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December is a busy month at the Academy...

I am sure you noticed the costumes stacked and the flurry of activity! The Academy is experiencing full "Nutcracker" madness!

Please note that **all Academy students* continue their regular class day/times** until the holiday break. *Only the upper level ballet and contemporary classes follow a revised schedule. Students in these classes will receive notice via email and be reminded in class of any changes.

If your younger dancer is involved in the Nutcracker and misses class due to the rehearsal schedule, they are welcome to do make-up classes in January. Questions? Call or email us....we are happy and here to help.

BALLET YUMA presents

"The Nutcracker"



Friday, December 10th 7pm
Saturday, December 11th 2pm & 7pm
Sunday, December 12th 2pm

AT
Snider Auditorium, 400 S. 6th Ave.
Tickets available NOW at **Dillard's**
Discount ticket prices for children

TRULY Yuma's "Traditional, Enchanting, Holiday Treasure". An indispensable part of Yuma's holiday season, the tradition is much more than kept alive - it is revitalized! Join us this year for the quality and enchantment you expect, and also to see what's new! There is no mistaking, though, the joy always present - and felt long after the final curtain.

****Special Performance in El Centro, CA** December 4th at 7pm (PDT)**
Southwest Performing Arts Theatre, 2001 Ocotillo Drive, El Centro, CA
Tickets on sale at **Clark Baker Music**, 534 W Main St., El Centro

Ballet Yuma Nutcracker performances are proudly sponsored by:
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November/December Calendar

December 10-12

Ballet Yuma Nutcracker performances

December 18

Ballet Yuma Taste of the Nutcracker
performance in San Luis

December 20- January 2

Holiday Break – Academy closed

January 3

Classes resume

January 11

Last day of fall semester



Tuition Payments

If you are on the tuition installment plan, your next tuition installment is due December 1st. The Academy does not charge late fees if payments are delinquent, so please reciprocate the courtesy by making your payments on time.

Students on the semester plan: your spring semester fees are due on or before January 15, 2010. All students are automatically enrolled for spring semester classes; you do not have to do anything extra. Note: If you need to withdrawal your dancer from classes, you must submit a withdrawal form before the first of the month to be relieved of additional tuition payments. See Donna at the front desk for all questions concerning your tuition account.

New Student Referral

Help build the Academy family!



We need additional students in our ECD and lower level ballet programs! These classes are the foundation and future of the Academy. Word-of mouth is our best form of advertising and we are asking you to help us. Please spread the word to your friends and family. Enrollment is now being accepted for the spring semester.

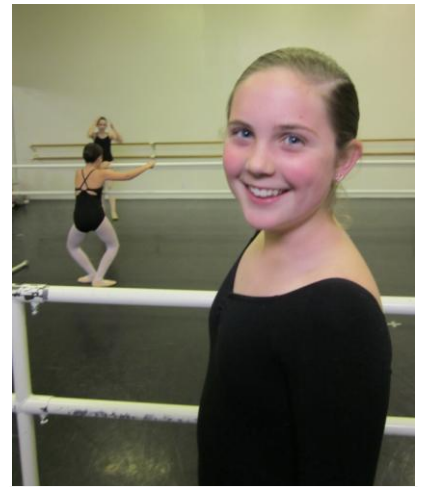
Ask Donna or your child's teacher for a stack of Academy brochures or business cards to hand out. If a new student registers that you have referred, we will take \$20 off your next tuition payment. Just make sure they note your name on their registration form so we can credit your account and you get your reward!!

**Thank you for making the Academy
'the' place to dance in YUMA.**

Q & A - What every parent should know...

How can I help my Ballet student have the best experience?

- Your child can only improve if they come to all their classes regularly. Often students have the ability to do well but, for various reasons, miss a lot of classes. Sometimes this is the main reason that they do not advance, and do not accomplish what they are capable of. It also gives the idea that they are not serious students and are not really interested. So it is very important for them to attend all of their classes.
- Of course, it is impossible for them to attend all their classes unless they stay healthy. Please assist them in getting enough sleep, a proper diet, and keeping a positive attitude - the absolute necessities.
- The last thing that is important for your child is to stay focused. Help them make each class happy and productive by encouraging them to be totally present and focused and believing in what they are doing. Remind them that energy spent in negative thoughts during class is wasted energy. They should take that energy and put it into making the next step better. Students who learn to work intelligently, and who don't get overly upset with themselves over mistakes are the ones who will improve the quickest.
- In order for your child to handle all the hours of dance and still get all of their schoolwork done takes major organization and commitment on their part, and a great deal of effort and cooperation within your family. Thank you for helping your child develop a love of the arts.



Samantha Byrd, Level 3A Academy student, enjoying a moment before her class begins.

Questions or comments? E-mail us at academyba@roadrunner.com or call 928-314-4762