

## **A Message from Dance Progressions**

Hello WA Dance families,

We know we are not alone in saying that our plans and protocols are ever-changing in the light of the current pandemic.

After hearing the Governor's announcement that all schools will transition immediately to online learning, we have chosen to do the same. This means we will transition from in-studio lessons to virtual at-home learning as of Monday March 16-April 3 staying in line with the State mandate for schools. As you can imagine, this is uncharted waters for us. Therefore, we are asking for patience.

Our goal will be to have Google Classroom up and running by the end of the week. We will be working hard this week to learn how to best accommodate our students through this platform and we will backlog so students will be receiving double lessons to accommodate this week as well. Our teachers will be actively working on providing an online, top-notch video class series via YouTube, as well. We will be working to update these weekly. We're hoping by using this platform, dancers should have an easy time accessing classes from any mobile device, or even on their home TV! We've selected Google Classroom and YouTube for this transition as they are popular Apps already accessed regularly. We are also aware that this platform will be used for most remote learning provided from local schools. We wanted this transition to be as smooth and easy for parents and students as possible.

Through these virtual classes, we'll be modifying our standard class materials so that they can be followed along safely in a limited-space home environment. Most teachers were able to record videos of their class recital choreography last week, and we'll be sure to incorporate these into their virtual classes when available. We will also be adding onto recital choreography.

In addition to providing at-home class material via YouTube, we'll also be posting regular challenges and fun activities to our Facebook and Instagram pages. It's our hope that in addition to typical class activities, we can provide some extra FUN during this time of distance . Please be sure to turn on notifications for these pages so that your dancer can stay in the loop and participate along with us! Be watching for the link/ access to the google classroom that will be coming your way!!

**If you are not already following us on social media this is the time to start!**

**Facebook: @danceprogressionsnh**

**Instagram: DANCEPROGRESSIONS603**

**YouTube: Dance Progressions New Hampshire**

We absolutely plan on still holding the recitals - the kids have worked hard all year in class and most definitely deserve their shining stage moment! However, we may need to change what the show looks like and when it happens. We will send updates on this as we learn more.

For our World Academy families we will plan on scheduling make ups for this past week (Monday 16th and Friday 20th) and go forward with our remote learning program starting Monday the 23rd. We do

not know how long the social distancing will last and we are at the mercy of the nation and state. We will continue to be in compliance with the CDC standards for as long as we are told. The use of remote learning will keep up our students' technique and provide some needed normalcy. I will apologize ahead of time to all of you because you will be hearing all of our voices in your homes more than usual.

It is our hope that by making these changes to how we run classes, we can keep our dance family active and healthy through this uncertain time . Although we're sad we won't be able to see you all in person through this period, we're excited to embark on this new journey and learn along with you all!

#### CLASS VIDEO DISCLAIMER:

Although we have adapted class material to be safely performed in an at-home setting, Dance Progressions will not be held responsible for personal injuries that could occur from student misuse. Videos were created with certain age groups and abilities in mind. Please monitor young or new dancers who may try content from videos intended for older or more experienced groups.

"DistDancing" at your own risk!

We thank you for your trust and patience,

Lindsay and the DP Staff