




**KIDS JUST FUN**  
WANNA HAVE

**FRIENDS +  
DANCE =  
Fun**



**Happy**   
**Fall y'all**

## Dance Tree October Newsletter

### DANCE, FUN & FITNESS

Our inclusive approach to movement education is designed to provide a broad base upon which to build a healthy lifestyle.

Classes are available in the following areas:

- PreDance
- Tap
- Ballet
- Jazz
- Hip Hop
- Cheer/Pom

Certified teachers provide year-round classes to maintain continuity and maximize physical training.

**Dance Tree is so happy to see all  
of the returning and new  
students for our  
2019-2020 season!!!**

### Dance Tree October Newsletter News & Happenings at Dance Tree

If you have a current student at Dance Tree, you will receive a monthly update email from me, unless you opt out of this email. You can just unsubscribe at the bottom if you don't want to receive the update. This does not take your email off our system in case we need to reach you.

Thank you!!

1. Please click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#) to view the Dance Tree **Student Handbook**. This includes our policies, calendar, classes, supplies and recital.
2. If your child needs their dance/cheer **supplies** call the office at 281-480-8441 to have the supplies delivered to your child's school. Your child does need supplies for their Dance Tree



## Dance Tree Calendar of Events

- **October** - Recital Information Released
- **November 11** - Costume Payments Begin
- **November 25-Dec 1** - Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday
- **December 20 & 21** - KDT Nutcracker Performances
- **December 23-Jan 5** - Closed - Christmas Holiday
- **January** - Last Chance Recital Participation Email
- **January 13** - 2nd Costume Payment Due
- **February 21** - Deadline For All Costume Orders
- **March** - What Your Child Will Need For Recital Email
- **March 9-15** - Closed - Spring Break Holiday (may vary with school district)
- **April** - Important Recital Information Email
- **April** - Recital Order Forms Sent Out
- **April 10** - Closed - Easter Holiday
- **May 7-8** - SVdP Spring Musical (SVdP Only)
- **May 25** - Closed - Memorial Day
- **May 26-29** - Recital Dress Rehearsal Week
- **May 30-31** - Dance Tree Recital

- class.
3. Like us on **Facebook & Instagram**; we often post pictures of the Dance Tree classes.
  4. I will be sending out an email next week with information about our end-of-the-year **recital**, so be on the lookout for that!!
  5. Please contact the office to let us know if your account has any changes (ex: email address, phone number, home address, ect.).
  6. All accounts are required to be set up for **auto draft** for the monthly tuition. Please call the office if we do not have a valid credit card on file for you.
  7. If your child is no longer attending their day school, we would love to have them join us at our affiliated studio, **Kennedy Dance Theatre**.

Manage your own Dance Tree account using your current email address; you can view, update and make payments. Go to the link below and follow the directions:

**[Dance Tree Online Account Registration](#)**

Tuition is due on the 1st of each month via auto draft. Late fees will be assessed \$10 after the 10th of each month.



## **Meet Your Dance Tree Teachers**

### **Mary Lee Kennedy**

Director Mary Lee Kennedy has been an educator for over 40 years - but a dancer all her life. She began her studies at age 4 and





continued thru college on a dance scholarship. With a degree in Theatre Education from Louisiana State University, her experience as a movement specialist has included 40+ years owning a performing arts studio, 2 years teaching in public school and 6 years serving as physical education director of a private school. As President of Dance Tree, Inc., she trains and certifies teachers in "early childhood movement education" for in-house programs in private and parochial day schools as well as directing and teaching at Kennedy Dance Theatre, our affiliated studio. Mary Lee is also the President and Founder of MannersPro, where she teaches executive etiquette and children's manners.



#### **Erica Carmona**

Erica has been dancing at our affiliated studio, Kennedy Dance Theatre for the past 13 years but has danced for a total of 16 years. She has been on the faculty at Kennedy Dance Theatre for 6 years, teaching Pre Dance, Creative Dance and Hip Hop. She is a founding member of the pre-professional company, Ballet Jete', under the direction of Ballet Mistress, Milena Leben. Erica is currently enrolled in college. This is Erica's 5th year with Dance Tree.



#### **Claire Wood**

Claire began dancing at the age of three. She was born and raised in Houston, TX. She has competed in dance competitions her whole life and has trained in many styles of dance such as ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, modern, contemporary, and lyrical. Claire is a current member of SoReal Dance Studio's hip hop team. She used to work in the after school program at STEPS PAC in Pasadena and was a part of their competition team, No Boundaries Dance Company. She currently resides in Seabrook Texas with her family. This is Claire's 4th year with Dance Tree and we are so

happy to have her on our team! She cannot wait to share her knowledge of dance with your children!



#### **Heather Reyna**

Heather started dancing at Dance Tree when she was 6 and has trained in ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, hip hop, and modern. She was a part of The Sam Rayburn Tex-Ann Drill Team, where she was Lieutenant her Junior year and Captain her Senior year. She worked for the past 7 years in the after school program at STEPS PAC in Pasadena and choreographed for their competition team No Boundaries Dance Company. She resides in Pasadena with her 2 daughters and husband. This is her 3rd year teaching with Dance

Tree and she is very excited to share her love for dance with your dancer!

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### **Dance Tree Is Currently Teaching In:**

A Lifetime of Learning, Armand Bayou Montessori, Bell's Little Angels, Children's Lighthouse Mag Creek, Cradles 2 Crayons, Excelsior University, First Class Child Development Center, JSC Space Family Education, Kid City II, St. Helen's Catholic School, Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic School, Star Montessori, Steadfast Academy and UT Child Development Center.

If you are aware of any other schools that may be interested in our program, please let us know!

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**"Let Us Praise The Lord With Dance"**

-Psalm 149:3

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