

Parents and Students-

FPD is very excited to prepare for our performance, "Urban Flash and Falling Stars....Little Bits of Magic". Many hours of staff and volunteer effort have already gone into this project and your children have been working hard to present the culmination of the year's efforts. Performance is a great opportunity to provide the students with the opportunity to experience the practical application and expression involved in developing and perfecting a performance art.

At this time you should have:

Ordered tickets – Ticket will soon be allocated. If you have not ordered tickets, they may not be available after allocation. Seating is assigned and we will open sales to the general public on May 20th.

Ordered Recital t-shirts (pre-order deadline May 18) These are not required, but they make a nice keepsake as they will have the list of all cast members as well as the performance name on the shirt.

Reserved personal message space & submitted camera ready artwork for program (deadline May 18)

Contacted us if your child's name is being spelled incorrectly on your invoice – we will use this information on the cast list and program info.

Ordered recital video (may be ordered up to performance)

Purchased tights for performance – dancers may *only* wear new pair or the new pair you purchased for pictures. Tights change color with washing!

Confirmed that your dance shoes are the appropriate style and do not have holes. Required shoes for class will be the style worn for performance.

Purchased eyelashes for performance. You should also have located appropriate make up for your dancer. Mauve lipstick, red and fuchsia lip glitters are all available at the studio shop, as well as eyeshadows, blushes, body glitter.

Rehearsal (Friday, June 4th) and Performance (Sunday, June 6th)

Information and Scheduling Warde HS, 755 Melville Ave., Fairfield, 203-255-8354

Please read all of this information and keep this page. A smooth and efficient rehearsal and performance is dependant on everyone being well informed and on time. Please be considerate of the other performers.

Both the Dress Rehearsal and Performance will take place at Warde HS, 755 Melville Ave., Fairfield, 203-255-8354. There will be no classes at the studio during these days, however, we will have classes Saturday, June 5th. **Dancers need to arrive at Warde 30-45 minutes prior to their first rehearsal time and check in at the desk in the auditorium. All Dancers are to be present for the Finale rehearsal (preschool finale will be run after all of the pre-school pieces have been rehearsed) and opening number, if they are participating in that.** If your first call is finale, come in the next costume you will be wearing. Dancers should be dressed and ready to go upon arrival. Performers who are in more than 1 number will come prepared for their first number on the schedule. Please refer to the schedule for additional times.

Snacks/Drinks – Bring snacks and drinks for rehearsal and performance – the kids and parents will get hungry and thirsty. The school has allowed us to have snacks in a designated area of the gym or in the hall outside of the auditorium main entrance and outside the school. You must clean your mess up. **NO SNACKS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE AUDITORIUM, OR ANY OTHER LOCATION IN THE SCHOOL.** Because all performers (excluding pre-school) need to be present for Finale rehearsal, please prepare to be available through finale. If you are in the opening number, please plan on being available for that time slot as well. Plan your snacks and drinks accordingly. As always, avoid drinks with color, peanut products, and sprinkles.

Picking up your Children – Preschool dancers will take their “finale bow” either at intermission if they are in the first act, or at the end with all of the dancers if they are in the second act. After the show ends, we will close the curtain, and then re-open and dismiss by class from the stage. Pre-school dancers who have performed in the first act, may be picked up from the dressing area at intermission. We will not be releasing any dancers at any other time.

Performers in the Audience – All dancers will remain backstage during the performance. We had an issue last year with dancers running around the school, so we will no longer allow performers to leave the dressing area. The only exception to this rule will be the pre-school dancers who are in the second act. They may either be checked in at the beginning of the show or at the beginning of intermission.

Opening Number – All dancers performing in opening number must stay through rehearsal of opening number, finale, and their class pieces. Plan on wearing your opening number attire.

Performance Etiquette – Please be considerate of both the students efforts and the audience around you. Photography and video will not be allowed in the auditorium during the performance. Any lighted screens can not be used in the auditorium as they are distracting to other audience members. Please limit entering and exiting the auditorium during the middle of any number. Please realize that all of the performers enjoy an appreciative audience. Your positive support will be greatly appreciated by all.