

**Fruitland
September 2008 Newsletter**

WELCOME CLOGGERS!

Class Expectations

- Be on time
- Wear comfortable clothes that can get dirty. We sit on the floor and your clothes and hands will get black.
- Bring A Water Bottle.
- Come prepared to work hard and to have FUN!
- No Food, Gum, Candy or Drinks other than water in class.

Parents-

- There will be no parents allowed in the classroom after the first week of class. It creates too many distractions. Exception for Tiny Tots-Parents may attend at first, but our ultimate goal is independence!
- The last 5 minutes of the first class of each month is reserved for parents to come in and see your child's progress and to receive your newsletters.
- If you would like a video of the dances to help your child, please arrange a time with the teacher to come in and make a video tape.

Shoes-

- For intermediate teams it is recommended that you get a shoe with a heel. It makes a HUGE difference in learning proper technique.
- We want to move away from using the tennis shoes as we are finding that they interfere with learning proper technique. If you are concerned about cost remember we have fundraisers through out the year to help. We've tried to get quality shoes at the best price possible.

<<CHECK OUT THE USED SHOE BOX>>

We have some used shoes for sale and there will be even more as others get new shoes. If you want to sell your shoes drop them off at the office and let them know how much you want for them. We are not responsible for lost or stolen shoes.

Taps- If you are on a competition team you need to have Steven Stompers Buck Taps. Taps are \$16 installed. If you want to have your old taps switched over it is \$5 (we cannot switch taps on all shoes, especially if they've been glued).

T-Shirts I will be placing the t-shirt order at the end of September. Please order your shirts in the office. Shirts must be ordered by **Sept. 29th**. EVERYONE should have a Gem Cloggers t-shirt and should wear them to all performances. We want to show team pride and unity.

Fundraisers-Watch for information about upcoming fundraisers. Money can be used to pay for t-shirts, shoes, costumes and competition fees.

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Billing- It is your responsibility to make sure that your tuition is paid by the 15th of each month. We will only be mailing out bills if you have a balance owing. Late fees will be strictly enforced. If there are discrepancies on your bill PLEASE contact us right away! If you could include a breakdown of what payments are for i.e. \$50 costume deposit, \$35 tuition, \$16.00 taps it would help us tremendously.

IF YOU PAY IN CASH PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU GET A RECEIPT!

Costumes- A \$50.00 costume deposit is due by the end of November for Intermediate teams only! Tiny Tots, Rhythm Kids and Beginners will wear their Gem Cloggers t-shirt and denim capris or shorts for performances. You are responsible for the actual cost of the costumes even if you don't continue clogging. The following is an *estimate* of costume costs.

Starbursts (Inter I) \$45-55 You will have 1 costume.

Red Hots (Inter II) \$60-\$70-You will have a combo costume.

Newsletters- Newsletters come out the first week of each month. They will be handed out in class during the last 5 minutes so parents can get them directly from the teacher. The newsletter will always be posted at www.gemcloggers.com and there will be copies in the office if yours gets lost or doesn't make it home. It is your responsibility to make sure you know what is on the newsletter.

Website- www.gemcloggers.com Check out the website for the latest information.

We are happy to discuss with you any questions, comments or concerns that you may have, please e-mail me at director@gemcloggers.com. Since I will be teaching all of the Fruitland classes I ask that you contact me outside of class times.

Thanks,
Leah and Dan Coffman

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