

WELCOME

On behalf of our staff and faculty, we want to welcome you to Lexington Dance Factory (LDF). Thank you for bringing your dancer to us! This will be a fun-filled year with loads of new dance steps and exercise. This newsletter is another resource to help you and your dancer succeed and grow at our studio.

STAY CONNECTED

- Parent Portal on Website
- Emails
- Handbook
- Monthly Newsletters
- Facebook & Instagram
- Info Table in Lobby

UPCOMING DATES

- September 2: 1st day of classes
- September 8: Last day to order LDF t-shirt <u>here</u>
- September 22-27: Let's Flamingle Week
- September 29-October 4:
 Studio Closed for Fall Break

LDF GEAR

Get ready for the new season! Check out our store with K3 Kreations on link https://www.k3kreations.com/Lexington-Dance-Factory-c56962208

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Lindsay, Owner - <u>lexingtondancefactory@hotmail.com</u>
859-271-0581
2909 RICHMOND ROAD, SUITE 140

SWEET 16 SEASON LDF T-SHIRTS

It's LDF's Sweet 16 Season and we have a new t-shirt to celebrate!
There are two options for shirts. You can opt for a blank back or the version that will have all our team and ballet academy dancers' names on the back! Order by scanning the QR code below.





ORDER WILL CLOSE AT 11:59PM ON SEPTEMBER 8TH

Order your LDF t-shirt <u>here</u> or scan QR code!



WELCOME TO THE FLOCK!

LDF Spirit Week

Let's Flamingle Week September 22-27

Show your studio spirit for our mascot!
Wear flamingo or luau-wear to class!
(Just make sure you can still dance in it.)



WHAT TO EXPECT YOUR FIRST WEEK

- 1. The lobby is very crowded the first few weeks of classes. This will settle down after the first few weeks.
- 2. There is a lot of switching around of classes as parents are trying to get settled in the new schedule of the year. Please be patient. Classes often have to change at the same time so that dancers can go to the different subjects they are taking.
- 3. Like school, the first few weeks of class are review. This allows everyone to get comfortable with new classes and new teachers. Also, teachers can evaluate students to be sure they are in the correct class.
- 4. If dancers have been placed into classes that are not correct for them –Don't worry we will find a more suitable class!
- 5. It is best to get your dancer in class on time, ready to dance.
- 6. Please keep the hallway clear; dancers will be walked out into the main lobby area for pick up.
- 7. The youngest dancers will often have tears or anxiety the first few weeks. This is normal. The teachers are trained to get children "on task" quickly. It is not uncommon to have a few dancers on a few hips the first month of class! The best way to ensure success is for parents to assure them they are going to have fun. Leave as quickly as possible and make sure the door is closed. Please keep noise down in the hallways and don't let siblings open or knock on the door. This will distract the dancers.
- 8. Please have all dancers use the bathroom before class. Dancers in preschool or younger are required to have a parent remain in the building during their class in case the dancer needs to go to the restroom. Dancers in kindergarten and up are allowed to be dropped off and will be allowed to go to the restroom on their own if they do not have a parent in the building.

Always stop in the office if you have questions or concerns. Every staff member wants your LDF experience to be positive and rewarding.

Student-Parent-Teacher Concern Form:

If at any time you have any concerns you need to discuss regarding a student, please fill out a <u>Student-Parent-Teacher Concern Form.</u>

This form can be found in a folder on the front desk counter. Please turn this form into Sara at the front desk, or put it in the locked tuition drop box.

This form is not to be handed to any teacher, only directly to the front desk.

Developmental Program

What we will be working on this month:

Concept #1: SPACE - We will be discussing the difference between self-space and general space. We want the dancers to learn to stand on their dance spot (self-space) and also how to move around the room and share the general space with others. When working in general space, we are talking about 8 locomotor movements: Jumping, Hopping, Walking, Running, Skipping Galloping, Sliding and Leaping.

CONCEPT #2: SELF-CONTROL - We will be practicing making our body move and making our body freeze.

Classroom Rules

In order for us to create a productive and safe learning environment, we gently enforce these expectations in the classroom. We like our dance parents to be aware of the expectations so that they can help reinforce them with their dancer as needed.

- 1. No running in the studio (unless directed to do so by the instructor for a specific activity).
- 2.No hanging on the ballet barre.
- 3. No climbing on equipment without permission.
- 4. Only the instructor opens the door during class.

Reminder that dancers in our Developmental Program must have a parent or guardian remain in the building during their class.



