

## GETTING READY..... Things to Get Ready to Bring for Tuesday, Friday and the performances:

### TO DO:

- If required, place any orders for additional costume “base layers” noted with your child’s name (in the bottom section of this sheet), so that they arrive in time for the show!
- Write your DANCER’S NAME on EVERYTHING that belongs to them.
  - If there’s no name, there’s only one-week window that we hold onto things before donating them to 2nd Chance.
  - Gather any supplies you’ll need for Rehearsals and Performances in advance. Specifically - gather snacks, hair and make-up supplies, tights, robes, etc.

### TO BRING:

- All dancers need to **BRING THE BAG WITH THEIR NAME ON IT THAT WAS SUPPLIED TO THEM BY WEEHAWKEN** with everything they need inside of it. (some of these bags are over costumes on hangers, so are just handled bags)
- Please also **BRING a Rubbermaid box with a lid with all of your student’s stuff in it (the bag referred to above can be in this basket), any size is fine, just needs to fit your dancer’s stuff in it**
- **Food and Drinks (please read!):**
  - **SEND ANY FOOD INSIDE of something** (ie: a lunch bag or box), ensuring that food and drink does not leak onto costumes.
  - **SEND YOUR CHILD WITH SNACKS/DRINKS OF THEIR OWN AND NOTE OUR FOOD RULES** . Items deviating from this list (below) may be confiscated:
  - **APPROVED FOODS TO BRING WITH YOU/SEND WITH YOUR CHILD:**
    - Cheese, lunch meats, celery sticks, carrot sticks, apple slices already cut up to bite size (so it won’t smear off make-up or get all over clothing and faces), grapes -preferably green
    - **NO fruits or foods that will color fingers, skin or costumes.**
    - **NO sticky, colored or gooey food (ex: cotton candy, artificial fruit roll ups, etc)**
    - **Bottled water only, no gatorade, fruit drinks or soda.**
    - **NOTHING COLORED.**
    - **No crackers or anything with crumbs.**
    - **No granola bars**
    - **NO CHOCOLATE. NO CHOCOLATE. NO CHOCOLATE.**

All dancers need to **BRING ONE ROBE THAT CAN BE WORN OVER THEIR COSTUME** .

- Why? Dancers may never be in the audience in costume as it’s considered disrespectful to the character they are portraying to be in the audience in costume.

- Why? It also keeps dancers' costumes clean.
- Why? Then they can eat without making their costumes dirty! Students seen eating in costumes without a robe will be noted and fined after the performance. Even at Chili's...

## MAKEUP:

- Makeup is **not** needed on Tuesday , but is **REQUIRED** for Friday rehearsal.
  - Makeup IS REQUIRED for the actual performances
  - **DO NOT SEND YOUR YOUNG CHILD WITH UNSUPERVISED MAKEUP< ESPECIALLY LIPSTICK, PLEASE!** Please supervise the application of lipstick or find an adult who can help your student with lipstick. Several children had lipstick of their own at recent shows it was all over costumes! **If we have to remove lipstick/makeup/food stains, we will have no option, but to increase costume fees to accommodate professional cleaning.**
  - Girls will need to wear light foundation, powder, blush, lipstick, brown eye shadow, black eyeliner and mascara to Dress Rehearsal and the performances. They do not need to wear very heavy make-up, but some make-up is needed under stage lights. Powder is very important so they do not look too shiny.
  - LIPSTICK: Long lasting, matte is best. Lip Stain is good and preferred.
  - Boys will need powder, a brownish blush, and brown eye liner for Dress Rehearsal and the performances. Just a little make-up so they look like they have a face under the bright stage lights.
- MAKEUP MUST BE DONE AT HOME PRIOR TO ARRIVAL AT THE PAVILION. THE DRESSING ROOMS AND PUBLIC RESTROOMS ARE NOT THE APPROPRIATE PLACE FOR MAKEUP APPLICATION**

## HAIR:

- Hair should be "**done**" before arrival for all performances.
- Hair does not need to be "done" on Tuesday, but students should follow the dress code for hair and uniform on this day (leotard and tights).
- "**Done**" Hair is **REQUIRED** at the **FRIDAY** Rehearsal
- For hair, ponytails should have 2 elastic bands, just in case 1 snaps. All buns should have a hair net the same color as dancer's hair to prevent "fly-aways". Gel and hairspray are always a good thing for stage.

## REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE NOTES

- **Be on Time!**
- Discuss Good Listening and Good Behavior with Your Child Before Sending them to rehearsal.
- Because of the size of the show, improper behavior **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. Please be sure to talk to your child about proper etiquette before rehearsal week.**
  - **Students not following rules CAN and WILL be pulled from the show .**
  - We expect everyone to work hard, have fun, have a positive attitude and respect

themselves and those around them including staff, volunteers, teachers, and other dancers.

- **We require that parents leave the rehearsal space during the FRIDAY rehearsal** (ie: the actual theatre space --- however, the lobby is fine).
  - We want rehearsals to be as fast and efficient as possible.
  - **You MAY attend the run through on Tuesday at 4H if you need to.**
  - **NO EXCEPTIONS to the FRIDAY/Theater rule. PLEASE DO NOT PUT US IN A SITUATION WHERE WE HAVE TO ASK YOU TO LEAVE THE SPACE.** Just please follow this request!
- **SOCIAL MEDIA PHOTO RULE:** absolutely NO PHOTOS POSTED TO FACEBOOK, TWITTER, TUMBLR, ETC UNTIL AFTER THE SHOW HAS OPENED. We want this show to be a surprise for everyone. Please DO NOT take/post photos until after Friday's opening night.
  - If/when you do take a photo or video and post it to social media, we ask that you please tag Weehawken Dance or Weehawken Creative Arts with the post.
- **ON TUESDAY:** After the dancer has completed their role, practiced final bows and finale and cleaned up all belongings, they may go home.
- **ON FRIDAY:** After the dancer has completed their role, practiced final bows and finale and cleaned up all belongings, they may go home.
- **ON SUNDAY:**
  - **All upper level dancers (3/4/5/6 AND UP BALLET, LYRICAL JAZZ AND ADVANCED HIP HOP students) are required to help with set clean-up and MUST clean up dressing rooms 1 and 2. Basically, if you are in a dressing room and not the romper room, you are required to help. ALL DANCERS must clean up their dressing rooms before leaving dress rehearsal and performances. Please allow time for that and do not schedule dinner for right after the show.**
  - Please plan accordingly (an extra hour)
    - Failure to help, will be noted for the next audition session and may impact the price of the show fee in future semesters (if we find we need to hire labor)

## **Check off List of items to BRING and to TAKE HOME from Rehearsals & Performances:**

- The **BASE LAYER** of their costume . These pieces will have been given to you during the last week of dance classes in a bag that Weehawken gave you --- with your student's name on the bag.
- The **BAG or Cover that WEEHAWKEN GAVE YOU** with your dancer's name on it with costume elements
- RUBBERMAID**-Preferred with a lid (or box of similar size) with **NAME ON BOX**
- STREET CLOTHES** (with name written on it) over the base layer costume (or you can arrive in your robe)
- TIGHTS** (if required for their costume) - see information on dancewear available for purchase if you need tights
- STREET SHOES.** Weehawken wants all students to keep their shoes with their costumes during the duration of the show. We do not want students wearing dance shoes on the streets outside - it wrecks the floor!

- Your **DANCER'S NAME** should be written on any & all property you want back
- 1 **WATER BOTTLE** (with a name written on it), **WITH** water in it
- If needed, a **SNACK** . Please see acceptable food items list in this packet
- A ROBE** (with a name on it) for protecting the costume while lounging
- WE NEED ALL FLESH LEOTARDS BACK AT THE CLOSING OF THE SHOW!!!!** Please plan to turn them in at costume check in!
- FRIDAY:** Hair is to be practiced at Thursday's Rehearsal.
- FRIDAY:** Make-up is required for Thursday as well.
- ON THE LAST DAY of your dancer's show, please send your child with clothing to go home in .** We will be keeping base-layer leotards that may have been given to you for the performance. In this - just please be sure that your child has clothing and shoes to wear home on Sunday afternoon.
- ON THE LAST DAY, or after your child is done performing, your child will need to CHECK-IN their costume after the performance.**
  - o Once their costume is off, they should essentially return it to Weehawken the way it arrived to them.
  - o Bring the costume with the hanger and the bag --- with all pieces (INCLUDING FLESH COLORED LEOS) loaded in the bag/on the hanger.
  - o We check-in each piece and need all pieces back.
  - o Check-in takes place in the Romper Room