

Purple Thunder September Newsletter 2025

Celebrating 32 Years of Dance in Milton!

Welcome back! As a new dance season begins, we will be taking time to establish new and old routines within the studio. In a positive and respectful learning environment, we can accomplish anything we put our minds to.

We wanted to take the time to explain some of the necessary information that will help us succeed this year:

Communication~ *Dance & Home*: Communication between dance and home is an important part of your dancers' success. Keeping an open supportive relationship between the parents, the dancers and TDS is imperative. Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions or concerns about your child's progress.

1. **Telephone/Email** message through the office: please leave several times that we can reach you and a contact number and we will return your request as soon as possible.
2. Please do not discuss problems on Facebook, Instagram etc.
3. **Do not talk to teachers' in-between classes**. We ask that you make an appointment to come in at a more appropriate time so as to not distract the teacher and the rest of the students in the classroom.
3. No problem is too small!!! We can't fix it if we don't know it is broken!

Meetings~ There will be parent meetings throughout the season when necessary. However, we are always happy to make an appointment to talk to you individually at any time.

Birthday invitations~ We ask that birthday invitations/gifts not to be handed out at the studio unless all dancers in your company being invited. At TDS we work hard to ensure that every child feels a sense of inclusion and belonging.

Lockers~ The lockers are there for the competitive dancers to use. Lockers must be assigned and there is a small fee of \$40.00+HST for the season. Please make sure they are cleaned out every so often as things begin to smell. We ask that dancers refrain from writing, sticking stickers and climbing on them. Please see attached if you would like a locker. Some are still available.

Registration 2025/26

Please check your accounts and let us know if there are any discrepancies. Inputting everyone's classes and fees is a manual process and oversights may occur.

Team Building Activities-Monday Sept 8th

On Monday September 8th we will be having our Competitive Team Building Activities from 4:30pm to 7:30pm at the studio. All Competitive dancers are **expected to attend**. No regular classes will run on Monday September 8th.

1st Costume Deposit Saturday Sept 27th

1st Costume deposits are due on or before Saturday September 27th, \$100.00 + HST per costume. Includes extra work costumes. Fees will be posted to your account shortly. If they are not paid by the due date, they will be automatically processed the next day.

Competitive Parent Meeting- Sunday Sept 28th

Saturday September 29th, we invite all competitive parents to our Mandatory Parent Competitive meeting as follows. Location TBC

3:00pm -5:00pm –Competitive Parents

Be Fearless Dance Experience Workshop- Sunday October 5th

Our Full Time Competitive Dance Team will be attending the **Be Fearless Dance Experience Convention** on Sunday October 5th, at the Holiday Inn, Express in Oakville. Full Time Accounts will be charged on September 15th. Part Time Dancers are welcome to attend and must sign up online by September 13th.

Impact Dance Challenge -Optional

Anyone wanting to attend Impact Dance Challenge event with their solo(s) and their duets/trios must let us know by **Wednesday September 17th**. We need to save our spots as this event fills up quickly. Must have 100% of duets/trios. Fees will need to be paid on or before Oct 11th.

TDS Tracksuit and Team Wear

*TDS has a selection of dancewear available to purchase through School T's including sweatshirts, sweatpants, t-shirts etc. Order forms will be available shortly.

*Our mandatory Tracksuit sizings will be available at the front desk shortly.

Our Staff~ we would like to introduce to you our 2025-26 TDS Staff.

1. Miss Ruth-Ann Gray~ Jazz, Lyrical, Ballet, Tap, Musical Theatre
2. Miss Rachelle Seguin~ Tap, Jazz, Lyrical/Contemporary, Ballet, Musical Theatre, Acro
3. Miss Lindsey Feltoe~ Tap, Jazz, Lyrical, Ballet, Acro, Musical Theatre, Hip Hop and our Social Media
4. Miss Lilly Petru ~ Ballet
5. Miss Sky Pahl ~ Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Hip Hop, Lyrical/Contemporary, Latin
6. Miss Julia Carnevale~ Jazz, Tap, Acro, Hip Hop, Ballet, Musical Theatre, Lyrical
7. Miss Jordyn Pederson~ Tumbling, Stretch & Strength
8. Miss Sarah Sordoni ~ Ballet, Acro, Jazz, Tap, Lyrical/Contemporary
9. Miss Arianna Pratile ~ Hip Hop, Contemporary, Jazz, Tap, Musical Theatre
10. Miss Michelle Galati ~ Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Hip Hop, Acro, Lyrical/Contemporary
11. Miss Olivia Afonso~ Tap, Jazz, Lyrical/Contemporary, Ballet, Acro, Musical Theatre
12. Miss Julia Afonso~ Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Acro, Hip Hop, Musical Theatre, Lyrical/Contemporary
13. Miss Emily Lamouche ~ Tap, Jazz, Lyrical, Ballet, Acro, Musical Theatre, Lyrical/Contemporary
14. Miss Ashley Earl ~ Tap, Jazz, Lyrical/Contemporary, Ballet, Acro, Musical Theatre
15. Coach Kirsten LeGrand~ Hip Hop, Musical Theatre
16. Miss Megan Bagusoski ~ Contemporary, Jazz, Lyrical, Hip Hop
17. Miss Emma Andrews ~ Jazz, Lyrical/Contemporary, Ballet, Contemporary, Hip Hop

As always, dancers will receive the highest standard of instruction and will be pushed to new heights.

