

Doll Dictionary

Terms related to dance and drill team specifically for the Columbia Dancin' Dolls

4 count break- a specific section of a dance where the 8-counts break into 4

1,3,5,7- The counts given when we are walking as a team.

Activity Calendar- a calendar handed out each month that tells all Doll activities for that month. This includes performances, meetings, fundraisers, deadlines, etc.

Attention- the command used for getting the team's attention. Hands are placed in a diamond behind your back and you are standing up right, not talking or moving. This is used for roll call, walking line, entering performance area, and any other time complete attention is needed.

B/L- Big & Little sister

Baby Dolls- First year members of the Dancin' Dolls. They are responsible for picking up after practice and carrying equipment to and from practice areas.

Banana Split Party- an incentive party for girls on the team who have achieved both splits. Given the last day of summer practice.

Band Day- occurs every Thursday during football season. Band day is a rehearsal with the band to practice halftime performance (entrance, routine, and exit)

Banquet- an award dinner recognizing the team for various accomplishments

Big Poms- the maroon and silver poms that are issued at the beginning of the year. These are used during football games, pep-rallies, and parades.

Booster Club- a general parent informational meeting held once a month to disseminate vital Doll happenings and other pertinent reminders. Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month in the Doll Room at 6:00 p.m.

Circle up- a ritual done before performances, special recognitions are praised as well as a prayer by the major

commitment- being dedicated to a given task and following through with what you say you are going to do

Compliment circle- an event that happens at the end of each Thursday practice where the team sits in a circle and compliments each on their positive attributes and hard work.

conditioning- a primary function of all warm-up and technique, preparing the body for dancing

Constitution- the basic rules and practices a team is based on. Each member must sign this document each year, making a commitment to the team

crop top- the black long sleeved half top worn underneath the pep-top during cold weather

DBC- an abbreviation for Death by Chocolate Sales. This is a fundraiser done every other month by each line member.

DDBC- an abbreviation used for the Dancin' Doll Booster Club

Daddy Dance- A football game where each girl performs with their dad (or male family member) during halftime. A pre-game dinner is also included on this special night

Dancin Doll of the Week- A girl chosen each week by the military officers for her hard work and great dancing all week at practice. The winner's name is announced before the halftime performance at each football game.

Dancin Dudes- A performance where each Doll must ask a male classmate to dance with them for a pep-rally

Danspiration- Something that inspires you in the dance world. This could be a type of dance, specific movement or jump, or even a person.

Demerits- a consequence given for a negative behavior consisting of a tardy, missing item in roll call, gum or jewelry, unexcused absence from practice or function.

Doll Clinic- is an annual clinic for the elementary age kids in our district. Each officer group is assigned a grade level and teaches the kids from that grade level a dance. These groups then perform at the spring show

Doll Diamond- a position used during entrances and exits where the formation of the hands create a diamond behind the back

execution- the precision and sharpness behind movement

Escorts- the males that travel to football games with the team and set up the seat covers, hand out snacks, take girls to the bathroom, escort you around the track, and protect the team from bad guys.

From the top- a term used to signify to do the dance from the beginning

Field uniform- the maroon, white, and silver uniform that is worn at football games. This is issued at the beginning of the year and must be turned back in at the end of the year.

full-out- a term used to express the level of execution during a performance

Gift Game- the football games where each member brings a small gift for their sister

GSL- Good Sportsmanship League is a group of CHS spirit members including cheer, band, athletic trainers, dazzlers and student council. These members meet on the 50 yd. line during pre-game ceremonies to meet the opposing team. Usually a gift is exchanged along with shaking of hands

Hat cover- a plastic cover that comes with the hat and must be kept on top of the hat when not in use. This should never leave your bag in case of rain!

Hey Dolls- a spirit chant given by the social officers during practices or down times to try and pump the team up

home side- the side of the field/gym where the home side resides

Kilgore- the birthplace of the Rangerettes, one of the most famous drill teams in Texas

Mail box- the place where all important papers and reminders are put. These are located on the wall by the doors entering the dance room.

Manager- a very vital leadership position on the Dolls team. The managers work behind the scenes to organize costumes, music, video and other necessities for our team.

Merits- a positive reward for going above and beyond for the team, i.e. - making cookies, making signs, additional fund-raising, offering assistance.

Military Officer- The six girls chosen to lead the team. They are in charge of taking roll, teaching dances, leading the team on and off the field, and enforcing discipline. They work through Mrs. Jones and must be shown the same respect you show her.

Miss High Kick- an award given to the girl who has the highest kicks with the best technique.

motivation- an intrinsic force enabling your body and mind to achieve great success

Officer group- A group that is led by a military officer. These groups are used to relay information and for group activities.

Packing list- a list given to each doll on the Thursday before the game. This has all the items you will need to bring with you on Friday for the game.

Pom pom poop- the pieces of poms that fall off during practice. This is picked up at the end of practice by the baby dolls.

Recover- the unison way we get up and leave a performance area after the dance is performed. This command is called by the colonel.

respect- something given to Mrs. Jones, the officers, teachers, and each other.

responsibility- the overall goal in being part of the Dancin' Dolls: Can team members balance academics, extra-curricular and personal obligations?

returners- Dancin' Doll veteran team members who are returning for another year

right split- a split where the right leg is in front. Required for all members by the first football game

Roll Call- The line we get in to take roll. Each girl is given a specific roll call number which they will call out once roll call begins.

Run through line- the pre-game parallel lines formed from the end zone towards the 50 yd. line where school song, fight song and National Anthem are performed. This is also where the football team runs through to enter the field

salute- a term used to express acknowledgment, usually used in football season during halftime introductions, can also be used in designated routines

school song- the alma mater for Columbia High School, all Dolls will learn these words and choreography during summer practice.

Senior night- a special football game where senior Dolls and band members are recognized on the field before the game

smile- to embrace life, your team, your ability to dance and perform

Social Officer- the girls chosen to lead all spirit activities on the team. They are in charge of parties, games, decorations, costumes, thank you's, scrapbook, and room organization.

Spirit Doll of the Week- A girl chosen each week by the social officers for high spirit and a great attitude all week at practice. The winner's name is announced before the halftime performance at each football game.

Spring Show- the end of year show featuring all members of the Dancin' Doll organization.

stand lines- the stand formation where rows and columns are essential. This is where we sit and perform during the football game

stand routines- routines taught by the dance officers used during football games and pep rallies, familiar styles are military, funky, pom, cadences

stretch lines- the formation where you sit to stretch

Strutters- One of the most famous drill teams in Texas. They are located at Texas State University

Summer Doll- an award given to the girl who works the hardest and excels the most at summer camp

Team shirt- the shirt that is worn on Fridays that contains the names of the team member on the back

TBA- to be announced

teamwork- working as a cohesive group to achieve a common goal

Two-a-days- the summer practice that consists of conditioning, field work, and practicing of all dances in preparation for football season

visitor side- the side of the field/gym where the away side resides

walking line- the single file line that team members walk in when walking to the field, gym, bus, etc.

warm-ups- (WU's) a designated piece of Doll apparel worn on as a cover-up for a specified event.

yard lines- lines on the football field indicating designated spacing for routines

Yarn Game- a game that is played during summer practice that helps the team bond and learn more about each other

Yes ma'am- a common phrase indicating "I understand, I am in compliance, I get it"