

## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

No Classes: December 22-January 1

December 19 class will be held on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

Dec 1<sup>st</sup>: monthly & 3 semester payments will be processed

Final ceili class: Dec 13<sup>th</sup>

### Feiseanna

Registration is now open for the January 13 feis in VT and for the February 17 Mid-Atlantic Championships.

A feis has been added on January 27<sup>th</sup> in Milford, CT

This means our dancers can qualify for Nationals without leaving New England, although the MAC is recommended for more championship experience for dancers who want to go to Nationals.

Links to feis info & registration forms here: <http://www.rtnirishdance.com/>.

Make sure you meet the registration deadlines & tell your teacher if your child is going to an event!

### New Team Costumes

The green used on our team costumes was discontinued years ago. Mary-Sarah bought up the remainder in the US but it is now used up. We will be moving forward with dresses from Prime Dress Designs. The ordering information on the Resources (<http://www.irishstepdancing.com/links.htm>) page of our website.

The skirt & leotard will be for Beginners competitive ages 5 & up who have been in the school at least one year. Team dresses are for dancers who have 2 or more dances in Intermediate.

We have to order 5 outfits at a time or we will be given a date to order once a year. Our first order will be due by April 15<sup>th</sup>, to have the outfits ready for our recital & the fall New England Championships. There is an 8 week turn-around time for outfits. We'll be receiving a prototype of the team dress by mid-Jan. Prime has an online order form that walks you through measuring, and photographing your measurements, for outfits.

To help people pay for the costumes, we will be doing a Yankee Candle fund raiser in January; we earn .40 on the dollar with no minimum for sales. Usually when we do fund raisers, all the money goes into the FI Fundraising account. For this event, 70% of the profits will go to the seller for an April purchase of a costume, 30% going to the FI account. (If no outfit is purchased this spring, all of the profits will go to the FI account.)

Our old team dresses will be grandfathered in so anyone who has one of those dresses may continue to wear them.

### Website

We are looking to reorganize the Flying Irish Website. Does anyone have experience working with Dreamweaver? We'd like to create roll-over menu bars that look nice.