School website.

We're looking forward to dancing in this new space!

2011 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saoirse DeBoy, Ellie King and Gaby Stratmann will each be representing Teelin School at this year's World Irish Dancing Championships in Dublin!

Training for the World Championships requires significant personal commitment, as well as teacher and family support. These dancers have exhibited outstanding dedication in their classes, in their competitions, and most important, in their work ethic and their many hours of independent practice. Congratulations, girls, and best of luck in Ireland! We're very proud of you!

*The contest last for moments
Though the training's taken years
It wasn't the winning alone
That was worth the work and tears*

*The applause will be forgotten
The prize will be misplaced
But the long hard hours of practice
Will never be a waste*

*For in trying to win, you build a skill
You learn that winning depends on will
So any new challenge you've just begun
Put forth your best effort, and you've already won.*

- Author Unknown

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Questions, comments? Want to submit a story? Send email to info@teelin.com.

Dance Studio Reminders:

Please arrive for class on time, dressed appropriately.

Bring a water bottle (or purchase one for \$1 from the lobby at Columbia studio).

No chewing gum.

No sitting during class. If you're on the floor, you should be stretching!

No long or baggy pants. Teachers must be able to see your knees.

Please respect the studio space. Collect all belongings, and remove litter.

Inclement Weather/ Emergencies:

If weather is questionable, please call 443-629-7808 to hear the school message. Notice will also be posted on the website ASAP. **We will not always follow the public school closures.**

Absence:

If you miss a class, you may attend another class at the same level (or a level below), with advance permission. Please send an email to kathleen@teelin.com.

Stay Informed!

1. Keep us updated with your current email address. Log in to your family's account through the online registration system to make any necessary changes.
2. Visit www.teelin.com often for news and updates.
3. Read and use the Teelin School Message Board.

Get involved!

Teelin is dedicated to developing a family friendly environment with a strong sense of community by hosting events that promote Irish culture through dance and music. Send email to eileen@teelin.com to volunteer!

Dancers, are you addicted to the joy of Irish Dance?! You may want to consider one or both of these opportunities...

DANCE COMPETITIONS

A **feis** (pronounced "fesh") is an Irish dance competition. Competing is a great way to focus on improving your technique. Learn more on the website at www.teelin.com...

PERFORMANCE COMPANY

When positions are open, advanced level students may audition for the **Teelin Irish Dance Company**. Learn more at www.teelin.com...



Dance, dance,
wherever you may be!

FEIS WEEK

The Gaelic word feis (pronounced "fesh") means festival, but is more commonly used to describe a sanctioned Irish dance competition. A feis is a gathering of dancers for competition, each representing various Irish Dance Schools. Dancers perform in front of a judge (or judges) to live music.

April 11-14 has been designated "Feis Week" for all Beginner through Level 2 classes at Teelin. In these classes, teachers will run a mock competition, and will introduce dancers to some of the aspects of Irish dance competitions. Parents are invited (and encouraged!) to observe their child's class this week.

Irish dance is a very athletic sport. But unlike many traditional sports, dance is a performance art. Teelin offers many opportunities to nurture and encourage our students' artistic development. Competing at a feis is one such opportunity.

It is important to remember that Irish dance competitions are not simply attempts to win medals or trophies – they are a celebration of Irish culture through the expression of music and dance.

To learn more about Irish dance competitions, please visit the "feis info" pages of the Teelin School website. In particular, read "Feiseanna 101" and watch the photo story entitled "Attending Your First Feis". If possible, dancers and families are encouraged to attend a feis as an observer before entering competitions. Unfortunately, the CCE Feis is usually a great opportunity to do this, but it was cancelled this year. The next "local" feis is in McLean, VA, on June 19 (Old Dominion Feis).

Dancing at a feis is exciting, and many dancers truly enjoy the discipline that is required to develop their dancing to a competitive level. However, all dancers (and their parents!) are advised to keep their competitive drive in check. Even the most skilled dancer is not going to compete well if s/he is not having fun. Dancers, remember to allow the performer in you to shine and to ENJOY the time on stage!

AUDITIONS FOR THE 2011-12 TEELIN IRISH DANCE COMPANY

Auditions will be held on Friday, May 6, at the Teelin studio in Columbia, and are open to eligible upper level dance students who have a passion for performing. Please see the website for times and for more information regarding eligibility for these auditions.

Best of luck to all dancers auditioning this year! Auditions can be tough, and Maureen does not take her responsibility lightly. Sometimes tough decisions are necessary. Choreographing, performing and teaching are her passions, as well as her profession. Please know that ALL dancers are valued, even though not all dancers will be offered a position this year. Best of luck to all dancers who audition! Enjoy this experience!

THINGS TO DO... PLACES TO GO... PEOPLE TO SEE...

Check www.teelin.com for updated information and for the **Teelin Irish Dance Company** performance schedule.

4/8/2011 – Dress Rehearsal at the theater (scheduled times 3-9pm)

4/9/2011 – **Teelin Spring Show** (2 shows, 1:00pm & 5:30pm, each class performs in one show)

4/11 – 4/14/2011 – "Feis Week" in Beginner, Beg II, Level 1 and Level 2 classes

4/17/2011 – Teelin dancers will be competing at Worlds in Dublin on this day! Best of luck to Saoirse DeBoy, Ellie King and Gaby Stratmann!!!

4/18 – 4/29/2011 – **Spring Break** (no classes for 2 weeks)

5/2/2011 – Teelin classes resume at our new studio in Columbia! Classes continue through June 3...

5/5/2011 – 5-week session of N/PW Drills begins, ends Jun 2 – register online!

5/6/2011 – Auditions for Teelin Irish Dance Company (Peanuts at 5pm, Company at 7pm)
– Spring Figure Drills Class begins (6-7pm this night only, then 5:30-6:30pm through May)

5/30/2011 – No Classes (Memorial Day)

6/3/2011 – Last day of Teelin classes for the 2010-11 school year

Summer camps and workshops are open for enrollment! Please visit the website for more info...