

Hello, GD&PAA families!

Welcome to the 55th Anniversary Season of GDPAА! It's been quite a 'Journey to 55' through the decades~ with many different styles of music, dance, costumes and outfits (along with all kinds of events) from the late 60's to 2023! Thank you to our new families for joining us this season and a special thank you to all those who have been returning for many years! We truly appreciate that you chose GDPAА and look ahead to an exciting and extraordinary year!

STUDIO STUFF...

Teachers and students are enjoying cooler air, clearer skies, and all things autumn, and watching the dancers eagerly getting to know each other and the staff. Fall curriculum and concepts bring learning leaps, jumps, turns and technique with a whole lot of fun, creative, and inspiring steps along the way. We look forward to seeing their progress artistically, athletically, and aesthetically along the way while keeping our 'Cool Character & Powerful Personality Traits' in mind this season. October brings the first trait: *Responsibility* into our class time discussions- with the staff and students sharing times when they showed this quality and how it made a change in their life or someone else's!

Congrats to our 2023-2024 GDPAА Performance Company members! It was great to see so many new faces at the auditions with instant friendships made. These talented and vivacious dancers showed their strength, sophistication and powerful performance attributes, and wowed the judges all night! Please see their names posted on the dancers' note-board in the waiting room. Thank You to

our staff and judges for their time at the auditions. We appreciate you all!

Costume deposits & Showcase Insurance fees are due & have been posted to your accounts- and we will be measuring performers during the month ahead. The showcase dates are reserved at Rockville High School for Dress Rehearsal on June 7, and two shows with some different casting (similar to what we did in 2023), on June 8, 2024.

COACHES CORNER...

GDT coaches Miss Courtney, Ms. Monica and Miss Janelle extend big Congrats! to all the dancers who joined us this year; familiar faces and brand-new ones as well! Everyone is looking forward to a super successful season and choreography and rehearsals have already begun. The first team-building event was the GDT Bake Sale with delicious and delectable delights sold to help raise 'fun-funds' and donations to Pennies for Pirouettes for ST. Francis Cancer Center~ Thank you to the dancers (and moms!) for organizing this! Keep your eyes out for more family friendly fun times to come.

BIG NEWS...

We are looking for dancers and families who are willing to help organize a GDPAА Halloween Trunk or Treat~ Please reach out if you are able and have ideas to share!

Community Voice Channel will be showing our 2023 showcase, "Another Day of Sun" on their channels: Comcast-1070 & Frontier-6013! Ms. Diane will email dates and times that we will be featured.

Happy Autumn! Ms. Linda & Staff

OCTOBER AT A GLANCE:

Oct. 1-31st: Pennies for Pirouettes!

Students do pirouettes or turns and donate loose change (or dollars!) to benefit St. Francis Cancer Center. We donated \$200 last season...can we turn more this time?

Oct. 9th: Columbus Day- studios are closed.

Oct. 7th: NADAA fee due for Nov. 19th convention~ Open to ALL GDPAA dancers!

Oct. 9th-14th: Wear **PINK** WEEK (or any day!) to support Breast Cancer Awareness month & donate to the Penny Jar!

Oct. 16th-22st: Bring a Friend to Class Week!

Oct. 23rd-28th: Wear your danceable Halloween costumes to class- & gift cards will be given to the most original & creative in each age category!