

October 9, 2011

Dear Ballet IV Parents and Students.

The class is working hard to prepare for **pointe** instruction and I am thoroughly enjoying teaching them.

In place of our regularly scheduled class on Friday, Oct 14, our class will meet at Dance Design to be fitted for **pointe shoes**. This is a hallmark step in the young ladies' training and I have found it works best to use an already scheduled time period to meet for this event. I will be on hand along with Gracie Kirchgessner, Dance Design owner, and additional trained help. We ask that you call 942-1339 or visit the Ballet School front desk (see Denni) and sign up for a 15 minute time slot between 3:30 and 5:30 for the 14th. Our goal will be to fit between 2-3 dancers each 15 minute period.

Gracie will have as many shoe styles and sizes on hand as possible, but it is common that several new sizes, styles or duplicates need to be ordered. Our first day of pointe instruction will be two weeks following, allowing for everyone's orders to come in and for the pointe shoe ribbons and elastics to be sewn on. An instructional hand-out will be sent home with each girl. Shoes that are available that day may be purchased and taken home if not needed for further sizing appointments. They can also be held for pick up and payment at a later time or date.

If for some reason you are not able to attend this shoe fitting event please arrange for a private fitting at your earliest convenience. Please do not sew ribbons or alter the shoes in any way until I have seen and approved the fit in case they need to be exchanged. We try to fit the shoes as close to perfect as possible –they are not designed to be fit for future growth, but in most cases this first pair will last through the school year. Once shoes are sewn they will be checked once again to be certain they are prepared for use.

Please remind your daughters to wear or bring footed tights to the fitting for the best fit and pre discuss whether you will purchase approved pads (alters fitting) or lambs wool for cushioning. Inch wide ribbons are preferred and heel elastic may also be purchased.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you then!

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