

November 9, 2020

Dear The Wooden Floor Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are doing well as I know you have had to overcome many challenges this past fall with your family. As I mentioned in August, The Wooden Floor has been adhering to national, state, and local mandates regarding social distancing and COVID-19 updates to ensure the health of our students and families. As we look ahead, we want to share some early updates on the **Spring Session**, **Annual Auditions** and the **38th Annual Concert**.

Spring Session - Virtual

Based on the *Blue Print for a Safer Economy* tier system in California, we will continue with virtual services and programs including dance classes taught live on Zoom by faculty with live accompaniment, as well as tutoring, The Next Step[®] academic advising, Empowerment Workshops[®], College and Career Readiness planning, and Parent Mental Health Workshops. We would kindly like to remind our families that our attendance policy of 80% participation is required during our virtual dance classes. This means, that students are required to be punctual, participate, and have their cameras on at all times. If students do not have their cameras on, they will be marked absent. Please see the attached Virtual Values guide sheet. In order to best support you, we ask that you contact us if you or your child are experiencing any challenges. Additionally, faculty member Sarah Jacobs has stepped beyond The Wooden Floor and will no longer teach classes for the organization. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors, and we thank her for her commitment to our students' success. Lastly, we highly encourage our students and parents to take advantage of every opportunity provided at The Wooden Floor to support their physical, mental, and academic needs.

Annual Auditions

Artistic Director Falon Baltzell and Dance Education and Curriculum Specialist Jennifer Bonfil have been planning for our *Annual Auditions* to be held in February (at a date yet to be determined) either via virtual video submission or an in-person format, based upon state and local COVID-19 mandates. More information will be posted to our website in January, and please let us know if there is a child who needs us by contacting Artistic Director Falon Baltzell at Falon.Baltzell@TheWoodenFloor.org.

38th Annual Concert 2021

We are happy to announce a new format for our 38th Annual Concert. Please see the attached information sheet for further details. We will be hosting meetings with interested students and parents to share exciting details on the following days:

Parent Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2020 (10:00am-11:30am) via Zoom.

Student Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 (4:15pm-5:15pm) via Zoom.

Zoom details for both meetings: Meeting ID: 443 305 0325 and Password: 090910

Joining you and your fellow The Wooden Floor parents at the monthly Cafecitos has been a source of joy and inspiration for me. While we still face uncertain times together, I am so moved by our community's resilience and positive outlook for the future. On behalf of our staff and our Board of Directors, I send you my best for the holiday season.

Warmly,



Dawn S. Reese

Chief Executive Officer