



Welcome to the 2021-2022 dance season. Your child has been selected to be a member of the BLDC competition team. As part of the competition team, you, as their guardian, are a member of BLAST (Body Language Assistance & Support Team). BLAST is the nonprofit parent organization that works for the betterment of our dancers. We work together to create a friendly atmosphere for not only the dancers, but for the parents as well.

We have many ways for you to be involved and would love to have you be a part of our community. We have monthly meetings to help keep parents informed and involved. Meeting dates will be announced once we know more.

We also put together social events for the dancers and parents. Information on these events and more will be coming soon. Our BLAST Facebook page is BLAST 4 BLDC, and while we do post information there, we use email as our primary source of communication. If you would like to change the email we are sending to, please update us at Blast4bldc@gmail.com. We also have a BLAST Instagram account, please follow us at [Blast4bldc](https://www.instagram.com/Blast4bldc).

We also offer many fundraising opportunities. Upcoming fundraising opportunities will be sent to you from Bldcfundraising@gmail.com.

A parent meeting will be held when the competition schedule is released. There will also be an opportunity at this meeting for new parents to be able to ask questions and pick the brains and experience of some of the more "seasoned" parents.

Things to think about for the first week of dance are:

- Please make sure your child has a copy of their dance schedule that they understand, including the name of the teacher and class.
- Make sure that all dancewear and shoes fit properly and are ready for use.
- Send a water bottle, notebook, and writing utensil.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the BLAST board. The current members are:

President: Nolan Brightman

Vice President: Katy Allen-Nyenbrink

Secretary: Kim Beck

Treasurer: Dawn McDonald

Fundraising Chair: Michelle Brightman

Social Planner: Melissa Sefton

Costume Coordinator: Cara Ryan

Volunteer Coordinator: Jen Roosien