

October 17, 2025 Parent viewing and other news

Dear NLSD Community,

If you just can't get enough ... of NLSD, here's your weekly update. You can also find lots of info on our website [Announcements page](#), including our email archive.

1. Parent Viewing Week

Come see what your dancer has been up to October 20-25. Please remember the following:

- Do not take videos.
- Do not talk during class. Talking is distracting for dancers and instructors, and often results in parents not getting a true picture of their dancers' experience. Listening ears everyone!

For students of **Miss Kylee's Monday classes**, viewing day will be **Monday October 27** because she will have a substitute on the 20th.

2. Hallowe'en

Dancers are invited to wear their costumes during the week of October 27-30. Remember, there are no classes on October 31 because we lost that battle a long time ago.

3. Photo Survey

We're looking for feedback on how to manage photos for Nutcracker. We typically dedicate a day for studio photographs in costume. There are pros and cons. On one hand, aspiring dancers should have professional photos, and they can be a cherished record of a child's history. On the other hand, photo day is a lot of work for the studio, and takes away from rehearsal time. Please give us your opinion through this very short survey: <https://forms.gle/WRt8CD0J9DEPTFvW6>.

4. Purdys

60% of our goal! Deadline Oct. 29. Link [here](#). [**whispers* Jellycats*]

Have a great weekend!

October 13, 2025 Purdy's Update

Happy Thanksgiving, NLSD!

We're thankful for our talented instructors, enthusiastic students, supportive parents, and hard-working volunteers.

We've reached 48% of our Purdys sales goal. Keep up the good work!

- There are now two FANTASTIC INCENTIVE PRIZES for our top sellers. See the attachment for pictures, or check them out in the studio office.
- Some info to help with the Purdys website. Here's the link to our main NLSD site: <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1973448-130907>. After you log in, you can get a personalized link to send to family, friends, and colleagues, which links their purchases directly to you. It's okay if a customer uses the main NLSD page, but harder to identify the family, so we encourage everyone to put the dancer's name under "additional info" regardless.
- Feel free to use the attached photos in your campaign.

Don't forget our ongoing Lovable Labels fundraiser. Get that gear labelled and keep it out of the lost and found! Labels make great gifts, and can be ordered and shipped from and to anywhere, so pass this along to your friends in the rest of Canada.

www.northernlightsds.lovablelabels.ca/

Fantastic Incentive Prizes: [Prizes.pdf](#) (713.2kB)

Purdys photo: [Wrapped.jpg](#) (181.4kB)

Purdys photo: [Bundle.jpg](#) (119.9kB)

Purdys photo: [Bark.jpg](#) (186.0kB)

October 4, 2025 Purdys!

Exciting news! Our **Purdy's** fundraiser has begun!

Our goal is to reach \$17,000 in sales. We've had great success with Purdy's in the past, thanks to hard work from you.

The fundraiser is open until **October 29th**. Dancers will pick up orders from the studio on **November 16** to distribute to their customers (items cannot be delivered elsewhere).

There will be FANTASTIC INCENTIVE PRIZES for the first and second highest salesperson. Keep an eye on the office window for the prizes. There are no guarantees, but the word "Jellycat" was whispered in the studio.

Purdy's website can be confusing. Here are some instructions that you can forward to your friends, family, and co-workers:

Please consider supporting Northern Lights School of Dance by buying some delicious Purdy's chocolate. Funds support year-round dance classes, our beloved annual production of The Nutcracker, and our year-end showcase.

1. Click on the link <https://fundraising.purdys.com/1973448-130907>

2. Click on “SIGN IN” for returning customers or “REGISTER” for new customers. You will be automatically connected to the NLSD campaign.
3. Click on “SHOP ONLINE”.
4. There are two ways to select items, either using the default Marketplace interface (photos), or using a text list by clicking “ORDER FORM.”
5. **To support a specific dancer, put the dancer’s name under “Additional Info”.** There are three different buttons that will take you to the spot for this: “ADD ORDER” “EDIT” or “ORDER FORM”
6. Select items and proceed to checkout.

Step 5 is important for matching orders with dancers, and for calculating FANTASTIC INCENTIVE PRIZE winners.

Attached are photos you can use for emails or social media posts. Please also 'like' and share NLSD's posts.

Happy selling and may the force of chocolate be with you!

September 30, 2025 Use Caution at Studio Entrance

Hello NLSD!

The Guild has done repairs at the studio entrance to remove some rotting wood. As a result, it looks quite different. Please tell your dancers to be careful when entering and leaving the building. We are expecting them to install a railing or another stair on the weekend.



September 29, 2025 News

Good Morning NLSD Families!

A few reminders and announcements as September draws to a chilly close.

School Closed September 30

There will be no classes for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. NLSD is grateful for the immense privilege to live, work, and dance in this beautiful place, and we acknowledge and grieve the childhoods that were stolen by the residential school system.

Last Day to Withdraw

It's Decision Time! September 30 is also the last day to withdraw from classes with a pro-rated refund and a \$50 administrative fee. After this date, no refunds will be issued.

Lovable Labels

NLSD is pleased to announce it has a fundraiser through Lovable Labels, a Canadian label company. All orders made through this link will benefit NLSD and will be shipped directly to you: www.NorthernLightsDS.lovablelabels.ca. Labels have a great return on investment—your expensive gear is much more likely to make its way back to you. Please share this link and the attachment with your friends and family.

On that note, don't forget that the lost and found is located in the downstairs hallway. It has new treasures every day ... and none of them are labelled!

Happy Monday!

-Team NLSD

Attachment: Lovable_Labels.jpg (111.9kB)



September 19, 2025 **Welcome Package and September News**

Hello NLSD Community

We're three weeks into the season! Here are a few reminders from Team NLSD.

