



# Footprints

The Newsletter of the Burlington Dance Academy  
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## 2011 Newsletter



All of us at the Burlington Dance Academy would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our returning and new families. As busy as it is this time of year, we hope you found some peace over the Thanksgiving weekend!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct 24 - 31	Bring a Friend / Halloween Week
Oct 29	Burlington Performing Arts Showcase at the new Burlington Performing Arts Centre
Nov 14 - 26	Parents' Day (see insert)
Dec 23 (Fri)	Last day of class before Christmas
Dec 24 - Jan 7 (inclusive)	Christmas Break
Jan 9 (Mon)	Classes Resume
Feb 26 (Sun)	Competitive Show (held at Burlington Performing Arts Theatre with proceeds to Carpenter Hospice)

## Recreational Lyrical

We've added Recreational Lyrical classes to the schedule on Thursdays at 8:00 pm and Saturdays at 2:00 pm (ages 12-14). Come out and try a session!



Burlington Dance Academy is proud to be part of the Burlington Performing Arts Showcase on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the box office. Call 905-681-6000 or visit

[www.burlingtonpac.ca](http://www.burlingtonpac.ca) Thirteen Burlington community theatre and dance companies (including Burlington Dance Academy's "Charlie Chaplin" and "Serenade for Strings") come together to perform for the first time in this celebration of all that Burlington's vibrant community performing arts scene has to offer.



## Halloween Week & Bring a Friend Week October 24<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>

We invite all students to wear their Halloween costume (as long as they can move freely) OR orange & black during the week before Halloween. You are also welcome to "bring a friend" to classes this week (recreational classes only, not competitive classes).



## Burlington Dance Academy

now on Facebook, find us at

<http://www.facebook.com/burlingtondanceacademy>

### THANK YOU TO OUR TEAM OF ASSISTANTS

We have a fabulous group of assistants this year helping out with our classes: Meredith Burt, Julia Cabral, Giordana Campbell, Anna Dyson, Jessica Holowachuk, Kate Hood, Gabrielle Lamy, Julia LeMay, Larissa Maini, Kayla May, Olivia Nicholl, Kate Noseworthy, and Riley Young.

### STAFF UPDATES

We welcome two new instructors this fall, **Rachel Parnaby** (Tuesdays and Sundays) and **Ashleigh Keenan** (Fridays and Sundays). As well, we welcome back **Frank Aquino** as our resident piano accompanist.

### STUDENT ASSESSMENT PERIOD

The first few weeks of our year are a hectic time as we assess students and try to place them in the most appropriate classes according to their age and ability. This can often result in changes to your child's schedule. We are very committed to the best interests of each and every student, and always try to accommodate schedules of both parents and students.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to focus on our philosophy here at the Burlington Dance Academy, where our goal is:

- ✓ to create an atmosphere that fosters the love of dance
- ✓ to treat each student as an important individual
- ✓ to give each student an equal opportunity to learn and grow
- ✓ to encourage self-discipline and respect for others

### Reminder from Office

If you haven't already done so, we would ask that you make arrangements for payment for your child's Year-End Performance being held June 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 24<sup>th</sup> at the new Burlington Performing Arts Centre.

A non-refundable **costume deposit is now due**. Year-End Performance forms are available in the office and must be completed for all children.

### Parking

For the safety of the children, please be **extra careful** when exiting the lot. The cul-de-sac should be used as a 'drop off' and 'pick up' area ONLY.

### Waiting Room

The lower level Preschool room may be used by parents and students as an additional "Waiting Room" during classes, as our office can become congested, especially on Thursdays and Saturdays.

# OPEN HOUSE

Please find enclosed our **Parents' Day Letter**. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's instructor and observe your child's progress. We would like to invite both parents and grandparents to this exciting opportunity. This year the Open House will take place between Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. Please note, classes will end 10 minutes early to ease class change-over. We look forward to seeing you all there!

### IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**No fathers (or brothers) in the girls' dressing room.** Please note that **fathers (or brothers) are not allowed in the girls' dressing room**. If you need to assist your daughter(s) with getting dressed for dance, please do so in the Preschool Room or the washroom situated within the Preschool Room.

**For the safety of your children**, please arrange to meet your children inside after dark rather than in the parking lot as we are in an isolated area. Children should not be outside in the dark by themselves at any time. Also, it's always prudent to remind your children of the dangers of approaching someone they don't know.

**Please respect our office space.** It becomes very difficult for people to enter the office when they have to tip-toe over children, toys and food. For your children's safety please be considerate and kindly use the Preschool Room downstairs for such activities.

Please put your **child's name in all personal belongings** (dance shoes, clothing, winter boots, bags, etc.). This will assist you in recovering lost items.

**Absolutely no food** allowed in the office area.

BDA is a **peanut/nut-free facility**. Please do not bring anything into the building that may contain nuts or peanuts.

For those with younger children, we have a **change table available** in the downstairs Preschool Room washroom for diaper changes. Please dispose of diapers into a plastic bag before putting into our garbage.

In the event of **poor weather, school closure notification will be available** via e-mail, on our website, and through the answering machine at school. Classes missed due to inclement weather cannot be made up.

If a student **misses classes due to illness, they may be able to make them up** during the season. Please check with the office for alternate classes.

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# Parents' Day

## 2011-2012 Season

Monday, November 14 - Saturday, November 26  
*Classes will finish 10 minutes early to ease class change-over*

Parents' Day is a wonderful opportunity to watch students in action at their dance classes! You will see tremendous progress in what they've achieved over the past few months. It will also give us a chance to meet and chat.

We are pleased to have both parents and grandparents watching classes. Because of limited seating, we ask that siblings sit on your lap or on the floor. If younger children become distracting to the dancers, we ask that you kindly take them out of the studio. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Students - Correct Attire for Classes

**Ballet:** black body suit, pink tights and slippers, hair in a bun

**Tap / Jazz / Lyrical:** black body suit, beige or black tights & tap/jazz shoes, hair in a pony-tail or bun

Short hair is to be pinned off the face

No jewellery is to be worn

### OPEN HOUSE DATE

### CLASSES

### TEACHER

Monday, Nov 14th	Monday Ballet & Pointe classes	Miss Miller
Tuesday, Nov 15th	Tuesday Ballet & Pointe classes	Miss Miller Miss Infante
Wednesday, Nov 16th	Wednesday Ballet classes	Miss Miller Miss Infante
Thursday, Nov 17th	Thursday Jazz, Tap & Lyrical classes	Miss Lisa
Saturday, Nov 19th	Saturday Ballet & Creative Mvmt	Miss Carruthers
Monday, Nov 21st	Monday Jazz & Tap Technique classes	Miss Dani
Tuesday, Nov 22nd	Tuesday Jazz & Tap Technique classes	Miss Rachel
Wednesday, Nov 23rd	Wednesday Jazz Technique class	Miss Dani
Thursday, Nov 24th	Thursday Ballet & Creative Mvmt	Miss Carruthers
Saturday, Nov 26th	Saturday Jazz, Tap & Lyrical classes	Miss Deanna

**PLEASE NOTE:** Company classes that are preparing dances for competitions are not included in Parents' Day, but their technique classes are.