

May 26, 2023

Greetings PAW Fam!

After taking some time off, it's been an incredible morning of reading beautiful messages from so many of you. Thank you so very much for your kindness, and for being so generous of heart. Your kiddos are amazing and we love every single one of them beyond measure.

It's difficult to pinpoint a favorite moment from the 2023 Spring Showcase, but there are a few things which stand out in my mind—

We had pre-teens backstage who jumped right in to help with costume changes for younger students, as if they were professional backstage dressers— thank you Madison E. , Chloe L., Alison T., Rosie W.!

There were some adorable, improvisational moments from our preschoolers, while ALL of them were so brave and self-assured, and we were so proud!

Our Company Kids raced through a zillion quick changes so younger students in multiple classes would have more time to change their costumes— thanks, dancers!

Then there was all of the love on display throughout the whole evening between students, staff and families. Enough to make my heart burst into a million, tiny pieces.

When the adults responsible for young people tell me that we make them feel important; that our studio is a like a second home or safe haven; and they feel most happy, most confident, most themselves when they dance with us...that is the best feedback I could hope for. It's truly the whole point— it's about people first. Some of our students may decide to turn their passions into a career, but our primary goal is for ALL of our students to take the lessons they have learned and their experiences at our studio to improve the quality of their lives. My team and I feel a tremendous responsibility to nurture their individuality, guard their uniqueness and encourage authenticity. We are all so grateful to know that you see that, and support us.

The end to our 2022-23 season was a beautiful and emotional one, saying goodbye to beloved members of our PAW Fam; and while holding back tears, I neglected to thank a few very important people after final bows including my husband, George Giordanella the Super Hero, and our alumni volunteers— Emery Hofmann, Amelie Mentha, Olive Moulaison, Vanessa Poznar and Fia Seminowicz— who participated in keeping the backstage experience organized, helped with costume changes and assisted supervision of our little ones, ensuring their comfort, safety and happiness throughout the evening.

I would like to say a personal thank you for all of the flowers, cards and gifts I received from your kiddos at the end of the night. Such beautiful gestures which mean a great deal to me.

Be on the lookout for a Dropbox link to all showcase media within the next 4 weeks. If we can get it to everyone sooner, we absolutely will.

Thank you again for a beautiful 11th season. Have a great end to the school year and a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

Jaime, George, Sophie, Jenn, Rachel & Alec