



Elmhurst Park District Dance Academy

Spring Recital – *Happiness Is...*

Saturday, May 31, 2025

11:00am Recital

2:00pm Recital

2025 Spring Recital – Happiness Is...

Welcome Elmhurst Park District Dancers! This packet contains important information about the upcoming recital, *Happiness Is...* If you have additional questions, please feel free to reach out to your dancer's Instructor, the Dance Coordinator, or Program Supervisor.

Picture Day

Picture day is scheduled for **Saturday, May 10**. Photos will be taken by [Nehamashots](#). We will assign classes a timeslot to arrive for their photos. If your dancers are in a Saturday class, we will schedule around their class time. We will also do our best to accommodate siblings, but we CANNOT change time slots once assigned. Please arrive in full costume with hair and makeup completed.

Photos can be purchased directly from the photographer. [Click here](#) to sign up to receive an email when they photos are ready. The link will be sent approximately 6 weeks after photo day. We encourage all dancers to be present for picture day as we would like to have all dancers in their class photo.

Dress Rehearsal

It is imperative to attend dress rehearsal as it allows your dancer to become acclimated to performing on stage in costume with music and stage lights. Rehearsal is scheduled for **Friday, May 30 at 5pm and 7pm** located at the York High School Auditorium. After all dancers are checked-in, we will begin with our bows. Once bows are completed, we will call each group up in show order to have them practice entering the stage and perform their routine. Once your dancer has finished their routine on stage, they are free to leave. Families are required to stay for the duration of their dancer's rehearsal and are welcomed to watch from the audience.

Tickets

Tickets will go on sale beginning **Monday, April 7th at 9am**. Tickets are required for entrance for all individuals 2 years old and over. General admission tickets purchased in advance are \$5.50 per person. Tickets purchased the day-of recital will increase to \$8.50 per person. Please note that the day-of performance tickets will only be available for purchase online (no ticket cash sales day-of). Ticket sale closes one minute before show time. Tickets are non-refundable.

If you are looking for Handicap accessible seating, please be sure to look for seats available with the Handicap logo.

All tickets are sold as assigned seating through *Seat Yourself*.

1. [Purchase Tickets HERE](#) (a link will also be available at <https://www.epd.org/programs/dance>)
2. Select recital time
3. highlight seat(s)
4. Add to cart
5. Process payment
6. A receipt and QR Code will generate - a copy will also be emailed to you

Please arrive at the theatre with your ticket(s) ready to be scanned (on your phone or printed). Everyone entering the theatre (2 years old and over) MUST have a ticket to watch the performance. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the start of each show. Even if guests arrive early, they will be required to wait

outside of the theatre doors. We need the time to make sure everything is ready to go on stage and that all last-minute sound and light checks have been completed.

Show Times

Performances will take place at the York High School (355 W St. Charles Ave, Elmhurst). Each recital will last approximately 70-90 minutes. Theatre doors will open 30 minutes before the start of each show time. We can't wait to share with you the *Happiness is...* inspired pieces that the dancers have been working so hard on in class these last few months!

Please be sure to check the 11am and 2pm recital lists below to find which recital(s) your dancer is performing in! (the below lists may NOT be in show order)

May 31, 2025 - 11am

Fly – Impact Junior Company *Ms. Maria*

Sugar, Sugar – Combo I, Tuesday 4pm *Ms. Bonnie*

Speed Drive – Impact Petite Poms Company *Ms. Maria*

We Like to Party – Hip Hop I, Monday 4pm *Ms. Lauryn*

Can You Feel the Love Tonight – Impact Mini Company *Ms. Maria*

That Man – Tree Town Tappers, Monday 7pm *Ms. Dianne*

You Should See Me in A Crown – Impact Teen Company *Ms. Maria*

Wonderful Life – Lyrical, Saturday 11:30am *Ms. Lauryn*

Bejeweled – Ballet I, Saturday 11:30am *Ms. Chole*

Love Runs Out – Impact Junior Soloist *Ms. Maria*

Little Brown Girl/ My Little Grass Shack – Hula, Thursday 7pm *Ms. Donna*

Route 66 – Impact Petite Company *Ms. Maria*

Did We Just Become Best Friends? – Hip Hop II, Monday 5pm *Ms. Lauryn*

You Say – Impact Teen Duet *Ms. Maria*

Little Celtics – Irish Dance, Saturday 9am *Ms. Brittany*

Sleeping Beauty, The Spell – Ballet II, Sunday 11:30am *Ms. Chloe*

Pretty Women – Combo I, Thursday 4pm *Ms. Bonnie*

Used to Climb – Impact Dance Company Production *Ms. Maria*

May 31, 2025 - 2:00pm

Used to Climb – Impact Dance Company Production *Ms. Maria*

That Man – Tree Town Tappers, Monday 7pm *Ms. Dianne*

Turn Up the Energy – Hip Hop I, Wednesday 5pm *Ms. Lauryn*

Something That I Want – Combo II, Thursday, 5pm *Ms. Bonnie*

Tea Party – Impact Mini/ Junior Trio *Ms. Maria*

Celebrate the Crew – Poms, Wednesday 7pm *Ms. Lauryn*

Exceptional – Impact Petite Company *Ms. Maria*

I'll Be There – Impact Junior Poms Company *Ms. Maria*

Gonna Be a Good Day – Jazz & Tap Combo, Wednesday 4pm *Ms. Lauryn*

Pink Shoe Laces – Impact Mini Company *Ms. Maria*

Somewhere Over the Rainbow – Ballet I, Tuesday 5pm *Ms. Bonnie*

Natural – Impact Teen Soloist *Ms. Maria*

Tap Your Troubles Away – Adult Tap Workshop Intermediate/ Advanced, Wednesday 7:40pm *Ms.
Dianne*

