

Melina's Pizzazz Performance Company (PPC) is for dancers who are excited and committed to advancing and succeeding in dance. We focus on building strong dancers and confident students on and off the stage. PPC was created to provide more training and performance opportunities to students looking to advance beyond recreational classes. We work to instill values of teamwork and community through non-competitive dance opportunities.

Our goal is to give dancers with the passion to perform that opportunity. Dancers are divided into teams based on ages and ability as we see is most beneficial to that individual dancer and group. We have opportunities for new beginning dancers just getting started through advanced dancers who have a passion for dance and love to perform.

Thank you for choosing Melina's Dance Company to be your dancer's second home. We are excited to share our passion for dance in a nurturing and inspiring environment. It is our number one priority to provide a safer studio environment both physically and mentally. In this packet you will find information regarding:

- Parent Communication & Staff
- Important Dates
- Tuition & Class Fees
- Other Important Info

COMMUNICATION

We make it easy for you to stay organized, but we need your commitment to stay on top of information weekly.

Take a moment to review the checklist and set-up your phone / computer for easy access all season long!

CHECKLIST

- ☐ Melinasdance.com Bookmark & visit FREQUENTLY. Before asking a question, check here!
- ☐ Monthly updates Posted in google classroom
- ☐ Studio calendar Available on melinasdance.com
- ☐ MDC Newsletter Emailed on the 1st of every month (check promotions & spam!)
- ☐ Remind Text Subscribe here: remind.com/join/melinasd

CONTACT

We have a 24-48 hour response promise Monday through Friday.

The only absence you need to report is for a required event - no need to report any class absences. Email team@melinasdance.com if you need to schedule a make-up class

MDC Administration Team	team@melinasdance.com
Studio Owner / Artistic Director (Krystal Klem)	krystal@melinasdance.com
UKID Program Coordinator (Kelly Long)	kelly.long212@gmail.com

FULL SEASON SCHEDULE – subject to change

July 6th	First day of dance	
July 10th	Pizzazz Placement Audition	
August 23rd - September 6th	Closed for break	No classes
September 7th	Back to Dance!	
September 27th - October 2nd	Bring a Friend Week	
October 11th - 16th	Pink Week	Wear pink for Breast Cancer Awareness
October 25th - 30th	Costume Week	Wear your halloween/dance costume to class
November 24th - 27th	Thanksgiving Break	No classes
December 13th - 18th	Pajama Week	Wear pajamas to class for some winter fun
December 29th - January 2nd	Closed for Winter Break	No classes
February 14th - 19th	Wear Red Week	
March 21st - 26th	MDC Spirit Week	
April 4th - 9th	Closed for Spring Break	No classes
May 30th	Closed for Memorial Day	No classes
June 11th	Tentative recital date	TBD
June 18th	Last Day of Dance classes	

TEAM REQUIREMENTS

Ember Team Average age 5 to 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum 1-hour rehearsal block every month• Must take a ballet/jazz combo class OR Level 1/2 Ballet or Jazz/Tap combo class (both Level 1/2 classes are recommended)• 2 in-studio master classes throughout the season• Minimum of 2 company performances (opportunity availability TBD)
Spark Team Average Age 7 - 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum 1 hour rehearsal block every month• Must take an MDC weekly jazz class (recommended to take at least a ballet class as well)• 2 in-studio master classes throughout the season• Minimum of 3 company performances (opportunity availability TBD)
Fire Team Average Age 9 - 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum 1-hour rehearsal block every month• Must take an MDC weekly ballet and jazz class• 3 in-studio master classes throughout the season• Minimum of 3 company performances (opportunity availability TBD)
Blaze Team Average age 11 - 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum 90-minute rehearsal block every month• Must take an MDC ballet and jazz class (contemporary class is strongly recommended as well)• 4 in-studio master classes throughout the season• Minimum of 4 company performances (opportunity availability TBD)
Inferno Team Average Age 13 & up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimum 90-minute rehearsal block every month• Must take an MDC ballet, jazz, and contemporary class• 4 in-studio master classes throughout the season• Minimum of 4 company performances (opportunity availability TBD)

TUITION

Pizzazz monthly tuition is \$20.00 a month

Tuition Includes

- All company rehearsal blocks for the entire season
- Any additional rehearsals for performances or optional dances
- In-studio sponsored Master Classes
- MDC Pizzazz shirt (to be provided in September)
- Extra Practice Weekends

Extras

- Performance company jacket
- Costuming (if needed)
- Performance Shoes & Tights
- Conventions & Banquet (optional)

CONVENTIONS

Conventions are outside events, that host award-winning instructors. They are 2-day master class events run by outside companies. Company dancers are not required to attend, however, it is highly recommended. More convention information will be provided.

Scheduled company rehearsals

Extra practices may be needed and are included in company tuition. Below is the scheduled rehearsal blocks for each company. Additional Practice times for each dance will be provided 1 month prior.

EMBER	SPARK	FIRE	BLAZE	INFERNO
July 17th 2-3pm	July 17th 3-4pm	July 17th 5-6pm	July 31st 2-5pm	July 31st 2-5pm
August 14th 2-3pm	August 14th 3-4pm	August 14th 4-5pm	August 7th 2-5pm	August 7th 2-5pm
September 11th 2-3pm	September 11th 3-4pm	September 11th 4-5pm	September 25th 2-3:30pm	September 25th 3:30-5pm
October 9th 2-3pm	October 9th 3-4pm	October 9th 4-5pm	October 23rd 2-3:30pm	October 23rd 3:30-5pm
November 13th 2-3pm	November 13th 3-4pm	November 13th 4-5pm	November 20th 2-3:30pm	November 20th 3:30-5pm
December 1st 2-3pm	December 1st 3-4pm	December 1st 4-5pm	December 11th 2-3:30pm	December 11th 3:30-5pm
January 8th 2-3pm	January 8th 3-4pm	January 8th 4-5pm	January 22nd 2-3:30pm	January 22nd 3:30-5pm
February 12th 2-3pm	February 12th 3-4pm	February 12th 4-5pm	February 26th 2-3:30pm	February 26th 3:30-5pm
March 12th 2-3pm	March 12th 3-4pm	March 12th 4-5pm	March 26th 2-3:30pm	March 26th 3:30-5pm
April 2nd 2-3pm	April 2nd 3-4pm	April 2nd 4-5pm	April 16th 2-3:30pm	April 16th 3:30-5pm
May 14th 2-3pm	May 14th 3-4pm	May 14th 4-5pm	May 14th 2-3:30pm	May 14th 3:30-5pm

PRACTICE SHOES

We ask dancers to use the same practice shoes as their performance shoes. MDC recommends the following shoes for company dancers:

Ballet	Canvas or leather split sole ballet shoes	Order from MDC for \$14.00 - 16.00
Tap	Black oxford tie tap shoes	Order from MDC for \$24.00 - 26.00
Jazz	Split sole leather jazz boot	Order from MDC for \$22.00 - 24.00
Hip Hop	Black & White converse style shoes	Shoes should only be worn for classes and not everyday wear

DANCE BAG ESSENTIALS

Always bring your dance bag with your dance bag essentials: LABEL EVERYTHING!

- Required Shoes, proper dress code attire, and warm-ups materials.
- Hair ties and bobby pins
- Water Bottle, band-aids and personal care items

EVALUATIONS / DANCER GOALS

It is our job to keep you and your dancer updated on their progress. Evaluations will be provided. Please keep us informed of any goals your dancer has so we can set them up for the best success. Progress takes time, so dancers need a full year or more on the right track in order to reach goals.