



WHERE IN THE WORLD WILL GROSSI DANCE & PERFORMING ARTS TAKE YOU?

Hello, GD&PAA families and friends!

February is upon us, with its glittery snow patterns and sequin ice lace... and as Patience Strong said:

*While it is February one can taste the full joys of anticipation. Spring stands at the gate with her finger on the latch.*

We know that while the winter months appear to be long, spring will be here before we know it; the buds are already showing their eagerness.

Classes and choreography in the GD&PAA studios are budding as we all prepare for our spring Showcase. Costumes full of sequins, glitter and rich colors are arriving daily; adding to the excitement of classes and rehearsals. The teamwork between teachers and students to

absorb the curriculum concepts and themes is inspiring- with many moments of laughter, trial and error, anticipation and the promise of what will be presented in June- much like the month of February!

*In the coldest February, as in every other month in every other year, the best thing to hold on to in this world is each other. Linda Ellerbee*

In this frost-filled month, we wish you and your family many warm moments of kindness; the true light of life to brighten the winter days!

***Ms. Linda & the Staff of GD&PAA***

**VALENTINE LOVE**

Valentine's Day may be one day, but the spirit of love in February is every day at GD&PAA. There's so much joy in our studios and it warms my heart to see how much

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admiration and respect we see between the students and the staff! Is there something or someone special you love and appreciate in your life? Share your thoughts on our 'HEARTS TREE' for February!

**COMMUNITY LOVE** This month, we will be collecting water and protein packed can goods for the HVCC Food Pantry to share with our neighboring friends in need. We thank you in advance for your generous spirit for those and any non-perishable food items.





### **SNOWFLAKE CONTEST**

The second annual Snowflake decorating contest is on! Decorate your snowflakes with crayons, glitter and other creative effects. There will be three winners in three age groups!

### **FRIENDS TO CLASS WEEK**

will be **February 11-16**. Bring your siblings or friends to classes; show your GD&PAA spirit and wear anything red or pink, and enjoy a fun time exercising and sharing your dances and musical theatre talents!

### **NEED A VALENTINE'S GIFT?**

Visit our GD&PAA On-Line Store! Find class dance wear and attire and have everything delivered directly to your door! Go to our website and click on the dropdown for [customizedgirl.com](http://customizedgirl.com). There's all kinds of new items to help show your GDPAA Hearts and Love and to get ready for SHOWTIME!

### **NADAA CONVENTION:**

The next NADAA workshop will be Sunday, March 3rd at the Sheraton at Bradley. Fees (\$55) and waiver forms are due by Friday, February 8th for early registration and \$65 at the door.

**CONGRATS** to our GDPAA students, Ryan Brass and McKenna Lerch for receiving

NADAA **Merit Awards** from the January 13th convention! Several of our dances were also nominated- keep up the great work! We are proud of you all!

**COSTUMES** will be arriving in the months ahead for our Showcase scheduled for June 7th & 8th at Rockville High School. Please take a peek at the 'Look Book' in the next few weeks to see the snazz and pizazz!

### **WHERE IN THE WORLD WILL GD&PAA TAKE YOU?**

Will you be next? Send in a picture of you anywhere in the world wearing any GD&PAA spirit wear item and your name will be entered for the drawing!

### **FUNDRAISER**

We have a fundraiser through Munson candy starting this month. Please see Lisa or Diane for information and forms. Proceeds will be split between the scholarship fund and student accounts.