DROP OFFs

Please drop off dancers no earlier than 15 minutes before the start of their class. We don't have the capacity to supervise students, and this also helps reduce the chaos in our small hallway.

UPDATE YOUR INFO

Take a moment to update your contact information in [Jackrabbit](#). We use this database to find phone numbers if we need to contact a parent or guardian on short notice, such as for emergencies during class. You can also update us via email or phone. If you don't have portal access and need it, please contact the office.

ABSENCES

The best way to register absences is through the Jackrabbit [Parent Portal](#). The program will automatically send an email to all the instructors who need to know, and this is therefore the fastest and most efficient method. On your dashboard, click on the menu, then “Absences” and enter absences that day or for future dates. See the attachment for detailed instructions.

SHOES

If you're still looking for shoes, we have a selection of used shoes at the studio for \$10/pair. You can pay through your Jackrabbit account (preferred), or in the office by debit, credit, or cash.

VOLUNTEERS

We're looking for volunteers to help out with some of the more time-consuming tasks at the studio—namely, costume repair, set repair, and fundraising. Check out our [SignUp](#) for some of the ways you can be involved. You can register there, or contact info@nlsdyukon.com. We'll also be looking for board members—you can put your name forward at the AGM. Or, if you have a special talent or skill (juggling, jiggling, jargon?) you'd like to bring to the studio, feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,
Northern Lights School of Dance

September 16, 2025 Notice of AGM

Dear Members,

The annual General Meeting of Northern Lights School of Dance will occur on Sunday, October 26, 2025, at 27-14th Avenue, Whitehorse, starting at 10:00 am. Please read the attached letter outlining special resolutions that will be addressed at the meeting.

Sincerely,
Northern Lights School of Dance

Attachment: [Letter to Members re Alterations to Bylaws.pdf](#) (6.9MB)

September 4, 2025

Welcome to the 2025-26 school year to our entire NLSD community! Attached is our better-late-than-never WELCOME PACKAGE with plenty of useful information. Read the

attachment, or go to [our website](#). In addition, below is some info about what's coming up.

Key Dates

Fall is a flurry, we know. Dates to be aware of in September include:

- September 7: Nutcracker auditions (more info below)
- September 7: Jr. Can Can auditions
- September 30: School closed for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Dates and events can be found on the website under [Announcements](#), and on the NLSD [calendar](#). Be sure to check the bulletin board whenever you're in the studio because important info will also be posted there.

Office Hours

You can talk to a live human of the administrative species in the office this term during the following hours:

- Mondays and Wednesdays 3:00 – 6:00
- Saturdays 8:30 - 2:30

Outside of these hours, emailing info@nlsdyukon.com will result in the quickest response.

Nutcracker Auditions

Don't miss it! Auditions for all levels will be held this Sunday Sept. 7. Dancers enrolled in an NLSD ballet class or the primary program are eligible to be cast. Registration and fee payment is required before the audition on the [Parent Portal](#) (select "Nutcracker 2025"). All eligible pre-registrants who audition **will be cast**. Primary and First Steps ballet students must attend the audition with a parent.

Schedule

11:00-11:30am: Primary with Parent sign up and information session (no audition)
11:30- 12:15pm: First Steps with Parent sign up and information session (no audition)
12:15- 1:15pm: Novice, Intensive 1
1:15- 2:15pm: Elementary, Intermediate/Senior, Intensive 2
2:15- 3:15pm: Intensive 3 and 4

Yukon Rendezvous Junior Can Can Auditions

Sunday Sept. 7, 3:30-4:15

Can you kick it? Consider auditioning for Jr. Can Can. To be eligible, dancers must have previous experience and be age 13 - 18 by February 1st, 2026. Pre-register through the [Parent Portal](#) for "Jr. Can Can 2026 - Expression of Interest". For performance, dancers must provide their own black Jazz shoes, and black dance tights for performing.

New Office Staff

NLSD welcomes Janine McJannet to the role of Administrative Assistant. She will be the primary contact on the info@nlsdyukon.com and will be in the studio office on Saturdays. We also welcome Glenda Koh to fill a newly-created position of Director of Operations. She will play a key role in improving our organizational policies and processes. For a list of instructional staff, see the [website](#), or the Welcome Package.

Uniforms

Let's talk about it. At NLSD, we require uniforms for a few different reasons. Uniforms encourage preparedness and responsibility, create an environment focused on learning rather than fashion, and help instructors focus on alignment, technique, and form without distractions. For complete information about the dress code for your class and genre, refer to the Welcome Package.

For fun information about the history of ballet uniforms and costumes, check out these links:

- [Costumes Through the Ages - The Lewis Foundation of Classical Ballet \(TLFCB\)](#)
- [Ballet costume | History, Materials & Styles | Britannica](#)
- [RAD Character Dance – Deanna's Dance Education Blog](#)

Registration and Enrollment

A huge thank you to all families for your patience as we make efforts to improve our business processes by making full use of the Jackrabbit program for all registration, enrollment, and payment. The less time we spend on tracking down payments, the more time we can spend on providing great dance programming.

Member survey

Thank you to all who completed the spring survey. A member volunteer is working to analyze the responses and we hope to have results to share at the AGM.

AGM and Bylaw Amendments

The board has been working on a revision to our society bylaws. The Annual General Meeting will be scheduled once this work has been completed, and after members have had time to review the amendments, likely the end of October. Each family is

considered one voting member, as long as the \$10 per family membership fee has been paid.

Attachment: [Welcome Package 2025-26.pdf](#) (284.5kB)