



Marilyn Schneider School of Dance



May is here!

There are only a few weeks left until dancers get to perform on stage. I am so excited for this. They all have been working so hard! Costumes are now in and may be taken home once they are paid for. Parents, please stop in at the studio to get your instructions on costume alterations, they are posted in the lobby. Also, please check your dancer's mailbox weekly so you receive all notices in a timely manner. Your support of the dancers and MSSOD is so important, and I cannot thank you enough. Here are the updates for a fantastic last few weeks.

Dancingly,

Marilyn

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday May 1st – Fall

Registration opens.

Monday May 26th – The studio will
be closed for Memorial Day

Sunday June 1st – Last day of
classes

Teacher Appreciation Day is May 6th

How about writing a note to your dance teacher?
Let them know how much you appreciate all they do!

Mother's Day is May 11th

We celebrate every dance mom and thank you for all you do for your dancers. We fully understand that without each of you, we would not be here. The studio will be closed on Mother's Day, May 11th.

PICTURE DAYS

All class, solo, duet and trio photos will be taken by Colorgraphics on June 2nd & 3rd at the Long Pond Studio. The photo schedule is posted at the studio and on our website. Plan to arrive in costume 10 minutes before your scheduled times. Parents, please stay out of the photo room as it distracts our dancers. Payment must accompany your order form (you may run a tab and pay for all pictures you are ordering at one time). Please come with your form filled out prior to entering the studio. Pictures will arrive within one month. Even if you choose not to place an order, please attend your class group picture.

ELITE Travel Company, Rising Stars House Company & Pee Wee Team

For any dancers interested in auditioning for one or more of our competition teams, auditions will be held in June, the week after recital. Pee Wee team will have auditions in August. Watch the bulletin board and web site for details. All Company Dancers must study all areas of dance, all year long as well as attend an extra technique class and special choreography classes.

If you have questions, please see Marilyn, Amy Campbell or Kim Persica

DRESS REHEARSAL

All groups will have a complete dress rehearsal on June 4-7th at the Long Pond Studio, and on June 10 (Show 2) and June 12 (Show 1).

The dress rehearsal allows the students to become more familiar with the performance. It also helps them feel more comfortable performing. Lights, scenery, music and cues and all other logistics for an organized and professional performance are rehearsed. **Participation in the dress rehearsal is mandatory.** We run an organized and timely dress rehearsal and your help with the process is greatly appreciated. Please arrive 15 minutes early so students are dressed and ready to dance on time.

Recital Poster Contest

Now through June 1st, show your studio spirit and your artistic talent. All posters will be on display at the recital. The winner in each age category wins a cash prize!



Overdue Balances

If a student has any overdue balances (i.e. costumes, competition fees, tuition etc.) they will not be allowed to participate in recital. Please make sure your accounts are up to date. Overdue accounts will be turned over to Metropolitan Collection Agency

Dance Attire— Please be sure all dancers are adhering to the class attire for each class – hair back and off the face, limited jewelry and no baggy clothes. Tights are mandatory! Label your shoes and dance clothes!

MSSOD Dance Apparel – Apparel is available for purchase on Customized Girl, check our website for the link! They make wonderful recital gifts.

Performance Tickets

Each MSSOD family is offered 2 tickets (3 if performing in both shows) with payment of your performance fee. We hope each family will use these tickets to invite family and friends. The dancers have worked hard: it is exciting for them to see so many happy faces before them. We do have additional tickets available for sale to anyone who needs more, price \$15 each. Order early as we will sell out. Each family will receive a digital download of the performance they are performing in.

STARBOUND

The MSSOD House and Pee Wee Teams, along with some of our soloists, duets and trios, competed on April 25 – 27th in this local dance competition. You made us proud! Results will be posted in the studio!

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Check us out and “like” us on Facebook. You can also follow us at mssod585 on Instagram!

Summer Registration

Forms are now available for Summer registration. Register early to guarantee a place in class!

Academic Achievers

To become eligible for this award, submit any report card from this year to Marilyn by May 7th. A photo of all our Academic Achievers will be taken during picture days. Please wear our 2025 recital t-shirt and black shorts or leggings.

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!

Ushers are needed to collect tickets as well as ticket table salespeople. Please contact Marilyn if you are interested in helping.

PERFORMANCE ETIQUETTE

I ask that all audience members be respectful to the students dancing on stage.

