



February 2026

MELVILLE DANCE ASSOCIATION

newsletter

Important Dates

Feb. 13 - tights order deadline

Feb. 16-18 - no classes February Break

Mar. 16-29 - Pictures! See schedule below

Mar. 31, Apr. 1 & 2 - Tour the Town

Apr. 6-8 - no classes Easter Break

Apr. 25&26 - Recital

Attendance Reminder

With recital preparation well underway, dancer attendance is especially important.

Choreography instruction has begun, with new material being taught and reviewed each week. Please continue to use TeamLinkt to notify teachers if your dancer must be absent.

AND THIS YEAR'S RECITAL THEME IS...

Dancing Through the House...From Listed to SOLD!



We have a beautiful house going up for sale, and we're hosting an Open House! Each group will dance through different rooms to help showcase the home.

Does your dancer have a creative idea to represent this year's recital theme? We are accepting submissions for **Program Cover Art!** Draw, colour, or paint a design and we may use it as this year's program cover for Recital!

- Size: 8.5" x 11" (portrait orientation)
- Should include:
 - Recital theme - *Dancing Through the House...From Listed to Sold!*

Melville Dance Association & 2026!

Email a clear picture to melvilledance@gmail.com OR hand directly to your teacher.



Important Information

Pictures

Pictures will take place at Tracy Kerestesh's Home Studio and Davison School gym this year. With two locations, we can spread picture dates out and help this process feel less rushed and stressful. Each dancer will participate in a photo shoot with their group and will receive a printed group and individual picture. Picture fees were included in your registration fee, so there is no additional cost. Group Ballet, Group Jazz, and Pointe classes will have a photo fee, as an additional registration fee was not charged for these classes - this will be billed with your costume fees this year.

Costumes

You will receive an invoice for your dancer's remaining costume balance. This total includes tights, group photo fees if applicable, and reflects the costume deposit paid at the beginning of the season. Please watch for the invoice in late February. Costume fees will be due during the first week of March. To help everything run smoothly, costumes will be sent home once all dancers in each group have submitted their payment. Thank you so much for your prompt attention and support — we can't wait for recital season!

Tour the Town

Dancers have another opportunity to perform their recital routines during Tour the Town Week. These performances are one way MDA gives back to our Melville community. Performances are scheduled at St. Paul's Lutheran Home, Cumberland Villas, and Melville's elementary schools. Not every group performs at each venue. A schedule will be shared once it is finalized.

*St. Paul's Home: **Tues, Mar 31 @6:30***

Davison, Miller, St. Henry's Jr. Schools:

Wed, Apr 1 @12:45

*Cumberland Villas: **Thurs, Apr 2 @6:30***

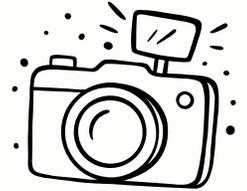
Picture Dates

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026 AT TRACY KERESTESH'S HOUSE - 66 Vanier Drive

- Grade 4 Ballet 4:40-5:00
- Grade 2 Ballet 5:00-5:35
- Senior HH 5:35-6:05

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026 AT TRACY KERESTESH'S HOUSE - 66 Vanier Drive

- Tiny Tots 4:30-4:50
- Primary 4:50-5:05
- Grade 3 Ballet 5:05-5:25
- Tap 1 5:25-5:45
- Senior Tap 5:45-6:05



FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026 AT DAVISON SCHOOL - 300 Montreal Street

- Junior HH 2 4:40- 5:00
- Jazz 1 5:00- 5:10
- Jazz 2/3 5:10- 5:35
- Grade 1 Ballet 5:35-6:00
- Pre-Inter Tap 6:00- 6:25
- Junior HH 1 6:25- 6:45

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026 AT DAVISON SCHOOL - 300 Montreal Street

- Jazz 4 10:00-10:20
- Pre-Primary 10:20- 10:50
- Pre-Inter Jazz 10:50- 11:15
- Inter HH 11:15- 11:40

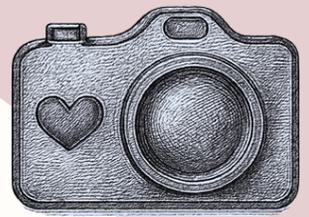
SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026 AT DAVISON SCHOOL - 300 Montreal Street

- Grade 8 Ballet 9:30-10:00
- Senior Jazz A #1 10:00-10:20
- Senior Jazz A #2 10:20-10:50
- Pointe 10:50-11:20
- Senior Jazz A 11:20-11:40
- Grade 6 Ballet 11:40-12:00

For dancers who have back-to-back dances on the schedule, we will allow time for quick costume changes in the bathroom to help everything run smoothly.



Tips for Picture Day(s)



- Arrive at least 10 minutes before your scheduled time.
- Come fully dressed with hair and makeup done. Details regarding required hair styles for each class will be provided. Bangs are okay to leave down for pictures only, not for recital.
- No jewelry, watches, earrings, or nail polish.
- If piercing are fresh, please purchase clear silicone earrings if necessary.
- Wear clean tights that are free from holes and runs.
- Bring any hair pieces or hats with you so your teacher can place them correctly.
- Remember to bring your dance shoes!

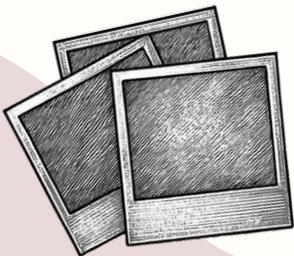
Costume Care:

- All costumes should be steamed and wrinkle-free. Let us know if you need help ahead of time.

If you cannot attend due to unforeseen circumstances, you must notify your instructor and contact Tracy directly to book an individual session (\$25 sitting fee will apply).

To purchase extra photos, please contact Tracy directly.

Picture fees were included in your registration fee, so there is no additional cost - each dancer will receive a printed group photo and individual photo for each dance genre.



If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to us. We're here to help!

