



Kathi's Dance & Gym Center, LLC

Newsletter
February 2026

STUDIO POLICIES

Absences: Attendance is very important and instrumental to the development of your child's skills. If a student is not able to attend, we ask that you please call or email the office to report his/her absence. There are no refunds for missed classes.

Tuition Due Date: Tuition is always due the first class of the month. A 10% late fee will be applied to all tuition on the 16th. If you would like to set up credit card automatic payment, please email or call the office and someone can help you. We need a new authorization form each year. There are no deductions or credits for missed classes. Withdrawals must be made before the first class of the each month or you will be billed for the entire month.

Observation: We will dance visitation February 9-14 due to snow storm. We will have our last parent observation in April. Please watch the March newsletter for dates.

Forms of Payment: We accept cash, checks, and MasterCard, Visa and Discover. If you are interested, we can set up automatic charge of your tuition each month on your card. Email the office at officekdgc@gmail.com if you would like to fill out the form for automatic payment. When putting payments in drop box, please put check or cash in an envelope.

E-mail: Please check your email regularly so that you receive all paperwork. It has been a great help to many of our parents to receive all newsletters and forms by e-mail.

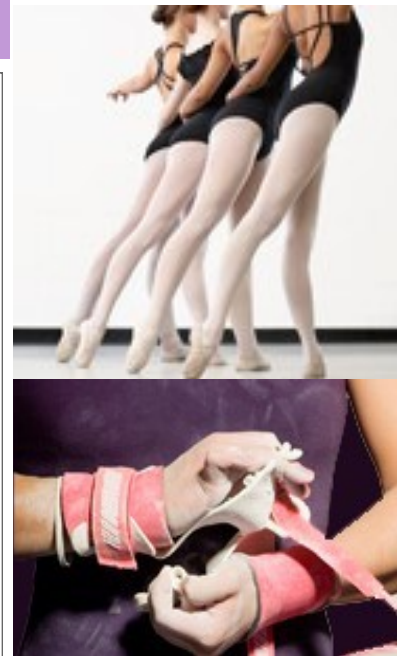
Mass Texting: I have not been sending mass texts this year because our system does not automatically set you up to receive them. If you could please take the time to text the word START to 330.882.7130. This way we can send mass texts with snow closings or other important information to individual classes. Thank you.

DANCE SHOW NEWS

The graduating seniors have decided and "Aladdin" will be the theme of this year's dance show. The show will be held at The Scottish Rite Cathedral in New Castle, Pennsylvania on June 18 & 19. Please fill out the attached form and return it to the office with costume deposits as soon as possible. These were due February 1st. All dance classes and Kinderercise will be included in the show. We will begin measuring for costumes soon and it is imperative we know who will be participating. We must receive a costume deposit in order for your costumes to be ordered. The show split is at the back of this newsletter. It will show those of you in only one night, which night your child's class will dance.



REMEMBER—we still need the form if you are not participating in the show. Otherwise we will have to call you to find out if you are participating.



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IMPORTANT DATES

Dance Show deposits due NOW
Feb. 7—All teams at G.O.
Feb. 8 - Jazz Line Tryouts
Feb. 15 - Ballet Day in Berea
Feb 21-22 - NEOGL at GLG
Mar 6-8 - USAG at Kalahari
Mar. 13—15 ODM Cleveland Conv.
Mar. 20-22— Cecc Exams at KDGC
Mar. 27-29— USAG State Meet
April 1 - Klinke Scholarship Due
April 2-8- Spring Break
April 18-19- NEOGL at Ten Pt. O
Apr 24-26 - USAG Regionals
Apr 24-26 - AAU State Qualifier
May 1-3 - NEOGL Champ SOKOL
May 25—Memorial Day
June 13—Last day of classes
June 18&19—Dance Show

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DAFFIN'S EASTER CANDY

We are once again doing a Daffin's Candy fundraiser for Easter.

Fundraiser start date-1/21/26

Forms due - 2/10/26

Candy Delivery - 3/17/26

The candy is supposed to be delivered after 10:30 a.m. on March 17, 2026. We will send an email after it is sorted and ready for pick up.

Christmas Show Update

Thank you to everyone involved in the Christmas show this year. This show is only possible because our families give up so much of their time at the holidays to help. By allowing your children to participate in the show, donating gift cards and basket items, and bringing your family and friends to see the show, we are able to help a family in need. We couldn't do it without you.

We have received the final bill from the school and are able to donate 9,500 that will be divided and donated to Melissa Dota, Al Melia and Columbiana Project Playground in memory of Sofia Kale.

KLINKE SCHOLARSHIP

The Peggy Klink scholarship will be awarded again at this year's dance show in June. It is a \$500.00 scholarship to a summer dance workshop of your choice and it is given in memory of Peggy, one of our former dancers, who was fatally assaulted. Please ask office for copy of the application.

