



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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EMERALD CITY DANCE EXPLOSION

Where Every Student is a Star!

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IMPORTANT DATES

ALL STAR FORMS DUE

Wednesday, October 9th

COSTUME PAYMENTS DUE

Tuesday, October 15th

ALL STARS BEGINS

Friday, October 18th

HALLOWEEN COSTUME WEEK

Thursday, October 24th -

Wednesday, October 30th

HALLOWEEN
★ **NO CLASS** ★

Thursday, October 31st





iMAGINE STEAM

Emerald City Dance Explosion's
Star Struck Performance Company
will perform at the 2024
iMAGINE Lakelands STEAM Festival!

The iMAGINE Lakelands STEAM Festival is a celebration that highlights PreK-12 education and career pathways in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) through interactive, hands-on learning exhibits.

Come and support
our talented
dancers in
**Uptown
Greenwood on
Saturday,
October 19th!**



STAR STANDOUTS

We are thrilled to recognize our Star Standouts for the month of October! These dancers were selected by ECDE faculty for exemplifying leadership, dedication, and an unwavering passion for dancing.

KATHERINE DUNCAN, EVERLEIGH KIRKLAND,
ZORA WIDEMAN, TESSA SHIRLEY,
OLIVIA SALCIE, MADDIE GRACE DREW,
DELANEY KINARD, ABBY LAWRENCE,
ISABELLE JENKS, AVERY COOK

Congratulations to each of these students for their remarkable achievements and commitment! Keep shining bright on and off the dance floor!

ECDE All Stars

All Stars is an inclusive dance program that welcomes and accommodates students of all abilities and backgrounds, encouraging everyone to explore the joy of dancing, regardless of physical or developmental challenges.



All Stars will meet every Friday beginning **October 18th** from 4:00-6:30! Stay tuned for more details, as dancers will be split into different classes based on on registration numbers and volunteer availability, ensuring that each dancer receives personalized attention and support.

It's not too late to register your dancer for All Stars or participate as a volunteer! Simply email your completed registration and/or volunteer forms to **ecdeallstars@gmail.com** by Wednesday, October 9th! We are accepting sponsorships and donations to continue providing this program to families at no cost! Please shop our Amazon wishlist "**ECDE ALL STARS 2024 Wish List**" or inquire about donations!



KRISPY KREME FUNDRAISER

**Emerald City Dance Explosion is
partnering with
Krispy Kreme Doughnuts®
to fundraise for our 2024-2025
dance season!**

Enjoy a sweet treat while supporting our talented dancers!
Your purchases help to provide funding for quality training
and performance opportunities! Order forms and additional
information will be sent home with your dancers soon!

Thank you for your continued support!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Erika Jo Buchanan

Erika Jo joined Emerald City Dance Explosion at the age of three. She enjoys spending time with her friends and family and loves to participate in dance events. Erika Jo's favorite memory with ECDE is watching dance performances with her teammates at competitions. As she begins her senior year at Ninety Six High School, Erika Jo is excited to earn her diploma and an associates degree from Piedmont Tech. She plans to attend a four-year college and become a Physical Therapist.



Brecklyn Timmons

Brecklyn has been dancing at Emerald City Dance Explosion since 2013 and has been a member of the competition company for eight years. Her favorite styles of dance are modern and lyrical. After graduation, Brecklyn plans to attend the College of Charleston and major in communications. Some of her favorite memories from ECDE are celebrating with her friends at competition awards, and "Old People Ernestos Nights."

Alyssa Lathom

Alyssa has been dancing for 16 years. Some of her favorite memories with Emerald City Dance Explosion are carpooling with her classmates and giving flowers to her dance instructors after recitals. After Alyssa graduates, she plans to attend Greenville Technical College and study to become an ultrasound technician.



BOO BASH

*We are thrilled to announce that our Star Struck Performance Company has been selected to perform at Uptown Greenwood's **Boo Bash** on October 24th!*



**Star Struck
Performance Company
members who wish to
participate will receive
additional information
including rehearsal
dates, costuming, and
performance time very
soon!**



Come dressed in your Halloween costume and enjoy treats, participate in games, and support our talented dancers! It is going to be a **“fang-tastic”** night!



JOIN OUR DANCE JOURNEY

Follow us on socials for exciting updates, announcements, and a glimpse behind the scenes!

We would love to follow along with your dance highlights, so make sure to tag us when you post!



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