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# September Newsletter

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WCPA

## Welcome Everyone!

A BIG welcome to all of our new students and families and Welcome Back to all of our returning families.

The entire staff is excited for the year ahead of us. We have a great fall schedule planned and we are ready to have a lot of fun!

WCPA distributes a newsletter each and every month. This is the best way for us to communicate with the students and their parents. Newsletters are in a holder near the front door. They will also be distributed the first week of each month to students in their classes, posted on our bulletin board and on our website. Please read these thoroughly and see Christie if you have any questions.

Our primary objective is to provide

high quality recreational dance, music and gymnastics programs and events for children. Our classes are designed to improve each student's motor skills, coordination, confidence and self-esteem. In order to achieve these goals our instructors balance their classes with fun yet challenging exercises. We encourage our students to excel under all circumstances and offer competitive programs for those children with the interest and determination to meet the skill requirements. We believe that no one should be turned away because of a lack of natural ability, but rather should be encouraged to demonstrate that hard work and discipline produce exciting results.

All families should have received

a Family Information Packet when they registered. If you registered online, there is a packet available for you at the front desk. If you did not receive one, please stop by the office today and pick yours up. This contains very important information for the entire year! This is also posted on our website under "Newsletters."

WCPA does have a website available to you! The website contains class schedules, newsletters, upcoming events, etc. Be sure to check out the website at [www.centeroperformingarts.org](http://www.centeroperformingarts.org). It is a great place to go for any questions you may have!

We also send e-mail reminders and information via e-mail. If we do not have your e-mail address on file, you can give it to any office staff member.

## Tuition and Missed Classes

Tuition is due by the 25th of the prior month. We DO NOT accept tuition payments in the form of check or cash at the beginning of each month. The account you gave us at registration will be debited your monthly tuition amount on the 25th of every month (Aug.-June). If you ever need to discontinue classes during the year, a 30 day written notice is required.

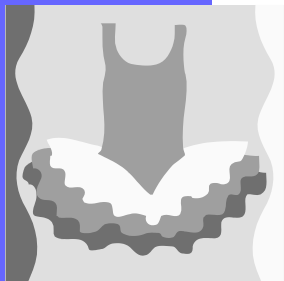
If your child misses a class because

of illness, a school function or another conflict, please call the absence into the studio. At that time you may schedule a make-up class (for group lessons only) for the student. The student will have one month from the time of the absence to make up their lesson in any class of their choice.

If your student is enrolled in private music lessons and misses

a class, please call the absence into the studio prior to their schedule lessons and a group make-up will be scheduled for them. Group Make-ups are offered on the last Saturday of each month, unless specifically noted in the Family Information Packet. If your child misses a Private Music Lesson during a month, you will be contacted prior to the last week of the month to schedule the group make-up lesson. Should you have questions, please see Christie.

# Dress Code and Apparel



Please read through the dress code section of your Family Information Packet or the dress code outline posted on the bulletin board. Proper dance/gymnastics attire and shoes must be worn to class. If the student does not come properly prepared (after their first warning), they will be asked to sit out of class. If you have any questions regarding the dress code or shoe requirements, please see the office staff or your student's teacher.

WCPA does carry all types of dance shoes available for purchase by our students. Tights and other accessories are available as well. WCPA does not stock merchandise, but we place an order the 1st of each month for anything you may need. We also recommend Hart's Skating and Dancewear in Old Town Arvada, Boulder Bodywear and Dance Sport Xpress for your dance and gymnastics needs.

For Music Students, all necessary books needed for Piano lessons can be purchased at WCPA. Music and Arts at the SE corner of 88th and Wadsworth, is also a good source for instrument rentals and other musical needs. If you have any questions, please speak with your student's teacher.

*"If we focus on success, we will probably forget about living. If we focus on living and doing what we love, we have a good chance of being successful!"*

## King Soopers and GL Scrip Fundraisers

WCPA participates in the King Soopers Gift Card Fundraiser. For every \$100 worth of gift certificates you buy, you will receive \$5. That amount is then credited toward your next month's tuition. Gift cards can be purchased in \$50 increments. We must have a minimum group order of \$5000 to place the order. We purchase gift cards once a month.

Money is always due by the first Tuesday of each month, and gift cards can be picked up at the studio the following Friday of each month, after 5:30 p.m. Payment is accepted by check or cash only. Orders for September must be turned into the front office by Tuesday, Sept 6th at 8:30 p.m. Please make checks payable to WCPA. A schedule of all order dates is included in the Family Information Packet.

