



November Newsletter

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**** Now Accepting Winter Registrations ****

Dear Athletes & Parents,

As a mother, wife, business owner, educator, coach, instructor, Christian, friend, daughter, sister, judge, volunteer, administrator and committee member I wear many different hats as do most of you. With each hat comes many responsibilities. As a business owner, I feel that my primary responsibility is staying in business without gauging prices! If my decisions cause the business to "go under" then I'm not helping anyone. It is because of this responsibility that I constantly evaluate our policies and procedures. Despite the announcement in September, that all families would have to pay for the entire quarter at the time of registration, I'm planning for a better solution. Effective Winter Quarter 2008, families may either pay for the entire quarter at the time of registration at a discounted rate OR continue to pay in 3 monthly payments. HOWEVER, the change is that the monthly payments will be paid in advance of instruction. For the Winter Quarter 2008, the December payment will be due at the time of registration. Then, by December 7th, you must make the 2nd payment (which is actually for the instruction for January) and then by January 7th, you must make the 3rd payment (which is for February). This allows those of you who like to pay in monthly payments to continue to do so, but it also allows us to stop families from receiving "free" instruction, which is what hurts the business financially, and also drives up prices. I hope that this new payment plan is a good solution for everyone. I will continue to monitor our policies and procedures to see if this is the most effective for the business and the 300 families that call Aerial's HOME! Thanks for your continued support of this wonderful program! Last, remember if cost is still an issue, ask for an application for financial assistance. To date, we have just over \$300 available to help those in need. To be considered for the Winter Quarter, the application must be submitted by November 10th.

As an educator, my primary responsibility is to teach and to teach correctly and the most efficient. A teacher wouldn't ask a child to open a book and read prior to learning the ABC's, nor should a teacher ask an athlete to perform a skill prior to learning the progressions leading up to the skill. USA Gymnastics highly promotes the deconstruction of elements – breaking down a skill into small pieces. If teachers can teach each piece correctly then this helps the athlete to learn the skill correctly and faster. Sometimes, I have parents say to me "they aren't doing anything in the class until the last 5 minutes." What they often mean by that is "I don't see my child running across the mat doing a round off back handspring until the end." What the parent doesn't realize is that the stretching, handstands, handstand pop downs, round offs, back bends, etc all have to be mastered first to do that skill. For example, if the athlete is not stretching in her shoulders in her backbend that day then that needs to be fixed first or else she will hit her head when she goes to do the back handspring. If each of the pieces are mastered in the first part of the class, then when she does the complete skill at the end of the class then it will be performed correctly and it will be BEAUTIFUL!

Last, I want to CONGRATULATE Emma (Johnson) Burgess! She and Brandyn Burgess of Leesburg tied the knot on Saturday, October 25th at Emma's family farm outside of Leesburg. Emma looked stunning in her beautiful sleeveless gown. Taylor Wilkin, her maid of honor, wore a gorgeous purple gown and the wedding location was decorated in beautiful purple flowers – I love that team spirit... go AERIALS!

If you have any questions about the new payment policy or about the structure of your child's class, feel free to call or email me at angie@aerialsathletics.com.

God Bless,

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

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| 1 Emily Grate, Emily Price | 16 Jaedyn Watson |
| 7 Chais Martin | 18 Casey Blount |
| 10 Raelynne Mason | 20 Ariel Hodge |
| 11 Claire Burns, Tylar Griffith | 21 Maddie Drake |
| 12 Michelle Wood | 22 Arian McWhorter |
| 13 Ashley Delph | 23 Lauren Davis |
| 14 Grace Brownsberger, Jaeleigh Hart | 28 Whitney Britain |
| 15 Molly Byrd | 29 Grace Matthews |

Kayla Anderson's birthday was October 28th. We missed her on the October Newsletter – sorry Kayla, hope you had a great birthday!

Promotions

Although sticker charts are only completed at the last class of the quarter, 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:

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| Kayla Anderson | promoted to the Elite 1 Class! |
| Tyler Greathouse | promoted to the Preteam Class! |
| Kylie Laug | promoted to the Elite 1 Class! |
| Madison Miller | promoted to the Beginner Class! |

Candle Sales

From now until November 17th, the Acro Gymnastics Team, Artistic Gymnastics Team & Cheerleading Teams will be selling candles as a fundraiser to raise money for upcoming competitions. See a team member to purchase a candle... the cost is ONLY \$6 per candle!!!! A great gift for teachers, grandmas, neighbors, etc!

Closings & Inclement Weather

- A reminder that the Fall Quarter ends on Tuesday, November 25. All gyms will be closed Wednesday, November 26 - Sunday, November 30. The athletes that attend classes on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays received 12 classes of instruction for the quarter, so we will not be scheduling make-up classes for the Thanksgiving holiday.
- 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 Channel 5 (Cincinnati NBC) or Channel 4 (Columbus NBC).

Make-Up Classes

Leesburg Wednesday Classes – I am very sorry that you all had two days without electric. What a crazy fall! I hope this isn't a sign of what is to come this Winter! Anyhow, in addition to the standard policy of two make-ups, you may also make-up the class(es) that you missed for no electricity.

