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I want to congratulate and thank everyone for a job well done on our first production! All of you did AMAZING (parents too!!!) Thank you for all your kind words, cards and gifts! You make me feel so special and loved!

Whether you are a returning student from last year, coming to us from another studio, or are just starting dance this year, we welcome you to our family! We are very excited to welcome “Miss” Nikki and “Miss” Darcelle to our teaching staff this year and are also excited to offer some new classes -HIP HOP and HULA. Please keep in mind that dance classes are not like classes in school (it is not all based on age). You may not move up to the next level for a few years. The classes will be evaluated in the first two months and will be based on ability, not the title of the class. Students may have to move to a different class during that time so that they are placed in the appropriate class. Also keep in mind that some classes may have to be combined due to a small number of students enrolled. I am asking for your patience as we try to balance the class size, students’ interests, ability, and availability of teachers.

If you have any questions or concerns throughout this process, please feel free to contact me either by e-mail or phone. It is my plan to have all of our students at a comfortable, yet challenging level as quickly as possible so that we can start focusing on a brand new year!

Last year was such an amazing year for me and I want to thank everyone for that. It was so wonderful to see the love of dance in so many of you, and that is the best gift a dance teacher could ever get! I am also grateful for all of the dedication the competition team gave the studio last year. I am very proud of how they supported each other in good times and in bad. They grew closer together and learned that “We are all in this together”. We received comments from those running the competition on how well they all got along and how close they all seemed. For me as a first year studio owner that spoke more to me than any move I could teach them in class. I know that someday when they move on they will leave this studio with their heads held high knowing they can handle anything in life. Thank you parents as well for all you gave up for your children to be part of this. I am excited to add some new parents and students to our team this year and can’t wait for another great year.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know we do have a box by the “penguin” wall that has shoes students have outgrown. If you are in between sizes and would like to check for a pair of shoes until you can buy new ones, please do. I just ask that if they are still in good shape when you are done with them you put them back in the box. And if you have some to donate – thank you. Also, last year I asked parents to volunteer in the lounge as a “parent on duty”. I am asking again that I have some help while I am teaching. Duties include putting tuition in the cash box for me, helping students with item selection and giving change if necessary, sometimes refill paper towels or toilet paper in the bathrooms and generally being the “go to” person when I am not available. Keep an eye out for the sign up sheets in the lounge.

Thank you for letting me be a part of your lives and the lives of OUR Dancers, and always remember:

**I AM SMART, I AM STRONG, AND I LOVE TO DANCE!!!!**

*Ms. Lisamarie Marks ☺*