Welcome to Mini-Stars

***** We are so excited about Peter Pan!!! *****

My name is **Elaine Lindbjerg** and I am head of the MiniStars and Munchkins Department, and teach the Mini-Stars classes. I am the co-founder of the Lindbjerg Academy, and have worked with children for over 40 years. I am also a proud grandmother of 5 delightful "munchkins". We have three teacher assistants for the MIniStars. They are Jianna Ballard, Elyshia Pucci and Nicola Barrett.

WHAT ARE "MINISTARS"?

"MINI-STARS" is our youngest Production Level. We have 2 groups of Mini-Stars and both will be working on the musical "PETER PAN the Musical" and will each do two performances of the show in May at Terry Fox Theatre. The Mini-Stars Intermediate will be doing a shorter version of Peter Pan, as it is a long show.

WHAT WILL MY CHILD LEARN IN CLASS?

VOCAL

Your child will learn singing, with exercises for diction, vocal range, projection, and harmony, as well as learn all of the songs in "PETER PAN ". They will learn how to sing in pitch and to vocalize

DANCE

They will learn basic choreography and patterns to make the songs come alive. They will learn basic dance steps.

DRAMA

We use Drama games to help them become comfortable in expressing themselves. They will learn how to work with a script and how to deliver lines so an audience can follow the story. They will also learn how to work together as a team. This is the "magic" of Musical Theatre.

The first few weeks will be getting comfortable with each other, reviewing what we learned last year (if they were in MiniStars or Munchkins) and working on drama games, vocal games, and dance warm-ups.

We often use play as a teaching tool in music, dance, and drama, so learning becomes a joy.

We will begin working towards the show "PETER PAN" in October…so tell the children not to panic…we just want to have some fun together first.

WHAT DOES MY CHILD NEED TO BRING TO CLASS AND WHAT SHOULD THEY WEAR?

Your child will be given **a script**, and a **CD with the songs**. They **should bring the script with them every week,** but do not need to bring the CD.

Wear **Dance Pants and t-shirt or Bodysuit and tights** so they can move easily and freely…

Footwear should be either **Jazz shoes, ballet shoes, or soft soled shoes** that either tie or Velcro.

Hair: Girls hair should be pulled up and tied or pony tailed out of their faces and eyes.

Food: a small snack and a bottle of water.

If your child has a cold please send a small pack of **tissues.** If your child has a bad cough please do not send them to class, as viruses travel quickly in a small room.

If you have any questions about anything at all please contact me at 604-374-7061 or email me at elindbjerg@shaw.ca.

I know we are going to have a wonderful time together this year.

Elaine and the Lindbjerg Team