



Philippians 4:13 I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

May the New Year bless you and your family with the strength of Jesus..

# "The Ugly Duckling"

Mark your calendar for Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> or Sunday March 24th. We are currently working on our seventh ballet production of The Ugly Duckling. Dancers from MMDCO and the community share their gift of dance in a production that will keep you 'quakin" up! Beautiful ballet brings this production to life for the family. Little ones can dress up in their character costumes and get pictures with

the cast after the show!
The year the show will be held at Milford High Little Theater.



Elyssa & Hope pictured from MMDCO's production of 'The Little Mermaid' ballet

### **Snow Days**

Snow days will be based on conditions at class time, not if the schools close. Please check the website or call the studio at 1pm to find out if classes are cancelled.

## **Recital Preparations**

- All classes are now working on their recital dances, and they should have the dance choreography complete by the end of March. We have a few suggestions for being an outstanding student, and looking the best for the recital.
- 1. Come to class each week having practiced at home.

  The less you have to think about each step, the more you can enjoy the dance. Find out what music is used, and get a copy to practice.
- 2. Talk to the teacher about a good time to video tape the choreography. Usually the end of March is the best time since the choreography is done.
- 3. Talk to the teacher about ways to improve, and what to practice at home to look sharp.

#### Calendar

Feb. 27 White Lake Library Storytime with YBT

March 30-April 4 - No Class (Spring Break)

March 23 - The Ugly Duckling

May 20 - 23 Picture Days

May 13 - Recital Tickets On Sale

May 27 - No Class (Memorial Day)

June 5 - Last Day Of Classes

June 6 & 7 Dress Rehearsal @ Lakeland

**Iune 8** Recital

# Join Us At The White Lake Library

On Wednesday February 27 from 6:30-7:30 Modern Messages will be presenting an interactive story time of the The Ugly Duckling. Registration at the library begins on February 11<sup>th</sup>. All ages welcome.

#### **Costume Fee Balances**

Costumes have begun arriving. In order to take them home you must pay off your complete costume balance. Roland will have this figure out by January 25<sup>th</sup>. When you receive your costume, take great care of it, it is very hard to get replacements as the year progresses. If you have any issues with the costumes let us know as soon as possible, the sooner we can take care of it the better.

In February we will have a book with a picture of the costumes, and what they will need as far as tights, shoes, and how to wear their hair. We will have an order form for tights as well. Don't wait till the last minute to get recital supplies, the dance stores get in short supply the closer we get to the recital.

### Tis' The Season (Lice)

Once again we want to make sure we are taking all precautions to keep lice at bay. We have heard it is going around the schools, and we have had one family from the studio let us know that they had it.

There are numerous sites online on how to prevent and avoid it. Stay informed to keep it away. If you have any questions please let us know