



September 2023 Newsletter

WELCOME to all of our new and returning dance families!! We are so **GRATEFUL** for all of our customers.



"You Are Golden!"

"Your faith will be like gold that has been tested in a fire..." 1 Peter 1:7

This year's theme, "You Are Golden" is inspired by this year's celebration of 50 years at Dance Tree and Kennedy Dance Theatre! We honor our owner and director Mary Lee Kennedy for this amazing feat, and all the dancers that have graced Dance Tree and Kennedy Dance Theatre over the past 50 years!

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

Dance Tree September 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!!

the following areas:

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

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

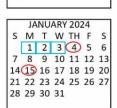
Manage your own Dance Tree account by using your current email address; you can view, update and make payments. Go to the link below and follow the directions:

Dance Tree Online Account Registration

Tuition is due on the 1st of each month via auto draft. A late fee of \$15 will be assessed after the 10th of each month.

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August/September - Classes Begin Sat-Mon 9/2 to 9/4 - CLOSED for Labor Day Monday 10/16 - Recital Information Released Tuesday 10/31 - CLOSED for Halloween Wednesday 11/15 - Recital Costume Payment Due (In Full) or 1st Payment Due If On Payment Plan Mon-Sun 11/20 to 11/26 - CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday Saturday 12/9 - Kennedy Dance Theatre Nutcracker Performances Thur-Wed 12/21 to 1/3 - CLOSED for Christmas Break Thursday 1/4 - Classes Resume (may vary with school district) Monday 1/15 - Final Recital Payment for Payment Plan Due Thursday 2/1 - Deadline for All Costume Orders Mon-Sun 3/11 to 3/17 - CLOSED for Spring Break (may vary with school district) Monday 3/18 - Summer Registration Begins Fri-Sun 3/29 to 3/31 - CLOSED for Good Friday/Easter Monday 4/1 - Order Tickets, Flowers & Personal Ads for Recital Thur-Fri 5/2 & 5/3 - SVdP Spring Show (SVdP School Only) Mon-Sat 5/13 to 5/18 - Dress Rehearsal & Pictures at KDT Sat-Mon 5/25 to 5/27 - CLOSED for Memorial Day Mon-Fri 6/4 to 6/7 - Recital Blocking at Deer Park HS South Campus Sat-Sun 6/8 & 6/9 - Recital Shows at Deer Park HS South Campus Mon-Sun 6/10 to 6/16 - CLOSED Monday 6/17 - Summer Classes/Camps Start

Special Event or Date to Rem	embei
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Mon-Sun 7/1 to 7/7 - CLOSED for 4th of July

Studio Closed for Holiday

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Please take a glance at some of our reminders below:

- 1. Please click <u>HERE</u> to view the Dance Tree <u>STUDENT HANDBOOK</u>. This includes our policies, calendar, classes, supplies and recital dates.
- If your child needs their dance/cheer <u>SUPPLIES</u> call the office at 281-480-8441 or click <u>HERE</u> to have the supplies delivered to your child's school. Your child does need supplies for their Dance Tree class.
- 3. Please send your child to class each week with a dance bag and **LABEL EVERTHING** with your child's name and/or initials.
- 4. Like us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>; we often post pictures of the Dance Tree classes.
- 5. Please contact the office to let us know if your account has any changes (ex: email address, phone number, home address, etc.)
- 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 dayschool, we would love to have them join us at our affiliated studio, **Kennedy Dance Theatre**.

Meet Your Dance Tree Teachers

Mary Lee Kennedy



Director Mary Lee Kennedy has been an educator for over 50 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 50+ 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 danced at our affiliated studio, Kennedy Dance Theatre for the 14 years but has danced for a total of 16 years. She has been on the faculty at Kennedy Dance Theatre for 10 years, teaching Pre Dance, Creative Dance Hip Hop and Cheer. She is a founding member of the pre-professional company, Ballet Jete', under the direction of Ballet Mistress, Milena Leben. This is Erica's 8th year teaching with Dance Tree and she is very excited to share her love for dance with your dancer!

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 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 Webster with her 2 daughters and husband. This is her 7th year teaching with Dance Tree and she is very excited to share her love for dance with your dancer!

Cadence Blount



Cadence has danced at our affiliated studio, Kennedy Dance Theatre since she was 2 years old and this is her 20th year with KDT. She has trained in various styles including ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, musical theatre, modern, contemporary, cheerand pointe. She competed on several competition teams, including the award winning Jazz Company where she was an officer. She has taken tap classes from world renowned teachers at the Space City Tap Fest, including Chloe and Maud Arnold. In 2016, she was awarded KDT's Student of the Year Award in addition to a summer scholarship. This is Cadence's first year teaching with Dance Tree, and she can not wait to share her love of dance and passion for learning with your dancer!

Dance Tree Is Currently Teaching In:

Armand Bayou Montessori, Next Generation Academy, Space Family Education, Kid City II, St. Helen Catholic School, Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic School, Steadfast Academy, The Galloway School

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

"Let Us Praise The Lord With Dance"
-Psalm 149:3





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