

An Open letter to the parents of Dance Step,

My daughter Emily graduates from Dance Step tonight, on this, her 15th recital. I have watched her grow from a 2 year old, with tights too big, or buns that fall apart, to a strong beautiful young lady, with the help and direction provided by Miss Maria and her studio.

I will miss the Zoester, Megan, Markella stories, the trips to Plainville, for tights, shoes and bobbie pins But most of all, I will miss these recitals. Spring is the best time of the year here in Berlin. Full of All-star games, art shows, concerts, plays and recitals. We parents get to see growth, accept the fact that our children are maturing at sometimes too rapid a pace, but regardless, they are improving in what they love to do.

I am proud of what my daughter has become, and what she has learned at Dance Step the past 15 years. Poise, hard work, respect for others, her posture and the appreciation of teamwork, are just a few of the positive attributes she has acquired. Also, she has made some great friends along the way, who have shared in her trip.

Miss Maria and her staff, teach more than just dance. Life lessons which will help your children become better people in our community. Qualities and traits that will better equip them for the real world.

I told Miss Maria 10 years ago, that it takes a village to grow a child. We are lucky to count Miss Maria as part of our village. Take advantage of our edge here in Berlin, keep your son or daughter in her program, like me, you will be proud one day of how it turns out for you and your child.

Respectfully Yours,

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