The requirements are as follows:

- ◆ At least 11 years of age
- ◆ Submit a 1 1/2 minute video in a dance discipline of your choice
- ◆ Submit a 500-word essay, typed, double-spaced and titled "How Dance has Influenced my Life"
- ◆ Please submit application, video, and essay **no later than April 1st**

DANCE EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

WINTER GALA 2026 - The Winter Gala was held on Sunday, January 11 and it was a wonderful evening. We are so proud of all of the dancers that participated in this smaller event.

Jazz Line Tryouts will be at the studio on Sunday, February 8th. All of those trying out should have received their schedule. Good luck everyone.

Cecchetti Ohio Ballet Day—thank you to those that registered for Cecchetti Ohio Ballet Day the weekend of February 15. This is a great workshop for all of our ballet dancers to attend.

Cleveland ODM Performing Arts Competition and Convention - The weekend of March 13-15, ODM will be holding a performing arts competition in Cleveland. Right now we have seven dancers competing at this competition: Mia Ricchiuti, Mia Sciola, Julia Jones, Sophia Klindworth Ioanna Katsourakis, Tessa Sciola and Samantha Pickel. These girls will also be taking convention classes while they are there and some are doing scholarship audition classes. If you would like to attend, I will need to know by Wednesday, February 4th.

Miss Dance of Ohio Title Competition—Last month Mia Ricchiuti competed in the Ohio Dance Masters Title Competition for Miss Dance of Ohio. We are so proud of her for deciding she wanted to do this, following through, and doing very well. Mia placed 1st place in interview, 2nd place in tap and in the top 10 overall. **Congratulations, Mia!!**



COMPETITIVE TEAM NEWS

USAG/AAU Gymnasts Attend Battle of Champions in Toledo

Our USAG Xcel Platinums and Xcel Golds as well as our AAU Xcel Golds competed at the Battle of Champions at Glass City Center in Toledo, January 16-18. Placing in the top three on events and all placements all-around from our Platinums were: Emily Zimbardi, 1st on bars, 2nd on floor, 3rd on vault, 1st all-around; Olivia Becker, 2nd on bars, 6th all-around; Allison Beagle, 2nd on bars, 1st on beam, 2nd all-around; Abbey Steiner, 8th all-around. Placing in the top three on events and all placements all-around from our USAG Golds were: Ella Kelecava, 1st on bars, 2nd on vault, 2nd on floor, 2nd all-around; Sydnee Ervin, 9th all-around; Emma Kelecava, 8th all-around; Delayna Latimer, 7th all-around; Lelia Congemi, 8th all-around; Myka Wilson, 3rd on beam, 8th all-around; Madison Gary, 12th all-around; Mila Congemi, 9th all-around; Charlotte Greene, 11th all-around. This was the first large invitational for our AAU Xcel Golds and those placing in top three on events and all placements all-around were: Gigi Kopp, 3rd on bars, 1st on beam, 3rd all-around; Alessa Ayers, 5th all-around; Ava Monico, 6th all-around; Emma Ayers, 3rd on bars, 8th all-around; Brynn McCalla, 3rd on floor, 8th all-around; Cambrie Sodeman, 7th all-around; Sophia Mott, 3rd on beam, 8th all-around; Concetta Congemi, 10th all-around.



USAG Platinum Team



USAG Gold Team



AAU Gold Team

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The Cookie & Crumb
naturally simple,
irresistibly good

Hi! I'm Kate, the baker and owner of The Cookie & Crumb, a small-batch micro bakery born from my love of baking—especially all things sourdough! The kitchen has always been my happy place, but what was once a hobby has tuned into a heartfelt craft. As a mother of two, my life is chaotic, and the process of baking gets me back to center. Getting to share thoughtfully made loaves and cookies created with patience and quality ingredients brings me so much joy! I'm passionate about the slow, hands-on process of sourdough baking and the comfort that comes from something made by hand and from the heart. I'm eager to bring fresh flavors, cozy treats and a little joy to your table!

THE COOKIE & CRUMB

If you would like to try any of Kate's products, her website is below. She does bring her daughter to gymnastics on Wednesdays at 4:00 p.m. and can deliver then. Some of us have tried her sourdough bread and bagels and they are great.

<https://thecookieandcrumb.my.canva.site/>



MARY KAY BEAUTY CONSULTANT

If you are in need of any skincare or makeup products or guidance, contact Ashley and she will help you out. We do have a Winter catalogue on the counter.

[Www.marykay.com/azenobi](http://www.marykay.com/azenobi)

Instagram—mary.kayashley

Facebook—Mary Kay Ashley Consultant



FITNESS CLASSES AT KDGC

PILATES REFORMER

Pilates classes are offered as one hour private classes or semi-private sessions. Kathi is Stott certified and offers classes weekdays before 2:00 p.m. Feel free to call the office if you are interested in scheduling a private.



CLOSING DUE TO WEATHER

In the event that we close due to the weather, Lisa will send an email to parents, post it on the Facebook page, and Instagram. We do not always close when the schools are closed. A lot of times roads are clear by the time our classes are to begin. There are also times that bad weather starts later. Please make sure you have signed up to receive text messages. Directions on 1st page of newsletter.

