Dear Parents,

Thanks for a great Dress/Tech Rehearsal day this past Saturday! Parent volunteers were wonderful, and GREATLY appreciated!

Dress/Tech is always a good day for show prep. We worked out audio/visual cues, some of our more complicated staging and travel patterns for combined classes, took notes for final adjustments to be made in the studios this week, made decisions about costume alterations after seeing the kids move in the garments...and, of course, had lots of fun! Our tiniest dancers did such a great job going through backstage procedures and practicing onstage-- *special shout-out to those brave little ones!*

Please be aware we collected some leftover items as we cleared the theater on Saturday night.

Costumes, accessories, water bottles, etc. The kids can look through the lost & found this week to retrieve things they forgot at the venue. If you wrote to us about a forgotten/misplaced item, please consider this our reply. Studio 1 has all things organized for easy identification when the kids come in this week.

ALL PARENTS

Please check your children's bags ASAP to make sure they did not take home someone else's belongings. If so, please send them to the studio with your child this week.

THIS WEEK: MAY 14-16

- 1. Please remember that we have special rehearsals scheduled for all groups.
- 2. The studio will be <u>closed to all</u> except students and staff. We will let students in from the street entrance for entry/dismissal.
- 3. Students should wear their regular dance class uniforms (no costumes) and bring all required dance shoes in bags they can carry themselves.
- 4. Schedule (shared in March) is attached to this message and can be found on page 18 of your Showcase Prep & Procedures guide.

FRIENDLY REMINDER: THE PAW OFFICE IS NOW CLOSED

- 1. As always, at this time of year (and as noted on the calendar included in the Showcase guide) administrative staff is unavailable during the week of the show.
- All hands are on deck to make sure your children feel great about their upcoming performances.
 Please allow us the time and space to <u>completely</u> focus on them.
- 3. We are also wrapping up all showcase related tasks to ensure a smooth-running event, and joyful experience for all in attendance.

- 4. We are confident that all we need you to know for your family's successful participation in our culminating event is included in the Showcase Prep & Procedures Guide, so please keep it handy.
- 5. We have several reminder e-mails scheduled via the Class Manager parent portal throughout this week, to help keep everyone on track, so no worries-- WE GOT YOU!
- 6. As an additional aide, we've separated and linked <u>all information related to our showcase</u> on a private page of our <u>website</u>.

FINAL CALL FOR TIGHTS

- 1. If we placed a courtesy order for you last week, we will send your kiddos home with their tights at dismissal from their rehearsal this week.
- 2. We have a few extra pairs of light suntan convertible/full foot tights available in the following sizes: 1 pair in medium child; 3 pairs in medium adult; 1 pair in large adult.
- 3. We have a few extra pairs of light suntan footless tights (ideal for acro dance) in the following sizes: 3 pairs in medium child; 1 pair in large child; 2 pairs in small adult; 1 pair in extra large adult.
- 4. If you'd like us to hold a pair of tights for you in a size noted above, please reply to this message and send \$9 child size/\$10.50 adult size in a sealed envelope (exact change) with your child for rehearsal this week. First come, first serve.
- 5. Pro Tip: As it is too late both the studio and our families to place new orders in time for the show on Friday, please visit your nearest Capezio, Block, Sansha or Danskin retailer (all in Manhattan) if you are still in need of proper dance tights and/or other skin-tone undergarments. Find a color match closest to your child's skin tone and/or tan dance shoes.

1ST COSTUMES FOR STUDENTS IN MULTIPLE PRESENTATIONS

Please make note of the costume your child should arrive in if they have 2 or more costumes (listed in order below). if your child has one costume, they should arrive to the venue on Friday in that costume.

- UNSPEAKABLE JOY
- FLOWERS IN THE GARDEN
- SHELL SHOCKED
- WE'RE TAKIN' OVER
- BANDSTAND BOOGIE
- ALICE'S DREAM

We truly cannot believe that we are just a few days away from the end of our 12th season in JC. While the show is *just a snippet* of everything your children have accomplished this year, we are the most excited we've ever been to put on our season-end production. Here we go, Fam!!!

Warmly,

Jaime, George, Rachel, Krystal & Hiroko