**WHITECOURT ROTARY DANCE FESTIVAL**

**MARCH 1, 2025**

**WHITECOURT CENTRAL SCHOOL**

The Whitecourt Rotary Dance Festival will be held at Whitecourt Central School in the gym. The Hallway to the left of the main entrance is available to use as the “dressing room” and the practice room will be in the Community Centre area on the right side of the main entrance. I have attached the schedule that includes the time of your child’s performance(s). We ask that you please arrive ready with hair and makeup done ONE HOUR before your child’s performance time. You may drop off your child in the practice room. Only Illusion students will be attending this festival, and because of that, Miss Natasha, Miss Darian and Miss Crystal will be backstage majority of the time running music and getting students organized. We will have student teachers in the practice room practicing with our students and bringing the students backstage before their performance. Once you drop off your child, you may find a seat in the gym, relax and enjoy the show!

All dancers will wear their regular festival costumes, tights, shoes, hair and make-up. Video and Picture Taking are permitted; however, we ask that you **PLEASE DO NOT POST VIDEOS** **ON SOCIAL MEDIA**. Please make sure to let all friends and family members know this before the show ☺

For those of you who are in multiple numbers, you may either send their second costume backstage with your child and we can help them get ready or you can meet them back in the practice room after their first performance and help them change into their next costume. Unfortunately, with it just being Illusion at this festival, there may be some back-to-back routines, but please don’t worry as we can pause if needed to make sure that all students are ready for their next performance.

This festival is a really great opportunity for the younger students to practice their routine(s) on stage and in front of an audience. Please remember all our regular festival rules apply. Please be encouraging to all the performers and remember that the mark they receive from the adjudicator is only one person’s opinion. Group performances will receive feedback as well as a group certificate for the studio. Solos and Duets will receive feedback as well as a certificate that they may take home. The Rotary Club also hands out a couple of scholarships to students and routines that stood out to the adjudicator. These will be announced on our Facebook page after the festival ☺

The Rotary Club is not charging an admission fee, but they will have a cash donation box at the entrance; all donations are greatly appreciated as they will go towards scholarships for the Whitecourt Rotary Dance Festival. They will be selling bottled water, programs as well as flowers at the front entrance for purchase. **CASH ONLY** – There are no ATM Machines Available. They ask that you please remove all outdoor footwear on the front mat before entering the gym. Food, coffee & other beverages are **NOT** permitted in the gym. They ask that you please only bring water in an enclosed water bottle.

The times of performance for groups, solos and duets attending are attached as well as on our website.

If you have any questions, please email Miss Natasha at illusiondanceco@hotmail.com

Thank you and let the festival season begin!