

## 2013 Reminders and Rules

Please review this important information, and *share it with all children*. Thank you!

### General Reminders

1. Leave valuables at home (iPods, etc.) – lots of theft occurs in this public building. Also, do not leave any personal items overnight (make-ups, dance bags, leotards, etc.).
2. Turn cell phones off during rehearsals Wednesday and Thursday, as well as during shows.
3. Photography of shows from audience is not allowed (except Thursday dress rehearsal with no-flash).
4. Food or drink (except water) is not allowed in the audience or backstage. Keep food downstairs.
5. Please **DO NOT BRING GUM** into the building.
6. First Aid kits will be available. Please notify Virginia (Backstage Manager) of any injury.
7. Clean up after yourself – counters, floors, dressing rooms, and hallways.
8. Be on your very best behavior. We don't expect any problems, but will notify parents if there are.

### Performances

1. Parents must bring children to the dressing room, sign in, and then come back inside the building to get them at the end of the show. Kids are not allowed to wait outside and be picked up at the curb.
2. "Call" – be on time and sign in right when you arrive (or we will be calling you)
3. Children will be supervised downstairs, and everyone must remain downstairs until after bows.
4. Send activities (homework, reading, board games, etc.) and snacks for dancers
5. The dressing room area, hallways near the dressing rooms and large studio (if open) are the only places to hang out. Do not roam anywhere else (doors can lock you out, it is easy to get lost, and we need to be able to find you when it is your time to dance).
6. Costume, How to Make a Bun, and Make-up Instructions are online (feel free to ask for help)
7. Thursday Dress rehearsal will be run like a real show - except dancers will watch from audience
8. Before, during, and after shows, dancers will not be allowed in audience or lobby wearing costumes

### Costumes

1. All dancers **age 9 and older** MUST wear deodorant. Certain costumes really absorb odors!
2. Report all costume problems to Costume Mistress (Marie) – she will set up her table downstairs
3. Food or drink (other than water) is not allowed while in costume (take off costume before you eat)
4. Costumes are fragile - please do not run, lay on the floor, or play wildly in your costume
5. Hang up your costumes on your hanger; return fragile headpieces to proper "tissue nest" in bins (everything is labeled with your name so we will know who left their costume on the floor!)
6. Again, no dancer in costume is allowed in audience or lobby before, during, or after a show

### Guest Artist Etiquette:

1. If you would like an autograph or photo, please ask them after the show is over.
2. The dressing room reserved for guest artists is off limits to the cast. Do not enter or disturb.
3. While guest artists are backstage, they need to concentrate and should not be disturbed. If you are waiting backstage for your part, please do not approach, touch, or talk to the guest artists. It is much better to visit with them when the show is over.