

Dear HBA Parents,

Aloha! The Fall session of dance classes at HBA are scheduled to begin Wednesday, August 5th. The Creative Movement/Pre-Ballet Class will meet from 3:00 to 4:00. I pick the students up in front of the Kindergarten classrooms when the bell rings and then meet the first graders in the courtyard area next to the flag pole after I pick up the Kindergarten class. Ballet 2-3 will meet from 4:00 to 5:00. Ballet 2-3 students should leave ASEP to dress for class at about 3:30. I will let Mr. Chang know which students will be doing this at 3:30.

The HBA registration form online is in the About Our School section. Please mail your first month's tuition of \$80 plus the registration fee of \$10 to reserve a spot for your child in class.

After they dress for ballet, our Creative Movement/Pre-Ballet students have a snack time of about 15 minutes. We encourage the students to bring fresh fruit, cheese and crackers, or other healthy snacks. Please DO NOT send candy, chocolates, or foods high in sugar. Over the years, we have observed that these types of snacks interfere with learning. We also ask that you send your child's dance wear in a separate bag from her book bag, because it makes it much easier for them to find their clothes for ballet. Their "Ballet Bag" should have straps on it so it can be hung up on the hooks on the wall off stage in the auditorium.

Class uniforms are the same as last year: Pre-Ballet students wear pink leotards, pink short skirts, and pink leather ballet shoes. They put their hair up in a ponytail. Ballet 2-3 students wear black leotards, black skirts, (pink tights are optional), pink leather ballet shoes. They put their hair up in a ponytail or ballet bun.

Don't forget to send a hair tie with your child's ballet uniform. They are required to tie their hair back for every class. I give one point to the students for every class that they attend with all their complete uniform (including hair tie). They seem to enjoy getting points and they take pride in the fact that they are being responsible. (Please note also that tights are not required and they are very difficult for our Pre-Ballet students to get on by themselves).

**ALSO - VERY IMPORTANT:** Because all HBA students wear school uniforms, we ask that you put your child's name into each item of her clothing and dance wear with indelible ink. This includes ballet uniforms because they all look very similar! Labeling will help minimize confusion with lost clothing.

Feel free to stop by and observe class or contact me by cell phone or email. Thank you! I am looking forward to the new school year with all its challenges and opportunities for growth and discovery!

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