

When Tanya was a little girl, she often wrote about wanting to be a dance teacher when she grew up ~ little did she know that her musings would someday become reality!

Tanya has always been a performer. Throughout her childhood she took dance classes, dreaming of the day she would be a dance teacher. When she got to high school, she added cheerleading to her performance resume. Because her dance studio was 45 miles away from her hometown, she and her family made the 90-mile round trip multiple times a week so that Tanya could continue to grow her passion for dance.

After high school, Tanya attended Montana State University (MSU), earning a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Dance, and dancing with the MSU Dance Team for 4 years. Following graduation, she was hired at Ridgeview Elementary School in Belgrade, MT to teach Kindergarten; that same year, she was offered the MSU Spirit Squad coaching position. While teaching Kindergarten and Coaching the MSU Spirit Squad, a couple of Room Moms in her Kindergarten Classroom approached Tanya about teaching private dance lessons to their children. Of course, the answer was a resounding Yes! Tanya rented out the Belgrade Senior Center during the summer of 2001 to teach dance lessons. In no time, word got out that Miss Tanya was teaching lessons and more students joined. By September of 2001, she had enough dance students that she needed to rent a space in Downtown Belgrade to hold the lessons. By day, Tanya was a Kindergarten School Teacher, by afternoon she was a Studio Dance Teacher and by night she was a College Spirit Squad Coach at MSU. This schedule continued for 3 years, until the time came that the dance studio was busy enough that Miss Tanya decided to resign from Coaching the Spirit Squad. It would be another 2 years before she resigned from Teaching Kindergarten to focus full time on the Dance Studio, and she has not looked back. Miss Tanya will always tell you; she never gave up teaching, she just changed "subjects"!