



BALLET CLASSES

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN & UP 2010-2011 SEASON

Dear BSS Parents and Students,

I would like to take this time to thank you for a wonderful year.

NEW FOR THE UPCOMING SEASON: I am excited to let all parents know that we have made some positive changes to the BSS ballet program for 2010-2011. Parents will be delighted to see that we have worked to increase the focus on high quality programs designed to help students work towards a Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) ballet exam if they wish. We have also been able to coordinate all classes on a single day, Wednesday. After discussion with the school, Interplay has agreed to focus on BSS student registrations in the after school program slots and then when permitting expand the class to include outside (non BSS) students in the program. This will ensure that classes are full and focused on serious study for all participants. The only exception to this will be the SK program which will remain a BSS exclusive class and will continue to be offered at the lunch hour as in previous years. For those SK students moving into grade 1, you will need to now move to our after school program time. JK students will also be offered a program right after school on Wednesdays beginning in terms 3 and 4 in January 2011.



The after school program will allow each child to benefit from work at their own level. Students wishing to participate in the exam program will need to take ballet once at BSS and once at our main branch, Interplay (Mt. Pleasant & Davisville) starting in the first term. If you would like more information about examinations, please visit the Interplay website (www.interplay-dance.ca).

A BIT ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

Karen Davies Thomas is a graduate of the National Ballet School Teachers Program and has been teaching since 1983. She is recognized as a fellow with the Cecchetti Ballet Society, is a fully qualified Royal Academy of Dance teacher and is a member of the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing. Karen currently is the director of three flourishing schools; PSB Dance Academy East, PSB Dance Academy Beaches and Interplay School of Dance. For more information and Karen Davies Thomas' credentials, you may visit the school's websites: www.interplay-dance.ca or www.psbdanceacademy.ca

BALLET STAFF

I would like to welcome Charissa Zoeltmulder back for another wonderful year at BSS along with Flora Chen, our favourite pianist. Amy Blake Hoffman will be a new addition to the program and will replace Stephanie Landry. Miss Blake Hoffman is highly qualified for the position and we look forward in having her as part of our team. Students will still be able to see Miss Stephanie at our main school.

CURRICULUM

All ballet classes will follow the Royal Academy of Dance's examination curriculum. The teacher will follow this curriculum in order for the students to develop in their ballet classes. The children will develop such life skills as discipline, body awareness, memory, co-ordination, working as a group, working individually and many more. The BSS Grade 1, 2 and 3 classes will also be learning free movement and character work which is part of the RAD syllabus. If you would like to read more about the Royal Academy of Dance, please visit their website at www.radcanada.org.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

Junior & Senior Kindergarten students: Pink ballet slippers and school gym uniform are the only requirements.

Hair should be up off the face in a ponytail or bun.

Grade 1 to 3 Ballet: Pink ballet slippers, navy blue tank leotard, pink ballet tights.

Hair should be off face in a ponytail or preferably a bun.

All can be purchased at the following locations: Malabar's (14 McCall St, 416-598-2581), Toronto Dance (530 Wilson, 416-630-2292), Dance Experts Leaside (852 Millwood, 416-421-8506).

FEES FOR THE YEAR (4 terms of 8 weeks)

Junior Kindergarten (Pre-Primary Ballet)	\$384.20 (\$340.00 + HST) 2 terms of 8 weeks starting in January 2011
Senior Kindergarten (Pre-Primary Ballet)	\$768.40 (\$680.00 + HST)
All other programs will as follows: One hour class/1 x week – 32 weeks	\$768.40 (\$680.00 + HST)

SCHEDULE – All BSS Wednesday classes will take place in the Dance Studio or the Great Hall:

It is recommended that once your child has signed up for ballet lessons, she continue for the full school year. This will enable her to develop consistency in her ballet skills. **Please contact Mrs. Karen Davies Thomas directly, (at 416-972-1316), regarding any withdrawals, uniform requirements or your daughter’s progress throughout the year. Regarding BSS Wednesday classes only,** withdrawal information will be communicated to your daughter’s teachers and the JS office via Interplay. Fees will be non-refundable after 2nd term commences unless for medical reasons.

Term dates for the following Wed classes are as follows (Please note that BSS JK classes will start and run in Terms 3 and 4 ONLY):

- Term 1 (8 weeks): September 15 – November 3
- Term 2 (8 weeks): November 10 – December 8
- Term 3 (8 weeks): January 12 – March 9
- Term 4 (8 weeks): March 30 – *May 11

Classes offered:

BSS/Interplay

- 1) Wednesdays lunch time classes
(BSS students only): 12:00-12:45 pm Sr. Kindergarten
- 2) Wednesday after school classes
BSS and non BSS students
(space permitting):
 - 3:15-3:45 Jr. Kindergarten (In terms 3 and 4 ONLY)
 - 3:45-4:45 Grade 1/2 Ballet (7-9yr)
 - 4:45-5:45 Grade 2/3 Ballet (10-12yr)

Don't Be Disappointed, Register Early

** BSS Parents are invited to attend the last class of Term 4 Wednesday*

**BSS DANCE PROGRAM - INTERPLAY DANCE
APPLICATION FOR BALLET CLASSES - 2010-2011**

I wish my childStudent ID..... School Grade Age.....
to join the ballet classes for the year 2010/2011. Time and Day of Class _____

Home Address _____, City _____, Postal Code _____

Home Phone Number _____ Email address _____

Mother's Name _____ Business or Cell Number _____

Father's Name _____ Business or Cell Number _____

Health Card # _____ Name of Doctor _____

Allergies – Yes No (Please circle one) If yes, details _____

I wish to enroll my child: Once per week _____, Twice per week _____

Enclosed is my cheque, payable to Interplay, to cover the fees for the year.

\$384.20 (\$340.00 + HST) – **JK once per week starting Jan 2011**

\$768.40 (\$680.00 + HST)– **once per week**

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Signature of Parent

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Date

*Please date cheques for June 1st, 2010. There will be a \$50.00 administration fee for all cancellations after the payment date. All fees are non-refundable once classes have commenced in September as we must solidify our teaching staff now.

Dance Class Waiver

The undersigned understands there is a certain element of danger in dancing activities and acknowledges that it has been explained to her/ him that caution and care reduce the element of danger and injury. The undersigned also understands and agrees that the school reserves the right, at any time, to void this membership for an action by the member that the school deems undesirable. The undersigned represents that she/ he is physically sound and has medical approval to proceed with normal routine exercise applicable to the dance arts.

I hereby grant permission for my child to participate in all INTERPLAY/BSS program activities including photographs, recordings, and public performances and allow the use of any such material in which my child appears, for promotional, instructional, educational or commercial purposes.

I hereby release INTERPLAY/BSS and its staff members from all claims for damages arising from participation by my child, during any program or in any facility or any location where a program is held. I hereby give permission to have staff arrange for any emergency medical care including transportation if necessary.

Signature: _____ Name: _____

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WITH CHEQUE PAYMENT BY JUNE 16TH, 2010 TO:
INTERPLAY SCHOOL OF DANCE (NOT THE JS OFFICE)
C/O KAREN DAVIES THOMAS
19 THATCHER AVE, TORONTO, ONTARIO, M1M 2M3**