Anyone that still needs to make-up a class for this fall, must do so by Saturday, November 22. The remaining make-up class times are:

Saturday, November 8	1:00-2:00	any level	Wilmington Gym
Thursday, November 13	6:00-6:45	Preschool	Leesburg Gym
Thursday, November 13	6:00-7:00	any level	Leesburg Gym
Thursday, November 13	7:00-8:00	any level	Leesburg Gym
Saturday, November 22	1:00-2:00	any level	Wilmington Gym

Please call ahead at 383-5700 to schedule your make-up.

Felicity Wright Fund - As many of you may have heard, Felicity Wright (a 2 year old in our Leesburg & Wilmington preschool classes) was injured in a fatal car accident on Wednesday, August 13. Although Felicity came out with only minor injuries, her mother Beth Wright (23 year old from Hillsboro) was killed. Our hearts and prayers go out to Felicity. To help the family with Felicity's expenses, we have set up a fund for Felicity titled the Benefit of Felicity Wright Fund. Donations can be made at any National Bank & Trust Location.

Aerial's Gym Space

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. **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 Recital 2009:

Make Plans NOW to attend the 2009 Recital to be held Saturday, May 30, 2009 at Hermann Court on the campus of Wilmington College. 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 ☺

Aerial's EXTREME Cheerleading Teams:

Yesterday in Centerville, both of the Aerial's EXTREME Cheerleading Teams qualified to compete at the UCA All Star Nationals (shown on ESPN) to be held in March at Walt Disney World! Both teams earned bids on Sunday, November 2 at the Miami Valley Regional Championship. UCA All Star Nationals is the most prestigious cheerleading competition in the country. Only the best teams from the country are invited to attend. Congrats Cheerleaders and keep up the hard work!

Also, on October 12th, the teams competed at the Midwest Cheer for a Cure Competition in Fairfield! Both teams performed exceptional routines with the Mini Team winning their division (6 teams total)!!!! The event raised over \$5000 for breast cancer research! It was at this competition, that Rachel Avery hurt her shoulder. Due to the injury, she went through various tests and found that she had a tumor on her humerus. For days, her biological family and also her Aerial's family anxiously waited for the results. Through much prayer, God prevailed and the doctors announced that the tumor was benign!!!! Thank you so much to all who prayed for Rachel! Please continue to pray for her healing!

Back Handspring Clinics

This fall, we have added 3 back handspring clinics to the schedule. 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. Athletes also must have a release form on file.

Remaining Fall Back Handspring Clinic is:	November 15		
Winter Back Handspring Clinics:	December 6	January 10	February 7

CHRISTMAS is only 65 DAYS AWAY ☺

To help with your Christmas Shopping – we are having a HUGE pro shop sale in November!

New Long Sleeve Leotards have arrived – NOW UNTIL CHRISTMAS ONLY \$35	regular price \$38
Tank Leotards Style 1991 – NOW UNTIL CHRISTMAS ONLY \$29	regular price \$35
SALE Leotards Style 1999 – NOW UNTIL CHRISTMAS ONLY \$18	regular price \$20
ALL AERIALS LOGO T-shirts – NOW UNTIL CHRISTMAS ONLY \$10	regular price \$12
NEW Polka Dot Hoodies - \$38	
NEW Aerial's Metallic Silver/Sparkly T's - \$19	
Mats & Other Equipment – see attached order form	

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. Although some dates are booked, many dates are still available for the winter quarter. 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.

All class and team fees are due by the 7th of the month. If the fees are paid late, there will be a \$5 per week late fee applied.

Nov 1st -7th No Late Fee * Nov 8th -14th \$5 late * Nov 15th -21st \$10 late * Nov 22nd -29th \$15 late * Nov 30th - later \$20 late

Anniversary Month - Registration Fees

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

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 November are:

Samantha Achtermann, Kendall Pollard, and Kerigan Pollard

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO ALREADY PAID ☺

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 November; please know that I try to get names & spellings correct ☺***

Military	Missionary	Our Country	Pets	Raelynn Mason-grades	Ashlyn Conner-grandparents & better at gym
Mary Steele-Jenny & friends grandpa		Machenzie Avery – friends papaw		Ashley Tissot – grandma	Cyan DeBoard-friend w/crutches
Carlee Smaltz-friend on crutches		Darcie Zeckser – grandpa on dialysis & grandma		Abby Pitzer – grandpa passed away	
Elizateth Mason – don't run away		Trinity – Dad had surgery		Kaitlyn - Dad move back home	Calvin walls – friend moving
Alisha Goodall – Dad's friend died		Madi Crow – teacher		Lauren H. – better at gym	Abby – family Grace – Mom & Dad
Ryley Callahan – sister		Gabby W. – papaw's mom		Teachers	Courtney – friend can't walk
Abby – for wellness	Makayla – Hailey C.	Tyler – great -grandpa died		Autumn – dad's friend	Christina – grandma died

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

Christmas Mat Sale!!!!

Mat Order Must be Turned in with full payment no later than Wed, December 3rd!

Athlete Name: _____ Phone No: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Is this a surprise? Yes or No

Check all that apply:

_____ 9' folding beam (pink or tan) \$116.63

_____ 54"parallett bar \$116.63

_____ 4' X8' folding mat (red, blue, or pink) \$159.43

_____ Incline Mat (red, blue or pink)\$191.53

_____ 4' X12' folding mat (red, blue or pink)\$230.05

_____ 4' Infinity low beam \$191.53