GLScrip is another gift card fundraising program we participate in. Visit their website at [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) for available vendors. Orders are placed once a month and funds earned can go towards tuition or other WCPA expenses. Please watch for additional information on the fundraiser.

## Referrals

Thank you for the many family and friend referrals to WCPA this fall! During the month of September, for each new family you refer to WCPA, both you and the family you're referring you will receive a \$25

tuition credit (\$5 each month for October-February).

For all referrals coming in after the month of September, you will receive a \$10 credit toward your next month's tuition!

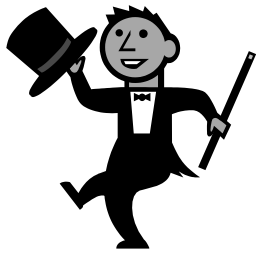
No matter how much

advertising we do, there is no better way to promote our school than through our current students. We truly appreciate your support and business. If there is ever anything you need, we encourage you to ask questions and be an active part of your child's education at WCPA.



**We Appreciate Your Support and Business!**

# Meet The Dance Faculty



To help you get acquainted with all of our staff, we be highlighting one or two staff members each month in our newsletter. There are also bios and pictures of our staff in the front office.

Our Dance Faculty is comprised of 8 outstanding instructors.

**Shannon Wilson** is our director and also teaches a couple of classes each night. Shannon will be around getting to know all of the families and introducing herself. Her background includes over 25 years of training in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, lyrical and Musical Theater, with her specialty being Early Childhood Development and Children’s Work. Shannon has three sons, all of whom take classes at WCPA, and has a degree in Finance and Small

Business Management from CU.

**Margo Grieve** is our new Children’s Work Instructor.

**Summer Culp** teaches ballet on Mondays and Wednesdays

**Tara McFarland** teaches ballet on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as well as Jazz and Turns

**Shannon Castillo** teaches Tap, Jazz and Pom

**Bev Meyer** teaches Tap

**Ana Fanelli-Poole** teaches Hip-Hop and Tiny Tots II

**Allegra Duval** teaches Jazz, Turns, Hip-Hop and Lyrical

# Meet The Gymnastics Staff and Music Faculty

Our Gymnastics Staff consists of 4 wonderful coaches!

**Kelsey Dougherty and Shannon Castillo** are our Team coaches and also teach recreational classes.

Our Music Department is made up of 5 amazing instructors:

**Ron Troester**—Voice and Piano

**Ilyssa Humrich**—Piano and Voice

**Kevin Larkin**—Guitar and Piano

**Denise Roberts**—Piano

**Patrick Lee**—Guitar and Piano

Please stop in and meet your students teachers. It is important to us to get to know you!

“Life is a reflection of your attitude. Inspire others by your positive example.”

# Meet The Office Staff

Our office staff is here daily from 3:00-8:30 p.m. (Fridays and Saturdays, our schedule differs some), to serve you.

Any questions you have regarding your account, your children’s classes or schedules or any other information you need, our office staff will be more than happy to

assist you. We strive for *astounding* Customer Service, and our intent is to meet that expectation each time we meet with you.

**Christie Piper**—Office Manager  
We are excited for a great year. Please stop in and introduce yourself!



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**For those of you who ordered Recital  
DVDs from the June 2011 recital, they  
are now in and can be picked up at the  
front desk.**

**The Place You Start, The Place You'll  
Stay...Bringing the Arts to Life!**



# Kids Night Out!

Kids Night Out (KNO) will be held the last Saturday of every month (with a couple of exceptions around the holidays) from 6:00-10:00 p.m. at WCPA. Kids' Night Out is open to all students 4 years and older. KNO will entertain your children with dance and music activities, games, movies and more! Snacks will be provided (dinner will not). The cost of Kids Night Out is \$10 per student. Advanced registration is required via our Event Calendar on our website, or by contacting the front office.

Kids Night Out is open to Friends and family of WCPA students. Signed waivers must be on file for all attendees.

Schedules can be found in your Family Information Packets. Sign-up today



**Enjoy an evening out and let us  
entertain your children!**

Kids Night Out 2010-2011:

- Sat. Sept. 24, 2011
- Sat. Oct. 29, 2011
- Sat. Nov. 19, 2011
- Sat. Dec. 17, 2011
- Sat. Jan. 28, 2012
- Sat. Feb. 25, 2012
- Sat. Mar. 24, 2012
- Sat. Apr. 28, 2012
- Sat. May 19, 2012