The Adams Family – Combo I, Monday 9am *Ms. Bonnie*

Fur Elise – Impact Hip Hop Company *Ms. Maria*

Goo Goo Muck – Combo II, Tuesday 6pm *Ms. Bonnie*

A Little Party Never Killed Nobody – Impact Junior Company *Ms. Maria*

Rescue – Impact Teen Company *Ms. Maria*

Dancer Call Time/Pickup

All dancers are asked to arrive in costume with hair and makeup completed, 45 minutes prior to their designated recital start time and report directly to the York High School Cafeteria. Once you arrive at the cafeteria, please be sure to check your dancer in with an EPD staff member. We will have coloring sheets and other activities to keep your dancer busy until they perform on stage. Please wait until the entire show is over before returning to the cafeteria to retrieve and sign-out your dancer. Junior, Teen and Adult level dancers can sign themselves out after the show. They should still check-in with an EPD staff member upon arrival.

Costumes

Costumes will be sent home the week of April 28-May 4 along with performance tights and accessories. Inside of your dancer's garment bag will be a Costume Instructions Form that includes important information regarding how to care for your costume and how to wear hair, makeup and accessories for the recital. Please be sure to keep your dancer's costume kept away in a garment bag until photo day, rehearsals and the recital.

Hair/Makeup

It is recommended that all dancers wear makeup for the recital. Stage lights are bright and tend to "wash out" faces without makeup. If you choose to wear makeup, we recommend wearing a liquid foundation that is a shade or two darker than your dancer's natural skin tone and blush. Dancers are also welcomed to wear mascara, a little bit of lipstick and eyeshadow as well, but nothing too dark. All dancers should wear their hair pulled back, attached to your dancer's garment bag will be instructions of how to style their hair and wear their hair piece. We ask that dancers arrive at the cafeteria in costume and their hair and makeup completed.

Recital Merchandise

Well Wishes – Well wishes are a nice little shout out to give your dancer in the recital program. Well wishes are \$5 each and are due **Sunday, May 11th**. You can complete payment online using the link below. You will be prompted to enter your message in the text box, however if your message exceeds the maximum character count, please send an email with your well wish and include a note in the registration prompt that you emailed the message. Well Wishes will be printed in black text only. E-mails should be sent to Kelsi at kgrubisich@epd.

[Purchase Well Wishes HERE](#)

Apparel Orders – Visit the Elmhurst Dance Academy's online apparel store where you will find various commemorative wear in youth and adult sizes. Visit the link below and view all the personalized offerings. The online shop will close **Friday, April 18th at 11:59pm**. This is a hard deadline! No extra apparel will be ordered. All orders will be distributed approximately three weeks after the store closes

during class, unless you specify otherwise. Please note - this is NOT for costumes. Costumes have already been ordered and will be distributed to dancers to take home the week of 4/28-5/4.

[Apparel Orders HERE](#)

Video Orders - A video recording of the 11am and the 2pm recitals will be available for purchase in a digital download format. Each recital will be edited into one video, so if you have a dancer in both shows, you only need to purchase one video. Each digital download is \$20 and can be purchased using the link below. All orders are due **Saturday, May 31st**. Digital downloads will be sent out approximately 6 weeks post recital, or sooner depending on how fast turnaround will be.

[Purchase Video Orders Here](#)

Recital Merchandise – On recital day, we will be selling sentiments that you can purchase to gift your dancer. All proceeds go back to the dance program. We will be selling single Carnations for \$2, Candy Grams for \$3 and plush animals for \$5.

Volunteering

The Dance Rehearsal is scheduled for Friday, May 30 and the Dance Recital for Saturday, May 31. We need your help to make these events run smoothly! Volunteers can sign up for Room Monitor positions. The rehearsal and recital are located at York High School. We ask that volunteers arrive an hour before the start of each rehearsal/recital that they are signed up for. If you sign up for the recital, we will have a row for volunteers reserved for you to watch your child perform in the auditorium.

If you sign up to volunteer, you must complete a background check form. Only adults who have signed-up to volunteer and completed the background check form will be permitted backstage. Please send your completed background check form to Kelsi Grubisich at kgrubisich@epd.org or you can turn in at the Wagner Community Center and staff will hand directly to the appropriate staff member.

Sign up with the link below!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054FAEA92AA3FE3-55831960-dance>

Communication

If you have questions or concerns regarding your dancer's class, please reach out to the Dance Coordinator.

Maria Dirkes – *Dance Coordinator*

Email: mdirkes@epd.org

Kelsi Grubisich - *Program Supervisor*

Phone: (630) 993-8921 Email: kgrubisich@epd.org

Wagner Community Center

Phone: (630) 993-8900

Important Dates

Recital Tickets Go on Sale

Costumes Go Home

Picture Day

Apparel Orders Due

Well Wishes Due

Dress Rehearsal

ORANGE Dance Recital

PINK Dance Recital

Video Orders Due

Monday, April 7th at 9:00am

The week of April 28th through May 4th

Saturday, May 10th (time slots will be emailed)

Friday, April 18th at 11:59pm (Note - these are NOT costumes)

Sunday, May 11th

Friday, May 30th at **5pm** and **7pm**

Saturday, May 31st at 11am

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