

## Dear Armstrong School of Dance Families and Friends,

Where do I begin? I suppose 30 years ago . . . When I opened the studio 30 years ago in 1994, I told myself I would “try it” to see if I could make a go of it, for, throughout my previous years as a dancer I taught dance to young children in many cities and fell in love with them instantly.

Throughout the years I have developed my curriculum and teaching style constantly changing with the times to mold my program around the local youth here in upstate New York. I am known to teach not only dance but also life lessons through dance and life experiences. I believe in structure, commitment, consequences, hard work and praise when it is due. I believe in the fundamentals of ballet, tap and jazz techniques that have all brought my program to where it is today.

This community has been good to me and my husband and I feel fortunate that we have been able to raise our 4 children here, both with successful small businesses in the community. Ithaca is a special place.

Thank you parents, thank you dancers, thank you to my family, and thank you to my staff for being a collective part of Armstrong School of Dance.

I love what I do and am truly grateful for all of you!  
-Karen



### FUN FACTS

*What has Karen been doing all these years?! . . .*

1. How many competitions has Karen brought her dancers to?
2. How many community performances has she volunteered her dancers performing at?
3. How many times has Armstrong School of Dance been in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade?
4. How many hair ties does Karen and staff hand out yearly?
5. Who's been teaching Dance Education the longest in Tompkins County history?

