



## USA Dance School Dance Program

### Suggested Planning Calendar

- August** Students are enjoying summer vacation, but administrative staff and some teachers are busy preparing for the coming school year. Begin collecting information as outlined in the *Guide to Starting School Dance Programs*.
- September** The instructional year is beginning. This is a good time to start, before parents and students are committed to other activities.
- If you are ready to begin a program, have brochures and parent invitation letters available for “Back to school” night.
  - Invite educators to a chapter event as special guests. If you have Youth members, feature them in a spotlight dance.
  - “Each one teach one” Introduce a simple line dance to teachers who attend your dance. Ask them to teach it to student leaders, who will then help instruct other students. Feature it during NBDW!
  - Grandparent’s Day is the first Sunday after Labor Day. Plan a family night and invite parents and grandparents to share their dances.
- October** For secondary schools, this is Homecoming! Work with students and class sponsors to teach members of the Homecoming Court a special dance. Use the theme of the event to select appropriate music and style.
- November** The UN Universal Children's Day is November 20<sup>th</sup>. Celebrate the many cultures represented in dance.
- December** Winter holidays are a time of joyful parties. Celebrate by “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree.”
- January** For older students this is the end of the first semester and beginning of the second. If you haven’t started a club, this is a good time to do so.  
Things to celebrate this month:
- Family Fit Lifestyle and Quality of Life Month,
  - January 8th: Elvis Presley’s Birthday (1935)
- February** Valentine’s day is an obvious time for a romantic dance, but let’s not forget our founding fathers. Explore the topic “Did Washington waltz?”
- March** Spring activities are beginning. It’s also “Music in Our Schools Month.”
- April** It’s Prom time (see Homecoming suggestions). It’s also “National Youth Sports Safety Month”
- May** With Cinco de Mayo celebrations, it’s time to feature some Latin dances. Also to celebrate:
- National Teacher Day on May 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Plan a graduation celebration