



February Newsletter

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Dear Athletes & Parents,

There is no doubt times are tough in Clinton County and surrounding communities. The stories that I hear in the gym are so sad. I dread when Denise walks into the gym and tells me a parent needs to talk to me. It is always a different face, but with similar stories. I hate it that it has brought me down and shamefully affected my attitude. I apologize. My husband is a financial planner and very optimistic. Despite him losing \$45K in his own salary, he always reminds me that things will get better. He says we have faced recessions before and things always turn around. When we were kids, our parents faced a tough recession. Most of us don't remember, because we still went to school, we still had food to eat and we still enjoying playing our favorite activities. We got through it with some bumps and bruises, but it taught us to work hard, be patient and appreciate the small things.

I encourage each of you to stay positive. Enjoy your kids. In a recession or not, they are only young once. They still enjoy their time with you and their favorite activities. Last, take time to appreciate your spouse. When money is tight, most tend to fight. If you haven't taken the time to watch Fireproof, please do so. I will be happy to loan you my copy. This community was founded on strong Christian values and those values are still very prevalent today. It is what has made this a strong prosperous community in the past and it is what will get us through the tough times.

Thank you for your continued support of Aerial's, your prayers and most of all for allowing us the pleasure of working with your child!

God Bless,

** We are now accepting scholarship applications for the Spring Quarter. Please see Denise for an application. All applications should be turned in no later than Monday, February 9th. This fund is made available to help YOU – if you need help, please do not be afraid to ask for an application. Your information will remain confidential. We are happy to be able to help your child continue what he/she loves!

Any donations to the scholarship fund would be very much appreciated. Thank you!

February Birthdays – Happy Birthday Athletes! Don't forget to ask a staff member for your birthday sucker ☺

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| 1 Jenna Lawson | 16 Gabby Drake |
| 2 Faith Spriggs | 17 Olivia Harris, Marayah Martin, Alyssa Pollit |
| 3 Rebecca Jenkins, Jhaela Coleman | 18 Tori Whiting |
| 4 Alex Tissandier | 19 Paige Cox |
| 6 Makayla Creed | 23 Ashley Tissot |
| 7 Autumn Palmer, Rosie Schreier | 26 Morghan Eades, Courtney Collins |
| 11 Mallorie Deatley | 27 Olivia Minney |
| 15 Jen Cochran, Christine Richardson, Maria Onusko | 28 Ella Zeigler |

Promotions

Although sticker charts are only completed at the end of the quarter (February 16-21), athletes are evaluated at the end of each month. If you are promoted, please see an office staff member to check on class availability. Congratulations Athletes for an outstanding month! Promotions this month include:

Samantha Burns promoted to the Intermediate Class!

Closings & Inclement Weather

This time of year sometimes brings inclement weather to the area. In most cases the gyms will stay open because typically by the evening roads are cleared. If classes/team is ever cancelled, it will be announced on WLWT Channel 5 (Cincinnati NBC). You can also visit wlv.com for a list of closings. **Due to the inclement weather this past week, we've added additional make-up class times. All make-up classes must be scheduled in advance and must be completed on or before Saturday, February 28. Even if you attend classes in Wilmington, you may make-up a class in Leesburg or vice versa.**

Leesburg	Thursday, February 12	6:30-7:30	OR	7:30-8:30
Wilmington	Saturday, February 14, 21 OR 28	2:00-3:00		

Proper Attire- Athletes, please make sure that you are dressed appropriately for your class. All female athletes should wear a leotard (shorts are optional). Male athletes may wear a t-shirt (the tighter the shirt the better) and shorts. It is difficult and at times unsafe to spot an athlete wearing a baggy t-shirt. If you are unable to afford a leotard, please see a staff member. Many families have donated gently used leotards. We have many FREE ones to pick from.

Aerial's Recital 2009 – NOW ACCEPTING RECITAL ORDERS!!!! :

Make Plans NOW to attend the 2009 Recital to be held Saturday, May 30, 2009 at Hermann Court on the campus of Wilmington College (rehearsal may be Friday evening or Saturday morning). We have already started working hard to make for an even better show in 2009 which most likely will include two separate shows (therefore less people at each one, more room to park and smaller lines!!!!!!) All classes and teams will participate, so mark the date on your calendar now ☺ All classes will be asked to purchase a matching outfit for recital. The price to participate in recital will be \$40 and is due at the time of registration.

Aerial's Gym Space

Recently I had the furnaces serviced. In doing so, they highly recommended that I keep all doors leading from the lobby into the gym closed. Our heating and electric have been running between \$700-\$900 a month. This is a huge expense and one that I think we can work together to lower. I really appreciate your help in keeping the doors closed and the cost down. Thank you for your understanding!

