**Check List for 4A Act I Party Children**

**4A Party Girls**

You will need a pair of pink seamed mesh Capezio tights (sold in the boutique) and pink ballet shoes. Hair will need to be rolled in sponge rollers each night and worn up until the performance. It’s an honor and a tradition for our dancers to wear rollers to school on the Friday of the Opening Night! If any mom needs guidance on the hair rolling I will be holding a demonstration on Friday, November 10th at 7pm while your child is in party rehearsal. I will meet down in studio F. The curly hair is a huge part of this character.

A note on hair: Before you roll the hair pull the sides back into a pony tail. Roll the pony tail separate from the rest of the hair. The large bow gets bobby pinned on top of the pony tail. Don’t use the barrette that is glued to the bow. They often come undone. Use SEVERAL bobby pins instead. After you unroll the hair you need to spray the sides that were pulled back with hair spray so no wispies are sticking out.

Party girls also need false eyelashes. Most dancers have already worn them for recital but if you have not please purchase a few pairs early and practice! Heavy stage make-up will be required.

Please note that Party Children in the Big Brown Room will be dropped off at the shows- parents will not be permitted in the dressing room. Their Cast Coordinator will make sure they have their costume on and the bow secured in their hair. Please pack plenty of extra bobby pins.

**4A Party Boys**

 Party Boys will wear wigs. These will be hanging in a plastic bag on the hanger with their costume. You will need to cover your own hair with the wig cap and then secure the wig on your head .Wig caps need to be purchased by each dancer. They are sold at local wig shops, on line, or at Sally’s Beauty Supply on Morse Road. Party Boys need to wear a black leotard under their costume. We will provide a new pair of white tights in each boy’s bag. There is only one pair per costume so if you share costumes with another cast member do not take the white tights home!! You can also purchase and wear your own tights if you prefer that. Party Boys need regular recital stage make up.

Please note that Party Children in the Big Brown Room will be dropped off at the shows- parents will not be permitted in the dressing room. The Cast Coordinator and an NABC faculty member will make sure they have their costume and wig on. Please send a lot of extra bobby pins.

**In Studio Rehearsals:**

The LAST Friday party scene rehearsal is on Friday, November 10th

**Extra Party Scene Rehearsals:**

Tuesday, November 21st: 6:15-7:15pm in studio A

Tuesday, November 28th: 6:00-7:15pm in studio A

Wednesday, December 6th:5:15-7:15pm in studio A

**Changes to Monday Schedule:**

Note on Mondays November 20th, November 27th, and December 4th your 4A class will run 5:15-6:30pm.

All other classes remain normal.

**Dress Rehearsal: Friday December 1st**

Parents will drop off your dancer at the doors to the Big Brown Room and will not go in. The Party Children will have the same Cast Coordinator with them at all rehearsals and performances. She will help them into their costumes and make sure they are where they need to be at all times. Ellen will also be backstage with them the whole time.

We know dress rehearsal is a good time for you to get photos so we have made that possible for you! You can take them when your dancer is on stage and for ten minutes when they are done dancing. The Cast Coordinator will bring them to the lobby (area by main theatre doors) for ten minutes right after they are done dancing at the rehearsal.

When the ten minutes is up, she will take them all back to the Big Brown Room, change them out of their costumes and bring them back to you in the lobby. Please wait for your dancer there and do not follow them to the Big Brown Room area. We will be in the middle of a rehearsal and will need that whole area clear.

Here is a time line for how the rehearsal day will go:

**White/Green Cast** **4A Party Children, Friday, December 1st:**

* Drop your dancer off at Big Brown Room at 5:05pm sharp.
* You can wait in the theatre after drop off. Your dancer will stay backstage with their cast coordinator the entire time until after they have danced.
* Spacing on stage will begin at 5:35pm. (when they just walk through without music)
* Dancers will return to Big Brown Room with Cast Coordinator and you can continue to wait in the theatre.
* We will begin running the rehearsal at 5:45.
* Meet cast coordinator in lobby for candid pictures (10 minutes) as soon as they are finished on stage.
* Wait in lobby (not Big Brown Room area) while backstage coordinator helps them change out of costume and she will bring them back to you as soon as they are all done.
* You are free to leave or you can go back in the theatre and watch the rest of the rehearsal with your dancer.

**Red/Green Cast 4A Party Children: Friday, December 1st:**

* Drop your dancer off at Big Brown Room at 6:45pm sharp.
* You can wait in the theatre after drop off. Your dancer will stay backstage with their cast coordinator the entire time until after they have danced.
* Spacing on stage will begin at 7:15pm. (when they just walk through without music)
* Dancers will return to Big Brown Room with Cast Coordinator and you can continue to wait in the theatre.
* We will begin running the rehearsal at 7:30pm.
* Meet cast coordinator in lobby for candid pictures (10 minutes) as soon as they are finished on stage.
* Wait in lobby (not Big Brown Room area) while backstage coordinator helps them change out of costume and she will bring them back to you as soon as they are all done.
* You are free to leave or you can go back in the theatre and watch the rest of the rehearsal with your dancer.

*Please note that spacing, lighting, etc. will take some time! Nutcracker is a much more complex production than the May recital and requires very intricate lighting and stage crew details to be ironed out at dress rehearsal. For the safety of our dancers, crew, and audience members we will take our time to make sure everything is done properly. Due to this we may run off schedule for the dress rehearsals. We will do our best to get through the process in a reasonable amount of time!*

**School Performance: Thursday, December 7th**

School Performance: Red/Green Cast only

1:45pm Arrive at the McCoy hair and make-up done-parents drop off dancer at Big Brown Room

2:30-3:30pm School Performance

3:15pm Parents can pick up your Dancer in front of the Big Brown Room.

4A Ballet and 4A Jazz will still be held at the studio for any 4A wanting to take class. If your 4A is in the school performance and would like to take the night off we understand!

**Performance Days**

**White/Green Cast 4A Party Children: Friday, December 8th 7:00pm, Saturday, December 9th 11:00am, and Saturday, December 9th 3:00pm**

**Red/Green Cast 4A Party Children: Saturday, December 9th 7:00pm, Sunday, December 10th 1:00pm, and Sunday, December 10th 5:00pm**

4A Party Children need to be dropped off to the Big Brown Room 45 minutes prior to the start of each performance.

4A Party Children are at the end of Act I and are not in Act II at all. **You will need to pick up your child at intermission.** The Cast Coordinator will meet you with them outside of the double glass doors near the area by the Big Brown Room. They will need regular clothes if you want to take them out to the theatre. If you and your family have purchased tickets to one of the shows we ask that you remain in the theatre for the entire performance. It can be seen as very disrespectful to leave the theatre after Act I. You may take them into the theatre after intermission to watch the second act if you have a ticket for them.

**A Note to all parents**

The last nine years Nutcracker has been such a success! We are very excited for this year and know your child will have a wonderful time bringing this magical ballet to life. Please take the time to read all information sheets carefully. If you have any questions please e-mail tara@newalbanyballet.com. We can’t stress enough the importance of being on time! Several parents came in late last year and that causes so much stress on the child. Please arrive on time and understand that it will be crowded. We have a system in place that works and our attention to detail is what makes performing in our productions such a great experience for all our children.

**Monday, December 11th:** NO 4A class will be held. Please take the day off to rest!