



A Letter from the Directors:

As of June 1, 2021, The Putnam Dance Center will have a new owner/director, Miss Kelsey Rioux. I am very confident that Kelsey will continue to provide her students with a quality dance education in a positive and friendly atmosphere. Kelsey grew up dancing here at The Putnam Dance Center. She graduated from Rhode Island College with a degree in Dance, and decided upon graduating that she wanted to own a dance studio, most specifically The Putnam Dance Center! From 2019 to 2020 she was named Assistant Director and from 2020 to 2021 Co-Director.

For the past two years we have been working together to make a smooth transition. We decided that my 25th year, this year 2021, would be the year for her to take over as director.

I couldn't be more proud and happy to turn the reins over to Kelsey as it couldn't have come at a more opportune time. Having three daughters, two of whom are getting married this fall, it is my hope upon having less responsibilities that I would be more available to my daughters should they give my husband and I grand-babies! And in the event I do become a grandmother with one living in California, one in North Carolina and the oldest in Worcester Massachusetts, I'll be more free to spend time with my family. I do plan to teach here one more year. For those of you that purchased logo wear this year including competition team jackets, you will be credited as logo, name, and colors will change.

There is one aspect of owning a dance studio that has made me the most happiest. It's not the trophies in the windows, it's not the successful careers of former students, it's the friendships I've seen cultivate among parents and students who may never have met each other if it weren't for meeting at The Putnam Dance Center.

I never thought that after 25 years of owning a studio, I would see a second generation of students come to The Putnam Dance Center. It's an honor to know that our studio meant enough to the first generation that they entrust their children to follow in the same "dance-steps!"

Thank you for your support and trust and patience with me over the years. It's been a privilege to teach your children.

~ Annette

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First and foremost, I want to extend a huge thank you to Miss Annette. From being my first dance teacher at the age of 3, to my mentor and business partner, she has treated me with such kindness, and helped me grow into the person I am today. It is an honor to have her trust and blessing to carry on the legacy of the studio, something that has been her pride and joy for 25 years. We have created such amazing memories here, and I am very excited to be able to continue in her footsteps.

Growing up, I always knew that dance would be the core aspect of my life. I realized while in college that owning a dance studio was exactly where my passion was taking me, ideally at the place I grew up calling my second home. Over the past few years, I've come to learn that putting on the end of the year recital, finding costumes, music editing, communicating with families, going to performing events, event planning, (even making spreadsheets!) brings me such incredible joy! And there's nothing better than seeing the smiles on my student's faces in class, dancing their hearts out. I know that this is truly where I belong.

I hope over the years to come, we can continue to carry on what makes this studio so special and keep the core values and beliefs that Annette has instilled. The importance of friendships and community, creating a safe and nurturing environment for children to express themselves, and even the values of commitment and perseverance. But, most importantly, sharing the true love of the art of dance with our friends and families.

While the change of hands may not come as a huge surprise to some, there is one more exciting announcement we have up our sleeves! Starting in June 2021, the studio will now be called "Artistry Dance Center," otherwise known as ADC! The PDC has been my second home for over 20 years, and I too share the bittersweetness of this change. However, I am excited to bring some new merchandise (in maroon, gold, and black!), and some small renovations to the studio this summer! Stay tuned!

Lastly, I want to emphasize that the PDC will still always be at the heart and soul of this studio! This is in no way "starting over," just continuing the journey with the same love and appreciation of our studio, the wonderful faculty we have, and each other. Please join me in wishing Miss Annette a wonderful rest of the year as she celebrates 25 years of running a successful studio, with our AMAZING families! We love you so much Miss Annette!

~ Kelsey

## **Costume, Tights, and Shoe Info!**

- Costumes are arriving and will be tried on the dancers as soon as they're here so that exchanges can be made in a timely fashion.
- Costumes are non-fundable and non-returnable.
- If your child's costume(s) cost more than the \$55 initial deposit, you will be notified as to that amount, and it will be applied to your account by February 28<sup>th</sup>, and due by March 10th.
- Students will need a certain color and style type of dance shoe for the recital. This information is in the costume book at the studio and will also be posted on the BAND app.
- If tights are needed for your dancer's routine, they will receive them with their costume.

**\*\*Costumes will NOT be sent home until accounts are paid in FULL. \*\***

## **Payments Due!**

### **Happy Birthday to...**



Caitlin  
Christine  
Courtney  
Emily  
Evelyn  
Ivy  
Julia  
Lillian  
Meadow  
Olivia  
Othelia  
Sophia



\*\*A \$20.00 late assessment fee will be applied to your account if payment has not been paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month it is due. \*\*

**Monthly Payments:** Monthly payment for March due March 10<sup>th</sup>.

Your last monthly payment will be April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Quarterly Payments:** The next Quarterly payment is due April 10<sup>th</sup>

## **Picture Day!**

Picture day is on Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at The PDC! A schedule with when you dancer will have their photos taken will be released shortly. Costumes will not be able to be taken home for Picture Day until accounts are paid in full.

## **Dates to Remember**

### **2020-2021**

- March 10<sup>th</sup> & March 13<sup>th</sup> – Closed (March Break)
- April 19<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – Closed (April Vacation)
- April 11<sup>th</sup> – Picture Day at The PDC
- May 18<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> – Tentative Dress Rehearsal Dates
- Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Tentative Recital

## **Band and Zoom**

As teachers begin their recital choreography, practice videos of your child's recital dance may be posted to the band app, and recital music to practice to.

**Please remember that these videos are for practicing purposes only and are NOT to be shared on any social media platform!**

In the event the studio needs to move to a virtual setting, this will also allow for a much easier transition. Please let us know if you have any difficulties navigating the app, and we can send you our tutorial video!

## **\*\*IMPORTANT\*\***

This year, classes in studio C are capped at 6 students. If a class of 6 is in a bigger room that week, you'll be able to use that class as a make-up. Please call ahead to find out! Thank you!

## **Making Up Dance Classes**

If you have to miss a dance class, you are welcome to make it up by taking another class at or below your current class level. Ballet classes should be made up with ballet, but also can be made up in a different style of dance if necessary. Please contact the studio for an appropriate make up class for your dancer, and **ALWAYS** call ahead!

## **Hip Hop Classes**

Please remember to enter the studio lobby in your street shoes, and carry in the dance room both your street shoes, and Hip Hop shoes to put on for class. With the snowy and sandy/salted parking lot, we are seeing an increase in dirt on our dancing space.  
Thank you!

## **March Break – Make Up Week**

March Break is our Make-Up week! So far, we have 4 days that we will be holding regular classes the week of March 8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> \*All\* Classes

Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> \*All\* Classes

Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> \*All\* Classes

Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> \*All\* Classes

As of right now, there will be no classes held Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup>, or Saturday March 13<sup>th</sup>.