I am very sorry, but due to liability reasons, our insurance does not allow spectators to enter into the gym space. Spectators must remain in the lobby at all times. The only exception is the parent/child preschool classes – if a parent is going to help with the class then he/she must sign a release prior to being in the gym space. Also, any parent helping is asked to stay off of the beam, bars, vault & trampoline. **If you are not helping your preschooler and have not signed a release form for yourself, then you must wait in the lobby.** Thank you for your understanding. If at any time, you have questions about what your child should be working on, please see his/her instructor before or after class. Thank you!

Aerial's Acro Gymnastics Team:

The Acro Team will be hosting their first meet of the season at Clinton-Massie High School on Sunday, February 15 at Noon. Make plans now to come out and support the 2008 National Champions! Also, the Aerial's EXTREME Cheerleading Teams will be performing their competition routines in preparation for Florida!

Aerial's EXTREME Cheerleading Teams:

Please keep the Mini & Youth Cheerleading Teams in your prayers as they prepare to compete at the UCA National All Star Championships next month at Walt Disney World.

MANDATORY EXTRA PRACTICES Sun., February 22 3:30-5:30 Sat, February 28 3-5 (this time has changed from previously 2-4)

Aerial's Gymnastics Team:

On January 24, the Gymnastics Team competed at the Tops Challenge at the Roberts Convention Center. This was one of the largest gymnastics meets in the state with many of the top teams in the country. Rachel Hartley earned an impressive 3rd place finish on bars. Many others also did well in their age groups. More results to be posted soon!

Back Handspring Clinics

Make plans now to attend a Back handspring Clinic! To attend the back handspring clinic(s), athletes must be able to perform a good round off and also a good handstand (should be able to support own body weight in a handstand position for a minimum of 30 seconds). The cost is \$18 and must be paid in advance – or \$45 to prepay for all 3 spring clinics. Athletes also must have a release form on file.

Remaining Winter Back Handspring Clinics: February 7
Spring Back Handspring Clinics: March 21 April 25 May 16

BIRTHDAY PARTIES!

The birthday parties have been a huge success! Thank you to all of you who have chosen to have your birthday party at Aerial's. The 4000 sq. ft. Wilmington gym is a great place for athletes and his/her friends to have a FUN, FUN, FUN and unforgettable birthday party. If you are interested see Denise, and book your FABULOUS PARTY TODAY!!!!

Class Fees: All parents are required to sign a registration form at the start of each quarter that states that he/she has read the policies and procedures. No exceptions will be made for those parents who choose not to read the policies and procedures.

- ***Tuition payments are due on or before the first practice of every month or quarter. A \$5 per week late fee will be applied after the 7th of each month.***
- By enrolling in the quarter, ***athletes are committing to the 12-week session.*** Although athletes have the option of paying in three monthly installments, ***one is still required to pay for the entire quarter.*** If an athlete decides to stop coming to class in the middle of the quarter or after one month, he/she will be billed for the remainder of the quarter.
- February fees were due on or before January 7th. If you have not already paid, please do so immediately to avoid further late charges. It is now time to register for the Spring Quarter. Quarterly fees are due at the time of registration or you may pay in three monthly payments. The first payment is due at the time of registration, the 2nd payment on or before March 7th and the 3rd payment on or before April 7th.

Anniversary Month - Registration Fees

(This is NOT a past due notice, but just a reminder to those whose anniversary month is January:

All athletes are required to pay a \$25 annual registration fee. The annual registration fee is due the first month enrolled and then annually thereafter. Athletes will receive a t-shirt once the registration fee is paid, not before. I would rather not post the past due. Please see Denise if you have questions, or are unsure as to when your fee is due. Those due in January (some may have already paid – thank you!) are and any other new student not enrolled at the time of print: **THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ALREADY PAID ☺**

Bills, Jordan	Dance, Lydia	Myers, Lauren
Blandford, Madeline	Hart, Jaeleigh	Pollit, Alyssa
Britain, Brook & Whitney	Hester, Aidan & Ava	Ramsey, Kylie
Collins, Tiana & Tristen		

Monthly Prayer Requests / Devotion:

The last class of the month will include the following: a short devotion, a time for athletes to share prayer requests (to be included in the next month's newsletter), and a short prayer. We highly encourage all athletes to participate. If you do not want your child to participate, then please let a staff member know. ***Prayer Requests for February; please know that I try to get names & spellings correct ☺***

Pets	Cheerleaders	Ashlyn Conner – Cousin moving to Michigan	Cyan DeBoard's Grandmother	Shane Carter	
Cory Tolle's cousin & Uncle	Mary Steele's Grandmother		Claire & Samantha Burn's Grandmother	Andrea Sewell's Dad	
Sydney Murtland's Aunt	Darcie Zeckser's Grandma & Grandpa		Economy	Illness	Aerial's Staff

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13