Show split for 2026

*Indicates dancing in both nights of the show

Thursday, June 18

Kindercise (TH12:00)
Kinderdance (W4:00B)
Ballet 1 (TH4B)
Primary III Ballet Beg. (T5:00B)
Primary III Ballet Adv. (T4:00A)
Cecchetti I (M4:00A) MINIS
Cecchetti I (W5:00B) JUNIORS
Cecchetti II (W6:00A/S11:00B) PRE-TEENS
Cecchetti III (TH6:30B) TEENS
Cecchetti IV (TH5:00A) PRE-SENIORS
Cecchetti V/VI (TH8:00A) SENIORS
Beginner Pointe (S12:00C)
Intermediate Pointe (S2:00A)
Senior Pointe (S8:30A)

Tap 1 (TH4:45B)
Tap 3 Beginner (T6:00B)
Tap 3 Adv. (T6:00A)
Tap 4 (M6:00A) MINIS
Tap 4 Adv. (W6:00B) JUNIORS
Pre-Teen Tap (W4:00A)
Teen Tap (TH4:00A)
Senior/Pre-Senior Tap (M8:30A & S12:00A)
Company Tap
Tap Production

Beg. Jazz (T4:00B)
Jazz 3 (T5:00A)
Mini Jazz (M5:00A)
Junior Jazz Line (M6:00B/W4:00C)
Pre-Teen Jazz Line (W5:00A/S1:00B)
Teen Jazz Line (TH5:00C/S10:00B)
Senior/Pre-Senior Jazz Line (M7:00A & TH6:30A)
Senior/Pre-Senior Jazz Line (M7:00A & TH6:30A)
Company Jazz
Lyrical
Jazz Production

Hip Hop 1 (M4:45C)
Hip Hop 3 (M6:15C)
Mini/Junior (M7:00C)
Pre-Teen Hip Hop (S12:00B)
Teen, Pre-Senior, Senior Hip Hop (S11:00A)

Friday, June 19

Kindercise (M5:00)
Kinderdance (TH5:30B)
Ballet 2 (M4B)

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Tap 2 (M4:45B)

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Hip Hop 2 (M5:30C)

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THERE MAY BE A COUPLE OF YOU THAT HAVE CHILDREN ON OPPOSING NIGHTS. WE WILL BE IN TOUCH TO LET YOU KNOW OUR SOLUTION TO THIS ISSUE.

~Thank you

Dance Show 2026

We are now planning our 2026 Dance Show at The Scottish Rite Cathedral in New Castle, PA. The show dates are set for June 18th and 19th, with rehearsals on June 15, 16, and 17. It is imperative that we know immediately who will be participating in the show this year, so please fill out the paper below and return by February 1st. Kindercise, Kinderdance, Ballet 1, Ballet 2, Tap 1, Tap 2, and Hip Hop 1 & 2 students will perform in one night of the show. If you are in Thursday's show you will have staging on Monday and dress rehearsal on Tuesday. If you are in Friday's show you will have staging on Monday and dress rehearsal on Wednesday.

Costume deposits will be \$50.00 per costume and due by February 1st. Costumes will not be ordered unless your deposit has been paid.

Please return this paper even if you are NOT planning on being in the show.

NAME: _____

(As you want it to appear in the program)

_____ **I WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE DANCE SHOW IN THE FOLLOWING DANCES:**

_____ BALLET _____ (CLASS TIME)	_____ POINTE _____ (CLASS TIME)
_____ JAZZ _____ (CLASS TIME)	_____ HIP HOP _____ (CLASS TIME)
_____ TAP _____ (CLASS TIME)	_____ KINDERDANCE _____ (CLASS TIME)
_____ KINDERCISE _____ (CLASS TIME)	

DANCE LINES ONLY: (mark groups you will be performing with)

JAZZ LINE _____ COMPANY _____ SENIOR _____ PRE-SENIOR _____ TEEN _____ PRE-TEEN _____ JUNIOR

TAP LINE _____ COMPANY _____ SENIOR/PRE-SENIOR _____ TEEN _____ PRE-TEEN _____ JUNIOR

DEPOSIT INFORMATION: (please make your checks payable to ***KDGC***)

_____ CHARGE CREDIT CARD ON FILE FOR COSTUME DEPOSITS
_____ PAYMENT ENCLOSED (\$50.00 FOR EACH COSTUME)
_____ PAYMENT ENCLOSED (\$200 JUNIOR, PRE-TEEN, or TEEN LINE COSTUMES)
_____ PAYMENT ENCLOSED (\$250 PRE-SENIOR, SENIOR LINE COSTUMES)

FAMILIES HAVING MORE THAN ONE STUDENT IN THE SHOW:

NAME OF BROTHER/SISTER: _____ THEIR CLASS _____

_____ **I WILL NOT BE PARTICIPATING IN THE DANCE SHOW THIS YEAR.**

_____ **I AM UNCERTAIN AT THIS TIME BECAUSE:** _____