



## Duvall Performing Arts Newsletter

# HAPPY NEW YEAR - Jan 2012

### Holiday Recap

Welcome to 2012! Didn't 2011 move way too fast?! Well, hopefully all of our DPA families had a wonderful holiday season full of family and friends and NO stress (yeah right!) Some wonderful things went on here at DPA in December. First, a group of our Level 4 students; *Paige Dewey, Greta Klaiber, Kara Feight, Jaime Dick* performed parts of the Nutcracker at a Montessori Pre-School in Woodinville. Then a few of our Level 2 plus Hip Hop Level 3 and 4's performed at the Hillside Academy for their holiday assembly. Thank you students, DPA is very proud that you represented us at these holiday events!



### DPA Movie Nights

Mark your calendars, DPA will host the following movie nights at the studio - from 6pm to 9pm. The cost is \$20 per student and \$10 each sibling.

- January 27<sup>th</sup>
- February 17<sup>th</sup>
- March 23<sup>rd</sup>
- April 27<sup>th</sup>
- May 11<sup>th</sup>

### Nutcracker Camp

This year we had a great turnout for our annual Nutcracker Camp. Our students enjoyed making stockings and other holiday crafts as well as decorating cookies. Students also learned and performed scenes from the Nutcracker. A wonderful time was had by all!



### Nutcracker at PNB

Many of our students attended the Pacific Northwest Ballet's Nutcracker on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. Students were in "awe" seeing former DPA students perform on this day. These students are Kaylee Cunningham, Emily Northrop, and Lauren Comer.



### Mid-Winter Session

We only have a few more weeks in the current session!

Don't forget Mid-Winter session runs from Jan 30<sup>th</sup> through April 8<sup>th</sup>.



## Recital Information



This year, DPA is really working towards making recital a great experience for all of those who participate. We have tried to do additional planning work in advance this year, which so far is working very well. For instance, 95% of our recital costumes have been ordered, this early ordering ensures we can get the best deals, shipping prices and the right costumes - and that they arrive on time!

Also, as you probably are already aware we are going to have 2 recitals like usual, but the difference will be in who is participating in those shows. Our approach will largely be based on age and level. The reason we have chosen this approach is so our younger students can have more participation in a shorter, earlier show AND parents and families can have access to more tickets per family. Each show will be of the same theme and approach, but with some differences in performance, music and style.

- **RECITAL TIMES:** 11am (younger version) and 3:30pm (older version), Cedarcrest High School June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- **CLASS & CAST LIST:** the current class and cast list and information about which classes are in which performance have been posted in the studio. If you need a copy, please ask the front desk! The list will also be available on the DPA website.
- **RECITAL SIGN UP - DEADLINE** is **Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We are still taking quick sign-ups for recital at this time if you haven't gotten a chance to register. However, since the costumes have already been ordered you will be required to pay the shipping costs of those additional orders.
- **PAYMENT:** One thing all parents will need to do is pay the recital fee **ASAP**. If you haven't done so, please check in at the front office to complete this process.
- **VOLUNTEERS** - Finally we are also taking a dual approach to utilizing our parent volunteers. First, we are giving **MORE** opportunity for our parents to be involved in recital rather than just **on** the day of recital. With this, we are introducing areas of which we need volunteer teams and leaders. These areas are:
  1. **Costume Alteration** - for those are apt at sewing and giving easy alterations to costumes, we need you to volunteer to help in the fitting process.
  2. **Set and Prop Building** - for those parents who would like to build various aspects of our sets and props for both shows.
  3. **Additional Make-Up team members** - since the plan is to have more make-up this year, we will need a team of make-up artists in addition to the two talented ladies who already serve in this capacity.
  4. **Raffle Committee:** plan, coordinate and put together a raffle.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the front desk with your name, class and which show you'd like to volunteer.

- **PICTURES:** All class pictures will take place in **MAY**
- **COSTUME DISTRIBUTION:** While costumes have been ordered early, we will not distribute them until the day of pictures.
- **DRESS REHEARSAL** - June 8<sup>th</sup> is a half day for the Riverview School district. We will be holding dress rehearsal this day. Exact schedule **TBD**.