A respectful audience:

- Never stands up to leave during a performance
- Never expects to enter or exit the theatre while a performance is on stage
- Never carries on a conversation as it is disruptive to those around you
- Always turn off or silence electronic devices

Parents of small children:

- Be sure to keep small children in the seat next to you
- Do not allow small children to wander up and down the aisle of the theatre
- Take the opportunity to teach your child that they should speak in a whisper and keep conversations and questions to a minimum

Parents of older children

- Refrain children from using small handheld devices as they are disruptive to those around them with additional lights and sounds
- Please keep older siblings and guests from shouting out and carrying on in a disruptive manner

By following these simple guidelines, our performances will be respected, and it will create an enjoyable environment for all our audience members.

The proper way to reward a wonderful performance is with respectful applause

Performance Volunteer Information

The performance is a hectic experience! That's why I ask for help! Class moms are needed for each class to supervise the dancers. They will be able to watch their dancers from backstage. They are responsible for making sure each child has the proper costume, accessories, shoes and make-up. Class moms leave the students with the stage managers. After they finish dancing, the Class mom makes sure all dancers return to their dressing room. I also need volunteer make-up and hair-do moms, check-in mom or dad and backstage helpers.

Ask Me Anything Day

Did we forget anything? There are so many things happening this time of year! With so many things, come so many questions! On **Thursday May 15th**, I will be on **ZOOM from 7-8 pm** where you can ask me anything.
Code 706 410 6797 **Password:** MSSOD

Recital T-Shirts have been ordered

We have extra shirts in some sizes that may be purchased for \$23 (while supplies last). Parents may want one as we will be wearing these shirts at all studio events.

Red, White & Blue Week is May 23-25th

Wear your patriotic colors to
the studio and show your
pride in the USA!

Refer a Friend

Remember, if you refer a friend to our studio and they register, you will receive a \$10 credit off one month's tuition. Make sure they put your name in the appropriate spot on the registration form to ensure proper credit.

Final Tuition Payment – Tuition is based on the entire season in full (September – June) and broken into 10 equal monthly installments. Therefore, as per the handbook and tuition information provided at the beginning of the fall season, your June tuition will be due as normal on June 1st.



Summer Camps 2025
Marilyn Schneider School of Dance
518 Long Pond Road, Rochester, NY 14612
Register online at msschoolofdance.com

Price - \$40 per camp which includes crafts and snacks.

Early Bird Special – Register and pay to secure your spot by April 1st and receive a bundle price of \$35 per camp when you register for 2 or more dates.



Moana Beach Party

Sat, July 12, 2025 **Ages 3-11** **9-12pm**

Let your imagination soar as we celebrate Moana and enjoy the beauty of the ocean and the strength of the characters in Moana. Dress in your favorite island attire as we dance to music from Moana and enjoy island crafts. Any island cutie who loves Moana will love this celebration.



Christmas In July

Sat, July 19, 2025 **Ages 3-11** **9-12pm**

Who doesn't enjoy celebrating Christmas? We will celebrate this ½ year event dancing to Christmas music, reading "The Nutcracker" and doing Christmas crafts. Wear a holiday outfit if you choose. If you LOVE Christmas, you will LOVE this camp.



Candy Land Camp

Sat, July 26, 2025 **Ages 3-11** **9-12pm**

Camp Candyland is a whimsical candy themed adventure where campers enter a world of sweet surprises and magical fun. We will dance to candy themed music, enjoy themed crafts, and plenty of sweet (but balanced) treats. Camp Candyland is a dreamland of imagination and adventure, making every camper feel like they've stepped into a sugary fantasy!



In my Sparkle Era - Swiftie Camp

Sat, Aug 2, 2025 **Ages 4-12** **9-12pm**

Join us at this camp which is sure to sparkle! If you love to dance and sing you will have a blast "shaking it off!" We'll have lots of glitter and glam and Taylor Swift music to dance and perform to. We'll enjoy Taylor inspired crafts – get ready to make everything shimmery and fun!



Wickedly Wonderful Camp

Sat, Aug 9, 2025 **Ages 4-12** **9-12pm**

Let's follow the yellow brick road to this POPULAR camp. We'll defy gravity as we sing and dance to your favorite songs from Wicked. Get ready for some WICKED fun, filled with friendship, teamwork, and dance. We'll enjoy some OZ-some crafts and captivating dance challenges.