

Lake Shore Dance Committed to Excellence

JANUARY IMPORTANT DATES

- **Jan. 2** - Classes Resume
- **Jan. 4-9** - Color Week
- **Jan. 15** - Estimated Release Date of the Spring Production Information Packet
- **Jan. 18-23** Winter Wonderland Week!



We hope you enjoyed your winter break and that you celebrated the time with your family and friends!

JANUARY

January is a month of transition here at Lake Shore Dance. Our company gave a great performance of "The Nutcracker" and now we begin counting down the months until our spring production! Also, the students on our competition teams are hard at work learning and perfecting their dances! The dancers on both our local and premier teams will compete in March at their first competition of the season. This event is held in Milwaukee and is fun and free to attend! If your dancer loves to perform and is considering joining a team in the coming years, it would be a great idea for them to see what competing is like by coming to the competition!

Watch for more detailed information on this exciting day in future newsletters! Our premier team will then attend two more competitions in Green Bay and Illinois! This month our spring production packet will be available. Please thoroughly read through this packet for important dates and information about events like picture day and our technical rehearsals for the show! At the end of the month, we have our fabulous "Winter Wonderland Week!" Dress in your blue and white dance wear and don't forget your hats and mittens! We will be doing various winter themed activities in our dance classes during this week! We can't wait to celebrate this month of transition into the new year with you! Happy 2010!

DANCE TERM OF THE MONTH

Ever wonder what language your kids are speaking when they practice their dances at home or tell you about what they learned in class? Well, every month we will feature a ballet step that you can talk with them about and have them show you! Ballet originated in French courts, so all of the terminology is in French! (*Ask your child how to count in French, even our Tiny Tot students know how!*) Our first word is plié, which means "to bend." There are two types of plié, demi (*small*) and grande (*big*). The first combination that dancers do in a ballet class at the barre involves demi plié (where the heels stay on the floor) and grande plié (where the knees bend so much that the heels naturally leave the floor)! It is important to start and finish every jump in a demi plié!

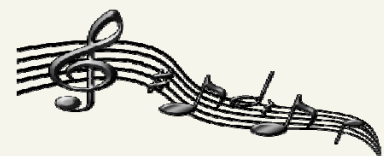
A JOB WELL DONE!

Members of the Lake Shore Dance Company performed beautifully last month in "The Nutcracker." From the tiniest rats to the sparkling snowflakes, everyone danced wonderfully! There were several new additions in the scenery of our first act such as a Christmas tree that "grew," new windows and re-painted doll boxes! There was also a new box-on-wheels!

This was for our new character ,the Jack-in-the-box, played by Elisabeth Karrels! A big thank-you goes out to Mark Albers and Nancy Kruschke for their dedication to building and decorating our scenery! Thank you Larry Slammann for making it really "snow" in our finale! If you would like a copy of this year's magical performance, you can purchase it at the studio this month!

SHOWS AROUND THE AREA

Jan. 5-10: *Dreamgirls* at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts in Milwaukee.



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DANCE QUOTE OF
THE MONTH

“You can dance anywhere, even if
only in your heart.”
Anonymous

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TURN WALTZ

L A K E S H O R E D A N C E A L U M N I C O R N E R

At the end of every spring production, we bid a sad farewell to our graduating seniors! They all grow into beautiful dancers and are important individuals to our dance community! This month we will highlight an alumni of our studio who graduated last year, **Kerri Higgins!** She joined us at Lake Shore when she was in 3rd grade after dancing at a studio in Grafton for a few years. Kerri showed particular strength in tap and pointe from the start! She quickly became involved in our performing company! Kerri joined our competition team and participated in many fun group dances! She competed several solos over the years, too! She was also a member of Danceit! Performance Ensemble – a pre-professional performing branch of Lake Shore Dance that raises money for local charities. In high school, Kerri was a proud member and captain of Grafton High School’s award winning dance team! Two summers ago she taught a dance team technique class at our studio for younger dance

team hopefuls! This past summer she was a member of the Milwaukee Brewers Diamond Dancers and performed before and during home games! Kerri is now a freshman at the University of Wisconsin, Green Bay, where she is pursuing a major in human biology and a minor in dance. She is now a member of Green Bay’s dance team and performs at basketball games and school events! Kerri is thankful for her training at Lake Shore Dance which provided her with strong technique and confidence in her dancing!



Did You Know?

There are many colleges in Wisconsin and its neighboring states that offer majors and minors in dance? Both Miss Gwen and Miss Amy received their degrees in dance from the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee! Alumni and current Lake Shore Dance teacher Jessica Seyfert graduated from Milwaukee’s program

this past year along with Alumni Jessie Scibec! Melissa Stern and Carrie Martin both graduated from Lake Shore Dance and are now training in Milwaukee’s dance program. Lake Shore Dance graduates Lauralyn Voigt, Timothy Herian and Melissa Herriges are all in the dance program at the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities. Kerri Higgins graduated from Lake Shore Dance last year and is pursuing a minor in dance at the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay. Miss Maria is also a Lake Shore Dance Alumni. She went on to get her degree in dance from the University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point!. There are several opportunities out there to help you follow your dancing dreams after you graduate from Lake Shore Dance!

