

The DISCOVER DANCE Experience

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Today, we got a sneak peak of the 4th grade dances from Daniel Bagley Elementary. There are 40 students that have been working for two and a half months with their teacher, Laura, and their hard work shows. One dance reminded us of water, and the other has sharp movements with disco music. The choreography was very creative and unique, and we enjoyed it very much. During the rehearsal the students listen to Laura and after each practice they discuss movements and what they can improve.

“Before, I had
major stage fright.
But after I
performed in front
of 2,000 people I
knew I could do
anything.”
-5th grader

The dance by students in Mr. Bauer’s and Mrs. Stackhouse’s classes is about portraits. All of the students in the class like water and used this for inspiration. They start like an ocean at the beginning and finish with smooth, water-like movement. One memorable part is the wave. It really brings out the effect and flow of the water theme in the music. The choreography is very unique.

Laura also helped the students from Mr. Moore’s and Mr. Roos’ classes make a dance that matched their theme, self portraits. In the dance, you can look for sharp movement, lots of switching into different groups, and some lifts! The dancers use balance, teamwork and expressions to perform the dance. Sometimes they have to stay still and listen to the music to know what the right timing is. There is lots of great movement and excitement.

The 4th graders have been working really hard on their dances. Most of the students had very little dance experience, if any at all. “I am excited to dance at McCaw Hall, because I enjoy dance,” said one of the 4th graders. Another added, “I thought it would be girly, but it is really fun.” “We learned slow and fast speeds, and high, middle, and low levels which we use in our dance.” Another student said, “Our class thought of some of the combinations, like sauté, sauté, echappé.”

“I am confident
about the dance and
ready for the big
show!”

-4th grader

While we were taking notes, it reminded us of our experience with PNB. We thought DISCOVER DANCE was awesome, and we wanted to do it again. We remembered how quiet the audience was and then how much they clapped and enjoyed our dance. It was really fun. We also shared some of our advice with the 4th graders before the performance:

*Time will fly on stage – so have fun!
I felt so free to dance on stage at McCaw Hall.
It’s a great feeling after you perform.
Try your hardest and do not give up.*

We hope you will enjoy the DISCOVER DANCE Performance!

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