

THE TEELIN TIMES

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Teelin School of Irish Dance
9160 Red Branch Road, Suite E-3
Columbia, MD 21045

Teelin Classes in Millersville
Stage Workz
1035 Benfield Blvd, Suite E
Millersville, MD 21108

Teelin Classes in Timonium
Megan Rich Physical Therapy
9492 Deereco Road
Timonium, MD 21093

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SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

November is here - time for our Teelin Ceili! It's going to be a great party, and I'm looking forward to seeing you there!

Also in this issue... mark your calendars for "Parent Week" when observations are welcomed and encouraged in all classes; read about our champion dancers and champion teams who will be competing at Oireachtas; and please note the schedule of make-up classes due to my trip to Ireland in December.

Happy Thanksgiving, Teelin Family! I am grateful for each of you!

~Maureen

TEELIN DANCERS TO COMPETE AT OIREACHTAS

On December 6&7, there will be 34 Teelin dancers heading to Dallas, Texas, to compete in the Regional Irish Dance Championships!

To learn more about Oireachtas please read the article "Everything You Need to Know About and Oireachtas", found within the "Feis Info" section of our website at www.teelin.com.

To these 23 soloists and 13 teams who will be competing, *Adh Mor!* Thank you for representing our school... we're proud of you!

TEELIN POEM

by Lauren Ridlon (age 12)

Jump, skip, hop, twirl
I am a dancing ghillie girl.
Stamp, batter, click, hop
When I begin I don't want to stop.
We dance together, we're a team
Working to make our audience beam.
We're kicking high, our points sharp
Listening to the lilt of the harp.
We dance together, we dance for fun
All in all we are one
WE ARE TEELIN!

SCHOLARSHIPS – AN ANNOUNCEMENT AND SOME INFORMATION...

Congratulations to longtime Teelin Irish Dancer Elizabeth Mackey who was named Maryland Distinguished Scholar for the Arts and received a \$12,000 scholarship to a state university or college! Way to go! Elizabeth is now a student at Towson University.

Speaking of scholarships... there is a scholarship offered by the Irish Dance Teachers Association of North America (IDTANA) which is open to any applicant currently a senior in high school OR full-time undergraduate student who plans to enroll in a four-year undergraduate college next year. Send an email to info@teelin.com for information about the application process, or visit the IDTANA website at idtana.org. The initial application form and supporting documents are due to IDTANA no later than February 1, 2010.

As opportunities such as these come across the Teelin desk we will pass them on to you. If you hear of other opportunities, please share! The **School Message Board** is a great media for this. From the Teelin School home page, open "Student Info" to find the link.

TEELIN "ARMY" FIGHTING THE GERMS!

Many thanks to the diligent Teelin parents who have been wiping door handles and other such surfaces at the dance studio with antibacterial wipes. Your efforts are appreciated!

Teelin School Policy: If you get sick, REST and STAY HOME. Do not come to the dance studio unless you have been fever-free for at least 24 hours and you feel better. (This goes for dancers AND for parents and siblings who come to the waiting area.) Thank you!

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Questions, comments? Want to submit a story? Send an 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 hanging on the barre.

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

Please respect the studio space.

Collect all belongings, remove litter, use recycling bins where available.

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.** Make-up classes for any closures will be scheduled as necessary.

Absence:

If you miss a class, you may attend another class at the same level (or a level below) within one week of your return. Please notify the instructor in advance.

Stay Informed!

1. Keep us updated with your current email address. Send changes to info@teelin.com.
2. Visit www.teelin.com often for news and updates.
3. Read and use the Teelin School Message Board!

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

Love to perform? Keep practicing!! And then consider auditioning for the **Teelin Irish Dance Company!** Learn more at www.teelin.com...



**Dance, dance,
wherever you may be!**

5th Annual Teelin CEILI

Saturday, November 14, 2009
5:00pm - 8:00pm
Kiwanis Wallas Recreation Center
3300 Norberts Way
Ellicott City, MD 21042

PARENT WEEK – November 16-22

Come to see what your dancer is learning! Observations are welcome and encouraged in all classes during the week of Nov 17-20. Enjoy!

A FEW MAKE-UP CLASSES & CANCELLATIONS FOR NOV/DEC

Maureen has a unique opportunity to travel to Ireland to visit several of her relatives in Teelin, Co. Donegal! However, this trip will involve a bit of "creative scheduling" for a few classes in December. Emails will be sent to students in all affected classes. Please see the schedule below, and send an email to info@teelin.com with questions.

MONDAY, DEC 14 – NO CLASS for Level 4 (4:30), Champs (5:30) or Level 5 (7:00). Make-ups for these classes will be announced at a later date. Level 1(4:30) WILL be held as scheduled, and Adult Ceili will meet earlier than usual, at 5:30 (for this night only).

TUESDAY, DEC 15 – NO CLASSES IN MILLERSVILLE. All classes in Columbia will be held as scheduled. Millersville classes will instead meet on **Tues, Nov 24** (Fall Break) at the **regular times**.

WEDNESDAY, DEC 16 – All classes will meet as scheduled, some with a substitute instructor. NO Company rehearsals this night, UNLESS specified otherwise by Colleen for a certain piece.

THURSDAY, DEC 17 – NO CLASSES IN TIMONIUM. All classes in Columbia will be held as scheduled. Timonium classes will instead meet on **Sat, Nov 28** (during Fall Break) at these times:
12:10-1:00pm Beginner Class; **1:00-2:00pm** Level 1 Class; **2:00-3:00pm** Levels 2&3 Class

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.

11/1/2009 – Feis Culkin (in Rockville, MD)

11/14/2009 – **Teelin Ceili**... please visit www.teelin.com for more info!

11/16-22/2009 – *Parent Week* – observations welcome in all classes

11/24-29/2009 – **FALL BREAK** (note that the break begins on a Tuesday, so Sunday & Monday classes ARE held before Thanksgiving; also, some classes will be held during break for Oireachtas dancers; PLUS see the schedule of make-up classes listed above for Millersville and Timonium classes)

12/5 & 6/2009 – Southern Region Oireachtas (regional championships in Dallas, TX)

12/20/2009 – **1/2/2010** – **Winter Break**

1/15-17/2010 – Master Classes for Teelin Students with Michael Pat Gallagher! See "Extra Classes"...

2/23/2010 – Spring Tiny Toes session begins, ends with the Teelin Spring Show

3/13/2010 – **Portraits of Ireland**, 2pm show at Weinberg Center for the Arts in Frederick

3/14/2010 – Baltimore St. Patrick's Day Parade (no Sunday classes today – we'll all be in the parade!)

3/14/2010 – **Post Parade Party**

3/17/2010 – **Happy St. Patrick's Day!** (no classes, due to holiday performances)

3/20/2010 – **Portraits of Ireland**, 7pm show at Maryland Hall in Annapolis

3/28 - 4/8/2010 – **Spring Break**

4/11 - 4/15/2010 – "Costume Check" (like a dress rehearsal) in all classes

4/16/2010 – Dress Rehearsal & photos at the theater (scheduled times 3-9pm)

4/17/2010 – **Teelin Spring Show** (2 shows, times TBD)

5/7/2010 – Auditions for Teelin Irish Dance Company

5/15/2010 – **Teelin Irish Dance Festival** (rain date 5/16/2010)

5/30 & 31/2010 – No Classes (Memorial Day weekend)

6/3/2010 – Last day of Teelin classes for the 2009-10 school year