We sincerely look forward to working in partnership with you and your dancer to make this their best year ever! Again, if you would like to contact us regarding your child (ren) please call or email the studio anytime.

Thank you for your support & Keep on Dancing!
TEAM TDS

Group Fundraisers

Please keep in mind that group fundraisers will benefit **ALL** the competitive families therefore we need **ALL** the competitive families' support! It is mandatory to help at these events in some way shape or form. If you are not able to attend/participate in a mandatory event a set "buy out fee" will be pre-determined and billed per person per event. The amounts will vary as per the event. Example: If you are not attending the Sleepover, you will be responsible for a \$30.00 donation "buyout" to the event.

1st Group Fundraiser

50/50 Draw- September. Our First Group Fundraiser for the season will be a 50/50 Draw. Each Competitive Family will receive 2 books of 5 tickets valued at \$25.00 each book, for a total of \$50.00.

- Each Competitive family will be responsible to sell 2 books of tickets.
- Tickets will go home with your dancers shortly.

Tickets are: \$5.00 each.

Buyout is: \$50.00 per Family. (Cost of the 2 books of tickets)

Submit By: Saturday October 25th @ 12:00pm (noon)

Raffle: Saturday October 25th @ 1:00pm

1st prize will be half of total collected, min value of \$2700.00

Individual Fundraisers

Once again TDS will provide you with "Individual Fundraisers" to help offset the costs of competition and or tuition. All funds raised at these events will be applied directly to your account. These are not mandatory.

1st Individual Fundraiser

Macmillan's: ****NEW**** Online Order Process

Online Order's Close: TBC

Delivery Date: TBC

To access the online portal please visit www.macmillansfundraising.online OR www.macmillans.ca.

Steps to online ordering:

1. Access our website and select shop our products!!
2. Select items.
3. Proceed to check out.
4. Select your school/organization from the drop-down menu
5. Fill in all required fields pertaining to name of customer, name of student and credit card information etc.

TDS Competitive Code of Conduct ~ 2025/26 All Fees

	Fee	Solo	Duet/Trio	Groups/Lines Extended Line	Due by
B.Fearless Mandatory Full Time Optional Part Time	\$190.00+HST	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sept 15 th 2025
1 st Costume Deposit Full & Part Time	\$100.00+HST Per Routine	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sept 27 th 2025
TDS Competitive Jacket	\$185.00+HST **approx.**	N/A	N/A	N/A	Oct 1 st 2025
Impact Solos /Duets/Trios *Optional*	N/A	TBC	TBC	N/A	Oct 11 th 2025
Kick it up	N/A	\$135.00+HST	\$85.00+HST	\$72.00+HST	Oct 11 th 2025
Empower Dance	N/A	\$140.00+HST	\$87.00+HST	\$70.00+HST	Oct 25 th 2025
Inspire Dance	N/A	\$126.00+HST	\$87.00+HST	\$74.00+HST	Nov 8 th 2025
Bedazzled	N/A	\$130.00+HST	\$85.00+HST	\$75.00+HST	Nov 22 nd 2025
New Make Up Kit Or dancers replenishing their kit	\$110.00+HST **approx.**	N/A	N/A	N/A	Nov 24 th 2025
2 nd Costume Deposit Full Time	\$100.00+HST Per Routine	N/A	N/A	N/A	Jan 10 th 2026
Remaining Costume Balance	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Feb/Mar 2026

TDS Competitive Code of Conduct – 2025/26 Dates

Monday September 8th ~ 4:30pm – 7:30pm ~ Team Building ~ Mandatory for all Competitive Dancers.
The Dance Shoppe - **ALL Monday classes will be cancelled to facilitate Team Building Activities**

September ~ “50/50 Draw” ~ Mandatory Group Fundraiser
The Dance Shoppe

September 28th ~ Competitive Parent Meeting

Sunday October 5th ~ B. Fearless Dance Experience
Mandatory for Full Time Dancers, Optional for Part Time Dancers
Oakville Ontario

Saturday October 18th ~ TDS Sleepover ~ Mandatory Group Fundraiser
The Dance Shoppe

Sunday November 16th ~ Milton Santa Claus Parade
Mandatory- Inter, Senior, PT 4, and 5 Companies.

Saturday Jan 10th ~ DJ Dance Party ~ Mandatory Group Fundraiser
The Dance Shoppe

Feb 7th & 8th Competitive Picture Day – Mandatory All Companies
The Dance Shoppe.

Feb 20th to 22nd ~ Impact ~ Optional for any solos, duets & Trios.

Feb 28th & March 1st ~ Competitive Rehearsal and Showcase – Mandatory All Companies
First Ontario Arts Centre, Milton Ontario

March 26th to 29th ~ Kick it Up - Mandatory All Companies
Marriot Niagara Falls – Niagara Falls, Ontario

April 9th to 12th ~ Empower Dance - Mandatory All Companies
Centennial Hall - London, Ontario

April 23rd to 26th ~ Inspire Dance - Mandatory All Companies
Hamilton Convention Centre - Hamilton Ontario

May 14th to 17th ~ Bedazzled Dance Champions - Mandatory All Companies
River Run Theater - Guelph Ontario

May 31st Mandatory Recreational & RAD Ballet Studio Picture Day
The Dance Shoppe

June 12th to 14th ~ Mandatory Year End Recital- Mandatory -All Companies
First Ontario Arts Centre, Milton Ontario

Subject to Change!