

THE TEELIN TIMES

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SCHOOL OF IRISH DANCE

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Welcome to a new year at Teelin! The other teachers and I look forward to reconnecting with our returning students and getting to know our new students.

This newsletter will provide brief articles of interest and reminders of upcoming events.

Our main source of communication to our dancers and their families, however, is by email and by our website, www.teelin.com. Please keep us updated with any changes of your email address, and remember to check the website frequently.

Thanks for being part of the Teelin family! We look forward to a great year!

~Maureen

HEALTHY HABITS

Especially this year with the concerns for the H1N1 flu virus, please remember to promote healthy habits by washing hands frequently and using hand sanitizer when appropriate.

IMPORTANT: If you are sick, **stay home**. See the back of this newsletter for our make-up policy. Do not come to the dance studio unless you have been fever-free for at least 24 hours. This goes for dancers AND for parents and siblings who come to the waiting area.

If you have any questions about making up missed classes, please either talk to your instructor or send an email to info@teelin.com and your questions will be directed to the appropriate persons. Thank you!

NEW "HOMEWORK ZONE" AND STUDIO REMINDERS

All Teelin dancers and their families are referred to as members of the "Teelin Family". As family, we'd like to ask your assistance regarding the dance studios...

Many thanks to Nancy Burke for donating tables to the lounge at the Columbia studio. That room with the tables is now the "Homework Zone" or reading room. Please be as quiet as possible in that room so that dancers who are at the studio for extended periods of time may have a space to attend to their academic studies between their dance classes.

At our main studio in Columbia (located in a corporate office park on Red Branch Road), kindly extend these courtesies to our business neighbors as well, especially during weekday work hours. While in the courtyard, keep conversation volume to a level appropriate for a corporate hallway.

Talk instead of yelling, stay off the windowsills and out of the trees, and no climbing on the benches or edges of the flower garden. If children need a place to play, try the grassy area on the other side of the parking lot. (In fact, on nice days this is a great place to bring some lawn chairs or a picnic blanket and enjoy the weather!)

At our studio space in Timonium, kindly remember that physical therapists and their clients are also working nearby. And at our studio space in Millersville, parents are asked to please use the waiting lounge, not wait in the hallways.

We are very grateful for our courteous families who respect our studio space by helping to keep it clean, and by being mindful both of things and of other people in the studio. THANKS, Teelin Family!!! You are perpetuating the friendly atmosphere that we enjoy at our school. We're looking forward to a great year together!

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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!**

COMPETITION CORNER

Please visit the "Feis Info" section of our school's website for some updated information related to Irish dance competitions, including the "Teelin Guidelines for Participating in Irish Dance Competitions".

Competitions can serve to motivate students to hone their skills and to develop the discipline of practicing outside of class. Some students enjoy the opportunity to compete, and some students prefer to focus their efforts on other aspects of Irish dance. Choosing to compete is a personal decision, and Teelin supports and respects each dancer's various interests.

For families who are new to Irish dance, the Irish word feis (pronounced "fesh") means festival, but is more commonly used to describe a sanctioned Irish dance competition. Dancers who compete must be students in good standing of a TCRG certified instructor who is registered with the Irish Dance Teacher's Association of North America. With instructor's consent, these students are eligible to compete in NAFC feiseanna (plural of feis, pronounced "FESH-nah").

New students (beginners) who are interested in competing are encouraged to attend a feis as an observer (Baltimore Feis on Sep 19 or Feis Culkin on Nov 1 are good local opportunities), and then consider the possibility of competing next spring.

As always, if you have any questions please ask.

NEW WEBSITE

Have you explored it yet?! This summer Meg Ortel and Katie Bartel devoted much of their time to building a new website which better defines the three branches of Teelin: the dance school, the performance company, and the production of 'Portraits of Ireland'. Please visit frequently to stay informed of Teelin events! www.teelin.com

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.

9/8/2009 – First day of classes for the Teelin school year

9/19/2009 – Baltimore Feis (Brooklyn Park, MD)

9/29/2009 – Fall Tiny Toes session begins, ends the week before Thanksgiving

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

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

11/23-29/2009 – **FALL BREAK** (some classes will be held for Oireachtas dancers)

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

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

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

3/13/2010 – **Portraits of Ireland**, 2pm show 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 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)

5/31/2010 – No Classes (Memorial Day)

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