COMPETITION TEAMS & BALLET ACADEMY NEWS

This section is dedicated for our Competition Teams & Ballet Academy families.

How can you help? By reading your handbook. All of these systems can be found in your team handbook so you can help us by learning and following them to help make our year a success!

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us and ask! We look forward to teaching your dancer and getting to know them!

*Reminder to go to the team password protected page of the website for more information, including forms for optional conventions & competitions. (Password - LDF2526)

TEAM CONNECTIONS

- <u>Team Handbook</u>
- BAND link listed below
 & in handbook

IMPORTANT DATES

- Sept. 8: Last day to order LDF tshirt <u>here</u>, team jack <u>here</u> & backpack <u>here</u>.
- Sept 12: <u>Forms</u> close for Platinum Dance & Jump Dance <u>optional</u> Conventions & Competitions
- Sept. 15: Last day to submit priorstanding conflicts, click <u>here</u>
- Sept 22: <u>Form</u> closes for 24/7
 optional convention/comp
- Sept 27: Platinum in Indy*
- Sept 28: Platinum in Cincy*

*If signed up and attending, these are **optional!**

Please download the BAND app and use the link below to join your level's BAND.

Minis - https://band.us/n/a2a5bbl0rcNdZ
Petite Novice - https://band.us/n/a0a2baldr3Q5m
Petite Intermediate - https://band.us/n/aba4b2lcrbQ2o
Junior Novice - https://band.us/n/a8acb6lbr4SaJ
Junior Intermediate - https://band.us/n/aba4b5llr4rlAJuniorElite - https://band.us/n/aea8b9llr1Seu
Teen Intermediate - https://band.us/n/ala7b7l3r8Tet
Senior Elite - https://band.us/n/ala9b0leraU6z
Flamingals - https://band.us/n/ala9b2ler5U1K

2025 LDF COMPETITION TEAM- HEADSHOTS!

Terri Behrens Photography is excited to announce we will be offering Headshot Sessions for the LDF Competition Team again this year!



FRIDAY, AUG. 22nd - 4:00 to 7:00pm

SATURDAY, AUG. 23rd - 1:00 to 6:00pm

SUNDAY, AUG. 24th - 1:00 to 6:00pm

There are 3-minute time slots available for these sessions. Select and sign up for the session time most convenient for you and your dancer. There is no upfront charge for these sessions!

Please select one session per dancer. Also, select an additional time slot for sibling photos.

(Headshots are required, however, you may use last year's headshot if you choose, or if you are unable to make it during any of the session times this year.)

Dancers should wear their hair down and styled any way you prefer. Light stage makeup is recommended. Female dancers are to wear black leotards, and guys should wear plain black t-shirts. The waistband of pants/skirts will be visible in some images so bottoms should also be black.

Within the week following your session you will receive an email with information including a link to view and order your dancer's images online. You will be able to order individual prints, packages, or digital files that you may print on your own, share with loved ones, and post on social media. Dancer headshot images are very useful to have on hand when one is needed for entering various competitions, fine art educational opportunities, scholarships, etc.

Terri Behrens Photography is well known for its dancers often achieving MOST PHOTOGENIC awards in both regional and national competitions.

Use the link or QR code below to select your session time.

Have your dancer arrive dressed and ready. Only dancers will be allowed into the photography studio area. Thank you!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C49ACAD22A5F58-57820145-Idfcompetition











Upload your dancers headshot <u>here!</u>
Be sure to put their name.



To fulfill your One Love Dance Company Requirement, sign up for one spot here:



VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS:

All TEAM & BALLET ACADEMY families are required to volunteer at ONE LDF Recital & volunteer on ONE committee through One Love Dance Company. Each FAMILY is required to sign up for a spot on each sign up. However, if you choose to sign up to work Bingo through the One Love committee sign up, you will be exempt from being required to also work a recital shift. Through the sign up, you may also choose to opt out of serving on a committee by working an extra recital shift or paying \$100.



By participating in our Give BHG annual fundraiser patrons who purchase gift cards at GiveBHG.com will be able to designate 20% of the purchase amount to One Love Dance Company. Please note that the 20% donation can only be provided with ONLINE purchases. Buyers are NOT able to make donations with gift card purchases made in-store at BHG restaurants.

To make a purchase and donate:

- Visit GiveBHG.com in order to purchase Gift Cards.
- 2) Select a BHG Gift Card of any denomination.
- Select your non-profit's name from the drop down menu double-check that you have selected the correct organization, as several participating organizations have similar names (e.g. "Dunbar Band" / "Dunbar Baseball Team").
- 4) Your gift card will be sent in the mail in two business days and your organization will receive 20% of your purchase!

