



January & February 2024

WINTER
Newsletter #3

IMPORTANT DATES:

Back to Dance	1/8
Feb Tuition Due	1/15
March Tuition Due	2/15
Presidents Day Closed	2/19
April Tuition Due	3/15
Spring Break	3/23-31
Pictures	4/8-4/11
May Tuition Due	4/15

Happy New Year!!

Happy New Year!! I hope you all had a great holiday break. Recital costumes are starting to arrive and dancers will be trying them on during their normal class time. If alternations are required, our seamstress will be taking care of that as well. As a reminder, **our annual recital will be held on June 8th-9th with Dress Rehearsals June 1st & 2nd.**

Don't forget to check out our website for important info and updates as well as the bulletin board in the studio and our Social Media platforms!

Happy Holidays!!

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Fun Facts about Miss Claire:

- She loves to BABYSIT!
- She loves to play BASKETBALL!
- She likes to go RUNNING!

Teacher Spotlight: Claire Fierro

Claire Fierro has grown up dancing at Kings Dance Center for the past 14 years. She is also dancing on their competitive dance team, Dancers Unlimited. She gained additional experience with the "Dance League" Company when she was 14 years old, and has received many accolades for her solos. She has played Varsity Basketball for Redwood High School and is a life long member of California Scholarship Federation club. She also enjoys doing volunteer work in

her spare time and is very involved in the Catholic Church of Visalia. Claire has also assisted and trained alongside Martha Kelly-Fierro and is now instructing on her own here at KDC. Claire is very excited to begin her new teaching role.



Teacher Spotlight: Courtney Fontes

Courtney Fontes walked into her first ballet class at the age of 3 and at 8 years old, joined the very first Dancers Unlimited Mini's Competition Team. Courtney has trained in various styles of dance including, Jazz, Ballet, Pointe, Contemporary, Lyrical, and Tap and began teaching at age 15. As a member of Dancers Unlimited for 9 years, she was the recipient of several scholarships from competitions/conventions like West Coast Dance Explosion, KAR, Encore, LA Underground, and 1st Overall Awards for her solos. She was also a member of Martha Kelly-Fierro's company Altered Modalities for 2 years before moving to Los Angeles for college. While pursuing a career in the film and television industry, she taught at a handful of local dance schools and was a cast member at Disneyland Parks, performing in the 50th Anniversary and Christmas parades. Courtney earned a Bachelor's Degree in Cinema and Television Arts with a focus in Television Production from California State University, Northridge. Her knowledge and experience in production is broad, she has held many titles like production assistant, editor, camera operator and producer, to name a few. She has worked on short and long-term projects for companies like Mandeville Films (Walt Disney Studios *first look*), Sony Pictures, Madison Gate Records, Toyota, Facebook/Instagram (Meta), MTV/Vh1 and Comedy Central. Courtney also fell in love with aerial arts and has been training in silks, lyra and hammock for 8+ years, and has been an instructor for 6 years. After moving back to Lemoore, Courtney completed a Nutritional Therapy Program and is now a certified Nutritional Therapy Practitioner. She is also excited to be back at her home studio sharing her love of dance with her students.

