

Purple Thunder Competitive Newsletter-April 2026

KIU Competition

Congratulations on a fabulous first competition. We are so proud of all our dancers and staff. When the lights go down, we honestly won't remember what the scores were, but we will remember the friendships and memories made.

We do have a couple of reminders:

1. Dancers must be dressed and ready and in the warmup area at the time listed by TDS. Lunch Break/ Judges Breaks listed in the programs do NOT apply to TDS dancers.
2. Not all staff will be able to attend all events. At TDS we all work together and look after all routines. It doesn't matter who warms up what routine. All TDS staff are more than capable of getting routines ready for the stage.
3. Parents please drop off dancers and leave the warmup area. TDS staff will find you if we need you during the warmup time.
4. Dancers are to eat before and after their warmup time, not during. We need that time to get the dancers ready for the stage. The food needs time to digest. It doesn't do anything for the dancer if it doesn't have that time.
5. Take time in-between numbers to touch up hair and makeup.
6. Dancers are NOT to sit in the front row or on the floor of any theatre.
7. There is no VIDEOING or PHOTOGRAPHY of dancers on stage at any time at these events. Competitions can deduct points or even disqualified routines for not following this rule.
8. If you have nothing nice to say, we ask that you wait until you are back in your car or hotel room before discussing it. You never know who you are around, so it is important that while you are representing TDS you keep that in mind.

Attendance

It is **very important to attend all your classes** as it lets the team down when you are away. Corrections or changes to the dance could be made. If you miss a class the week in which there is a competition, you may not be able to compete in that competition. This **may also result in dismissal** from the team. Dancers that are absent from any class will be required to learn the material that was covered in the class missed. Any dancer sitting out will be expected to take notes and learn the material before the next class.

Keeping on top of things...

All schedules, newsletters, and anything that you need to know, comes to you via:

1. **Email** – All information is emailed to all competitive families regularly.
2. **Website** under your account in recent newsletters. – Everything we hand out is posted on the website.

This time of year, can get very hectic so please keep on top of things to make sure everything runs smoothly.

Calling all TDS Graduates

It is that time of year when we ask all our graduating dancers to submit a current dance photo and a dance photo from their past. Please submit all photos by May 31st.

Parent Recital Volunteers

It's hard to believe, but fast approaching is our Year End Recital!!! As outlined in your competitive package this past summer, it will be mandatory for each competitive family to volunteer for the year end show. We will not be using recreational volunteers; therefore, it is crucial that we have all the help we can get! Anyone who switches their shift with another family is asked to notify the front desk so that we are aware of who to expect! Unfortunately, dancers cannot sub in for their parents. Dancers are welcome to come and help but, the parent must be there.

Friday 6:00pm Parent Volunteers:	Part Time 5 Company, Senior Company,
Saturday 11:00am Parent Volunteers:	Part Time 2 Company, Mini Company
Saturday 4:00pm Parent Volunteers:	Part Time 3 Company, Small Fry Company
Sunday 11:00am Parent Volunteers:	Part Time 1 Intermediate Company, Pre-Comp Cuties
Sunday 4:00pm Parent Volunteers:	Part Time 4 Company, Junior Company

Please note:

- 1) Parents with more than one dancer are asked to volunteer with the company that has the least number of dancers.
- 2) You are welcome to switch shows with other parents – please inform the front desk so that we know who to expect.
- 3) Competitive “Who’s in Which Show” for Groups in the recital is already posted online and at the studio.
- 4) The Sunday 4pm recital is dedicated to our graduating students and therefore all their extra work solos will be performed in this show.
- 5) All shows are posted on the wall in the lobby at the studio. Be sure to check which performances your dancers are in.

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 cannot 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.

Group Fundraisers:

OPTIONAL - TDS Golf Tournament: Sunday May 3rd @ Granite Ridge (Ruby) Golf Course.

Individual Fundraisers

TDS has provided 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. So far this season many families have taken advantage of MacMillan’s, Terra Poinsettia’s, and Woodward’s Meats fundraising opportunities. If you have done any other fundraisers in the past that were successful that you would like TDS to investigate, please let us know!

Individual Fundraiser:

MacGregors Meats: Stand by for details.

Flip Give: On April 7th our Flip Give fundraiser will come to an end. At that time Flip Give will send TDS the full amount made. TDS will credit everyone’s account once we have received the funds.

THE BEST PREPERATION FOR TOMORROW
IS PUTTING IN THE WORK TODAY!

COMPETITIVE SUMMER TECHNIQUE CLASSES

Tuesday July Evenings

Week One Schedule: July 7th & Aug 4th

Time	GROUP 1 – 7yrs-12yrs	GROUP 2 - 13 years & older
4:30pm-5:30pm	Conditioning	Contemporary
5:30pm- 6:30pm	Ballet	Hip Hop
6:30pm-7:30pm	Contemporary	Conditioning
7:30pm-8:30pm	Hip Hop	Ballet

Week Two Schedule: July 14th & Aug 11th

Time	GROUP 1 – 7yrs-12yrs	GROUP 2 - 13 years & older
4:30pm-5:30pm	Lyrical	Tap
5:30pm- 6:30pm	Acro	Jazz
6:30pm-7:30pm	Tap	Lyrical
7:30pm-8:30pm	Jazz	Acro

Week Three Schedule: July 21st & Aug 18th

Time	GROUP 1 - 7yrs-12yrs	GROUP 2 - 13 years & older
4:30pm-5:30pm	Conditioning	Contemporary
5:30pm- 6:30pm	Ballet	Hip Hop
6:30pm-7:30pm	Contemporary	Conditioning
7:30pm-8:30pm	Hip Hop	Ballet

Week Four Schedule: July 18th & Aug 25th

Time	GROUP 1 - 7yrs-12yrs	GROUP 2 - 13 years & older
4:30pm-5:30pm	Lyrical	Tap
5:30pm- 6:30pm	Acro	Jazz
6:30pm-7:30pm	Tap	Lyrical
7:30pm-8:30pm	Jazz	Acro

Cost:

4 Week Sessions: (July or Aug) \$240.00+ HST – 16 classes!!

8 Week Sessions: (July AND August) \$415.00+ HST – 32 classes!!

Drop In : \$20.00+HST per class OR
\$65.00+HST per full night of classes

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Register for 8 weeks of BOTH Competitive Summer Technique classes AND Competitive Summer Tumbling classes and save 25%!!!! Pay only \$431.25 for a full summer of dance!!!

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COMPETITIVE SUMMER TUMBLING CLASSES

Thursday July Evenings

July 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
August 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th

Time	Studio 5	Companies
5:45-7:00pm	Group 1	7yrs -12yrs
7:00-8:15pm	Group 2	13yrs+

Cost: 8 Weeks for only \$160.00
4 Week Session Aug \$85.00+HST

Drop In: \$23.00+HST per class.

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***These classes are a great opportunity for your dancers to
keep up their training over the summer months!!***

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TDS Competitive Code of Conduct – 2026 Dates

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

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