It's easy to give the gift of good taste and support One Love Dance Company at the same time. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Katy Thomas at 859.899.9560 or by email at katyt@bhglex.com for additional information.

Sincerely,

Bruce Drake & Brian McCarty

P.S. Remember that Bluegrass Hospitality Group gift certificates are honored at Malone's, Malone's Prime, Harry's, Drake's, Malone's at Home, OBC Kitchen!



Community Rewards benefitting



- Go to the website: https://www.kroger.com/i/community/community-re wards
- Create an online account (or login) and choose "LDF Ballet Academy"* as the organization you want to support.
- Shop at Kroger. Purchases made at Kroger using your shopper's card will automatically contribute to your chosen organization.

*Please note: "LDF Ballet Academy" is a DBA for One Love Dance Company.

Optional Community Opportunities



Football is quickly approaching which means UC spirit day is right around the corner. We're excited to have future Bearcats visit campus and participate in a performance at halftime with us! You can sign-up as an individual, studio, or team. When you purchase your ticket, you are officially signed up for Spirit Day. If you already have a ticket to the game, you can use the same link to sign up. You will see the participant only option at the bottom.

Sign up today using this link: SPIRIT DAY REGISTRATION

After you register, you'll receive a link to the performance routine so you can start practicing. On game day, you'll take part in a special pre-game practice with the UC Cheer & Dance Team, learning from the best and getting game-day ready. More info will be sent on the week of the game.



Register Now!

LITTLE BLUE DEVILS DANCE CLINIC

WHEN: FRIDAY, SEPT 19TH - 5:30PM-8:30PM

WHERE: LEXINGTON DANCE FACTORY

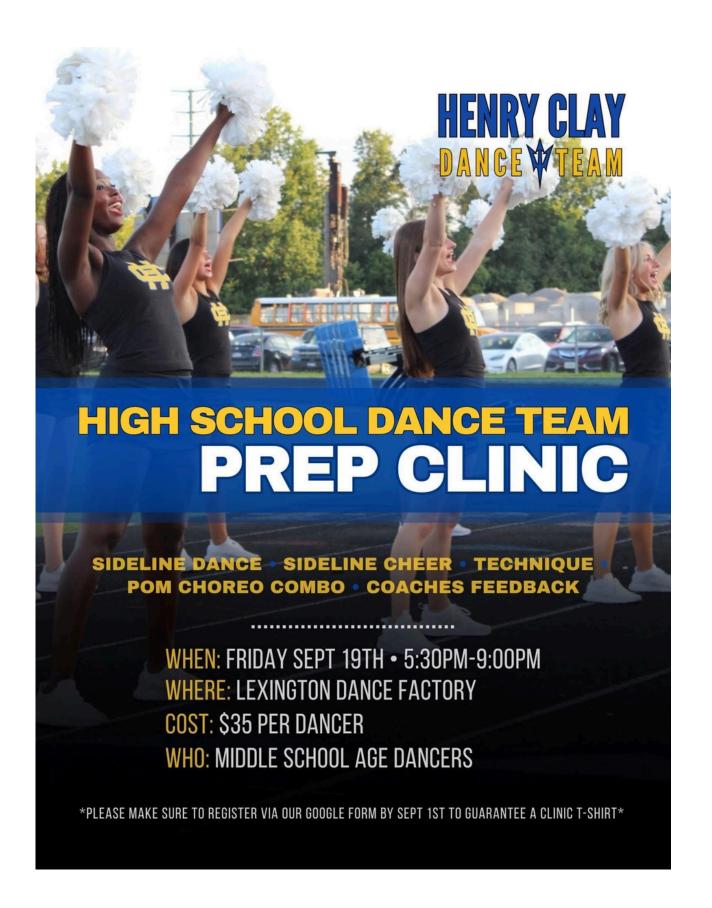
Cost: \$35 per dancer

Who: Ages 3-5th grade

We will have a WICKED good time!

REGISTER BY 9/1 VIA OUR GOOGLE FORM TO GUARANTEE A CLINIC T-SHIRT

SIGN-UP HERE!



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FREDERICK DOUGLASS BRONCOS Dance Team

Broncos Dance Clinic



Saturday 9/20/25 WHEN:

9am to Noon

WHERE: FDHS GYM

WHO: Pre-K - 8th grade

COST: \$35

> Attendees will receive a T-shirt and perform a sideline routine with the dance team during the 10/10/25 home game.

SIGN-UP HERE!