

ruth williams

Dear Ms Williams,

We wanted to take a few moments to thank you for your hospitality and for sharing your life stories with us. We were fascinated to hear about your history, struggles and successes. We learned a lot about how hard it is to be a leader, establish an important cultural institution, and teach so many others about life and the discipline of dance.

Many times we are unaware of the unsung “sheroes” who are responsible for keeping dreams and traditions alive in our communities. We are glad we had the chance to meet you. You are truly a treasure.

May your studios always be filled with eager dancers for generations to come.

**Sincerely,
The Beacon School Students**

She talks like a queen of dance,
confident and believable,
understanding and caring.

She teaches children to approach their dreams,
teaches children
and gives them confidence.

Sweet as a Laffy Taffy
and as bright as “bling-bling,”
Ruth Williams loves dance
as much as I love my family.

That’s how she made her dance school
a beautiful work of art.

— **Tanjuanika Thomas, G.P. Brown Computer School**

Dance

Her silvery grey hair
Just a glimpse of her wisdom.
For over fifty years,
She’s given Harlem rhythm.
Grandmother to all,
She teaches with open arms.
Yes, Ruth Williams,
You are the true
Harlem bomb.

— **Anthony Flores, Beacon High School**

Anyone can learn how to dance,
That’s what she believes.
Patient, with a respect for everyone.
Active and very smart.
Small and brave and quiet.
She has taught people how to dance,
And now they’ll carry on her business.

— **Alycia Brown, G.P. Brown Computer School**