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Hello Parents and Dancers! Here we go into March...don't ask me where in the world Jan and Feb went!

As always this newsletter serves as your tuition bill reminder. Please pay tuition on time during the first week of March to avoid any possible late fees. **Recital fees are due this month!** Please check the front desk for your recital fee amount as they vary according to the number of children enrolled and the number of classes each child takes. If possible please write two separate checks for tuition and recital fees.

The studio will be closed this month for Spring Break, March 28-April 4. The studio reopens Monday, April 5.

We are in full swing with choreography in all classes so try your very hardest to make sure you are attending all classes. We are also preparing for our first local competition showcasing our eight recreational dance teams as well as our three performing arts companies. Come support your studio and cheer on Bunker Dance Center at Cashman Center Theatre Saturday, March 13th! Looking forward, if your daughter or son is interested in joining one of our sensational recreational dance teams **we will be holding auditions on Saturday, April 17th for next year's teams.** As we near the audition date in April more information will be available concerning this low stress, fun placement day. Our teams range in age from 4 years to high school!

We will also begin handing out costumes as they are trickling in this month. Make sure you open your child's costume immediately and have him/her try it on! You are responsible for your own alterations. There are always slight alterations to be made to costumes being the fact that costumes are ordered in small, medium, large, or extra-large to fit all body types. For your convenience our costume coordinator, Maria Bengston, does bring her sewing machine to the studio during specific weeks in March and April and does alterations for a very reasonable fee or you may do your own alterations. Either way, Maria is available for advice on how the costume can be best altered. After alterations, please put costumes in a safe place making sure you have all accessories accounted! Costumes are worn on our studio Picture Days, Dress Rehearsals, and Dance Concerts. If you have any questions about costumes please do not hesitate to ask the front desk or Maria.

As far as recent news goes, the **Dancers Making a Difference Benefit Concert** held at the beginning of the month was a wonderful success! The dancers and parents at Bunker Dance Center led the way in raising almost \$11,000 for Rising Star Outreach! Stacey Tookey, former company teacher and current choreographer and judge for **So You Think You Can Dance**, performed as well as several talented dancers from Cirque's **LOVE**. Of course the wonderfully talented dancers from Bunker Dance Center's Performing Arts Companies were the real stars of the evening! Also on hand was Doug Jardine, the producer of the Emmy winning documentary on Rising Star Outreach. He spoke briefly and had the Emmy with him for all of us to see! It was a wonderful night filled with good will and we all look forward to next year's concert!

In additional studio news, Stacey Tookey was also at the studio in February teaching a Master Class and setting choreography on a few of our Senior Company girls. Watch for Stacey on the upcoming season of **So You Think You Can Dance** as she will be judging and choreographing! And Kathy Bunker has been busy in the university world again, but this time closer to home as a guest lecturer teaching a Business of Dance class!

We have many exciting days ahead as this time of year is always very busy at Bunker Dance but lots of fun! Have a safe and relaxing Spring Break this month and don't forget to visit our website, bunkerdancecenter.com, where there are links to this newsletter, important dates, and recent news! We are adding a few recent snapshots of the benefit concert, Napoleon and Tabitha's visit to the studio, and more!

Warmly,

Kathy Bunker and Staff