



***Saturday, June 27, 2026
Holliston High School
370 Hollis Street
Holliston, MA 01746***

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

THIS LETTER CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE RECITAL

Dear Parents,

Our dancers will have a **FABULOUS RECITAL PERFORMANCE** on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at Holliston High School. There will be 3 shows, Show 1 will be held at 10:00am, Show 2 will be held at 1:30pm and Show 3 will be held at 5:00pm.

Showtime: Show 1, doors open for seating at 9:30am
Show 2, doors open for seating at 1:00pm
Show 3, doors open for seating at 4:30pm

All dancers will be in full costume for the Recital. It is essential that every student be present with costumes, hair done and make-up. Students should arrive dressed in their first costume. Upon arrival, please report to the Chorus Room which is the dressing room. It is in the Chorus Room where we will look for your dancer to line them up for their performance. Boys will have their own dressing room and all dressing rooms will be clearly marked.

All dancer's hair should be in a neat bun for the performance. There will also be a **FINALE DANCE** for all our dancers at the end of each show. This is when they will wear their recital t-shirt and any black shorts they have.

Below are the Recital rules. Please read through them carefully.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and we look forward to our year end performances with great excitement!!!

Recital Rules

1. For halter top costumes that are clipped, please secure them with safety pins.
2. Safety pin Tutu's to costumes.
3. Double check and make sure you have everything that is on your costume label. Headpieces, wristlets, gloves, and the correct colored tights for each dance etc.
4. **Due to the fire laws** everyone in the audience **must** be in a seat. Do not stand along the side walls, please also do not have children sitting on laps. Only children that are 2 years old and younger may sit on laps.
5. Students sitting in the audience must have a purchased ticket.
6. Tap shoes are **NOT** to be worn in the audience.
7. Please remain seated while a dance is performing on stage. If you need to change your child, wait until the dance has finished on stage then get up.
8. ** When reentering the auditorium again, please wait until the dance that is performing on stage is finished. There will be a person posted at the door; they **will not** let you reenter until the dance on stage has finished. Please tell your family members.
9. When leaving or entering the auditorium just use the front doors.
10. **Do not** use the doors near the stage to get backstage or to go to the dressing rooms.
11. Cell phones are to be turned off.
12. Videotaping and flash pictures are **not allowed**.
13. Be there for 9:30am if you are in the 10:00am show. 1:00pm if you are in the 1:30pm show. 4:30pm if you are in the 5:00pm show. Go directly to the dressing room ready in your first costume. Children are allowed one adult/parent to help them change.
14. Students are to be backstage 6 numbers before their own.
15. For the **Finale**, please have your child dressed in their MDG recital t-shirt and black shorts. There will be an announcement made to line up backstage 6 numbers before the finale.
16. We do have two adults in the dressing room to take care of the kids and bring them to their teachers to line up for the stage.
17. Each kinder dance has a "trick step" in their routine, please clap for them. They have been told everyone is going to clap.
18. **Please clap** for all dances. Everyone has worked hard all year for this day. The smiles this will bring are worth it!
19. Many people bring flowers to the students. Please check with the other parents in your class to see what they are doing. You do not want your child to be the only

one without flowers. We do offer pre-purchased flowers that will be waiting for you at the recital for your convenience.

20. No balloons will be allowed in the auditorium as they will obstruct the vision of those behind you.
21. Recreational students will change in the Chorus Room which is to the right of the auditorium, down the hall. There will be signs and people to help guide you.
22. Boys Dressing rooms will be clearly marked.
23. Please note that food and drinks are not allowed in the auditorium.
24. All dancers are to wear a coverup over their costumes when in the auditorium for the recital.
25. Please note, there is absolutely **no changing in the hallways**. There are security cameras!
26. Please talk to your children about keeping their hands off of the walls, and all school items.
27. There is absolutely no smoking or drinking on school grounds.

*** For the Finale dismissal, we will dismiss the Wiggles & Giggles (Tap & Tricks) classes from the side stage stairs to meet their adult in the front of the stage. We will then dismiss all other students by class from the side stage stairs to meet their adult in front of the stage.

*** Team members please stay on the stage until we are able to dismiss you.

RECITAL TICKETS:

Recital tickets are \$25.00 each and are Reserved seating. We will have a Ticket Day sale on May 9th at the studio. If you are in **Show 1**, your tickets will go on sale from 9:00am - 10:30am. If you are in **Show 2**, your tickets will go on sale from 11:00am - 12:30pm. If you are in **Show 3**, your tickets will go on sale from 1:00pm - 2:30pm. Tickets are on a first come, first serve basis. If you are not able to come to Ticket Day, there is a Recital Ticket order form on our website under the Recital tab. Those tickets are *Next Best Seats* and will be sold after Ticket Day. Tickets may not be available at the door so please get your orders in early. **Tickets are nonrefundable and cash only.**



RECITAL DIGITAL DOWNLOAD AND T-SHIRT PACKAGE:

While we do not allow any type of photography or videotaping during our recitals, we do hire a professional videographer for the day. Once again we will be using the amazing Dance Bug to video our recitals. The price of this package is \$70.00 and is a convenient way for everyone to enjoy and share their dancer's beautiful performances and memories for years to come! No need to worry about missing a moment - we've taken care of it for you! This package includes your digital download of the recital and one recital T-shirt! Digital Download Access information will be distributed after the recital. Siblings and parent T-shirts may be purchased for \$25.00. **The purchase of this package is required for all families and recital T-shirts are to be worn for the finale.** Order deadline is April 29th, 2026. This package is payable by cash, check or card. If paying by check, please make that check out to McKeon Dance & Gymnastics Center. ****This package is mandatory.**

**** Only families with recital dancers will need to purchase this package.**

PHOTOGRAPHS:

This year our dance photography will be done by Heather Best Photography, and will be held at the studio on Monday, June 1st, 2026. This is optional, if you wish to have your dancer photographed please use this link to sign up for a time slot.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1MfAXayw3Jp0zBeK7Vg_EdB52fl4yeM9SZI07LhGHZBk/edit?usp=sharing

Images are available digitally only this year, with the option to print your own. Heather highly recommends Mpix.com for printing, as they offer excellent quality and all the dance photo items you may be familiar with from previous years. They are the consumer division of the professional lab most photographers use.

To streamline the process, we have created an online pre-order system using this link WWW.HEATHERBEST.COM/MCKEON

PLEASE PRE-ORDER PRIOR TO PICTURE DAY. Orders submitted the day of risk being missed. Please enter the total number of costumes you wish to have photographed. If you are ordering individual images for more than one child, kindly submit a separate order for each.

Heather will upload the images to online galleries organized by dance style. Each gallery will feature all dancers who ordered images and provide the option to download from the gallery. Gallery watermarks will not be on the downloaded images. An email will be sent to you (check your spam folder as well) and she will also post on her Facebook page when the link is sent (usually no later than 2 weeks from picture day). All instructions for the gallery, the password and downloading are included in the gallery email.

We welcome Heather and look forward to working with her!

FLOWERS:

Flower bouquets will be available to purchase from Katydid Flowers. Many people bring flowers to the students. Please check with the other parents in your class to see what they are doing. You do not want your child to be the only one without flowers. There is an Order Form on our website under the Recital Tab. Please fill out the form and bring it with you to Ticket Day, May 9thth, or you can fill out the form and bring it into the studio directly. Please make checks out to **Katydid Flowers**. Flower orders are due by May 30th, 2026.

We appreciate your support in making these special moments last forever. Thank you for celebrating the artistry, commitment, and talent of our McKeon dancers!

Here's to a great show!

McKeon Dance & Gymnastics Center