

Message to NPAC Family

Good Afternoon NPAC Family -

First, I'd like to say that I cannot thank you all enough for your support, kind words, and emails during these unsettling times. We are all navigating this new road together with the Covid-19 Virus and the staff and I here at NPAC will continue do everything we can to help your children through this new, and different daily life.

We have made the decision to close our physical studio doors per government recommendations and for the safety of our students and families, and instead open our virtual doors for the time being! We are thrilled that we have the ability to offer something like this during such a crucial time to continue our students' education. We know that children need consistency and routine and the current situation is anything but routine. By seeing and interacting with their classmates and teachers by attending a virtual class, we feel we can continue our classroom lessons and provide our students with a familiar consistency. Think of it as a temporary bridge between the studio and your home. These virtual interactive classes will allow students an opportunity to connect with their teachers and friends. Students will be getting much needed exercise, working on their core, flexibility, strength, stretching and technique. We also plan to continue teaching our recital dances as well as posting choreography and music so your children can continue to learn safely at home and grow as dancers! We know it's not exactly the same as being at the studio, but will provide consistency and positivity for your children.

Parents, we know you have invested a lot of time and money bringing your child to NPAC for a dance education. We would like to continue delivering this education as we don't want our students to lose their strength, flexibility and technique that we have been building for so long. Our staff & students have all been working so hard inside and outside of class to prepare an especially entertaining recital, "Night at the Oscars!" When we are able to return to learning at the studio, our plan as of now, is to finish up fine tuning our dances and still give every student what they are looking forward to...the opportunity to perform their recital dances in costume for all of their friends and family!

Remember, your monthly tuition is all we have to work with and yes it goes toward classroom time, but it also goes towards admin time, teacher pay, class

planning, preparing choreography, editing our music, sizing and ordering costumes, studio cleaning, studio rent, utilities and so much more!

Most importantly, my staff are hourly workers, and if they don't teach, they don't get paid. I remain committed to paying them during this time as long as I possibly can, as they will continue to be planning for classes, and engaging with your children, and because, I feel, it's the right thing to do. Remember, the studio is a small business and for NPAC and it's teachers to be here for your children in the future, we have to continue to receive support from you now, and throughout this hard time.

Again, we are continuing with our classes and will transition back to the studio as soon as we are able to. We have implemented a new way for you to pay online. On our website, there is a new tab to click on called "Pay Here. " You now have the ability to pay tuition online, or you may mail a check as well.

If your family is facing a new unexpected income hardship because of this nationwide shutdown, please contact us by phone, email or private message and we can work out a plan to help keep you child in class.

So what should you expect next?

During the upcoming week of March 23rd, we are very excited to be offering new virtual classes during the day and evening in hopes to keep kids (and parents) moving - and because we all need a good de-stresser during the day :) These will be general classes for the entire family to enjoy such as "Family move and Groove" and "Toddler Time" Be on the lookout for information on these!

In the next week we will also be training our teachers to deliver the best online interactive classes we possibly can. The week of March 30th, we will resume our full regular class schedule online via Zoom, a live video conferencing platform. Your classes will remain on the same day at the same time. We will be communicating and sending links to classes mostly via email. More information will be sent next week on how we will all be doing this.

We are eager to try these new virtual interactive classrooms, and are excited to be able to see our students face-to-face and hear about their days. We see a lot of value in continuing their dance education. Thank you so much for your continued support during this time! We cannot wait to share with you what our teachers have been working on!