



Dear APA Families,

August 3, 2017

Whew! What a year! The recital feedback has been wonderful, and I'm glad everyone enjoyed the **Cinderella Ballet** so much! **Kreider DVD's** can still be ordered (forms available on web site) and those should be edited and ready to mail to you by the end of August. If you didn't pick up your **Ash Lin photos** during dress rehearsal, they can be picked up at Ash Lin Portraits, 130 W. Superior, Alma. Call 466-2100 to check their hours. Make sure you check the **Morning Sun** and **Academy of Performing Arts Facebook** page for a wonderful article on APA and **Leah Seals** and **Emily Ratkos** who are dancing professionally! Very exciting! And we've had some "young" summer classes, with a few more coming up!

Week of August 7!

Cinderella Ballet Camp – Mon-Fri (5 days), 9am-noon, \$90, including materials. A true ballet camp for 6-8 year-olds, Pre-Ballet & Ballet 1 level! Princesses will have a ballet class each day, do Cinderella dances, fun crafts, hair & make-up, sewing, and a visit from Cinderella herself, and of course pictures in Cinderella's carriage!

Dance with Simone – For older students, Level 2-4 and up! Mon-Thu (4 days), 5:30-8:30, \$80.

Simone Boos is an Alma College alum, former APA instructor, and is a favorite guest teacher! She loves teaching Ballet, Jazz, Modern and Conditioning, and will give dancers a taste of all! You're sure to improve!

Week of August 14!

Dance with Marissa Relitz! \$10/1 class; \$8/ea for multiple classes. Also an Alma College alum, **Marissa** will be teaching:
Mon, Aug 14 – **Level 4 and up** – 5:30-6:30, Ballet – 6:45-7:30, Tap
Tue, Aug 15 – **Level 5 and up** – 5:30-6:30, Ballet – 6:45-7:30, Tap

Pilates For Teens and Adults! If you have any experience in exercise classes or dance you are welcome!

Tue, Wed, Thu – Aug 15, 16, 17 – 9:00-10:00am Only \$3/class! Come give it a try!

Sample these Pilates classes with APA alum **Sara Dupree** who is in the process of getting her Pilates certification!

Fun Local Summer Events! August has some fun things scheduled! **APA dancers will be involved!** More info to come!

Third Coast Dance Company – Aug 5 @ 7:30pm; Aug 6 @ 2:30pm @ Shepherd HS. **Kristen Bennett's** new dance venture! Seven APA dancers join students from other local dance studios to perform with Third Coast Dance Co!

Gratiot Co Players Kids Theater – This weekend and next: Aug 4, 5, 11 & 12 @ 7:30pm; Aug 6 & 13 @ 2:30pm

Party on State Street! – Right on our block! Two bands: **Giles Country** & **Foolish Dreams**. Aug 17 @ 4:00-11:00pm

Car Show on Superior Street – Aug 24 @ 1:00-3:00pm in Alma

16th Annual Lucky MacDuck Day – Fundraiser for the Pine River Arts Council

2017-18 Calendar attached! – **Open Houses Aug 23 & 31st** – **Bottoms Up Dancewear Sale, Wed, Aug 23, 1-6pm.**

– **Classes begin Sept 18.** – **Recital dates** are back to Sat/Sun, June 9 & 10.

Big News! APA is upgrading to **Online Registration** with **CompuDance** this year! If your email is in our system, you will receive an email with information on "how to"! You can **enroll for classes online** and it will include **online payment credit/debit card options**. (We will not be able to do credit/debit in the studio; only online.) There will be an **Online Bulletin Board** for info all year; this will be available with a **Parent Portal** from **CompuDance** for only \$10 for the entire year. That membership fee will also give you access to special discounts (LuLaRoe & more) and enter you into a \$500 CompuDance dance tuition scholarship lottery which will be **drawn by CompuDance on Sept 15**.

In the meantime, **we are busy working on the Fall Schedule!** Enjoy your August!

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