



April 30, 2020

Hello ADC Family!

Here we are, week six of our virtual dance and musical theatre classes, and we are still going strong! I can't begin to tell you how proud I am of our students for their commitment and hard work they continue to show in class each week. The support from you, our parents, has been absolutely amazing, especially during these times when other small businesses have been forced to close their doors for good. Thanks to you, and our superstar staff, we have been able to stay afloat, continue to offer quality classes, and move toward our year-end performances.

I have been wracking my brain on how to make the end of this season magical for our students. What can we do if the government has not lifted the ban on group gatherings? How can we put up a performance while keeping our students safe? I'm sure you have thought about these same things. Well, I am a true believer, where there is a will, there is a way!

It will probably come as no surprise that Moon High School has canceled our June 12 and 13 rental for the recital. We had a backup date scheduled for the beginning of August but was told that that too will most likely cancel. Knowing that booking the facility at another local school would be near impossible, I moved on to Plan B and looked for an outdoor venue. I was thrilled to be able to book the amphitheater at Moon Park for the dates close to the original ones we had set. This year's recital will certainly be different than any of the shows we have done in the past, but nonetheless, it will still be just as magical!

Here is the plan we have in place. Our dress rehearsal will be Thursday, June 11, and the performances will take place on Friday, June 12. Rain dates will be June 18 and 19. We will most likely have small performances spread throughout the day in order to keep the number of people attending at a minimum. The health and wellbeing of our dancers and their families and our staff are of utmost importance, so I believe this plan is a good one (if you are forced to make lemonade....). We will follow the governor's current guidelines and work together with the staff of Moon Parks & Recreation to create a plan to observe social distancing requirements for both backstage dancers and audience members and will continue to send updates and modify the plan if needed as we navigate through these ever-changing times.

Plans for the musical theatre performance in May are in the works. We are waiting on a response from Sharon Presbyterian Church regarding rental. If we need to move the date or change the venue, you will be the first to know.

Please continue to have your child attend our classes online and check the BAND app for additional class material. Our staff is hard at work to ensure your child receives quality classes online weekly. We truly appreciate your support by making your child's tuition payment for May. Paying our staff their regular wages in order to support their families, and keeping up with operating expenses surrounding the business are crucial to the future of our studio. If you or your spouse has recently lost their job, or if the virus has significantly impacted your financial situation, please reach out to me about financial support.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and the support you have shown to all of us at ADC.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and I hope to see you soon!

Dancingly,

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