

THIS IS WHAT I LOVE

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This is it the day I've been waiting for, this is the day my whole life will change, this is the day when I found my love. Before I get ahead of myself let me start from the very beginning. Hi, I'm Britney Larkins, and I'm a sixth grader at HRMS. So, I just found out that HRMS is having a group dance contest, and I really want to sign up but there are multiple problems! First, I need a group I don't have many friends, only my best friend Chelsea and she's a dancer which is a super bonus, but the competition rules are three or more in a group which means we need another person. Problem two is the last time I danced I was in kindergarten and that was to do the wobble where I almost fell in front of 200 people! One week until the contest, so Chelsea and I made a five-step plan to win the contest. Step one finds another dancer, step two work on our choreography, Step three find awesome costumes, Step four Rehearse, Rehearse, Rehearse, and finally step five perform. The next day was the start of the plan Chelsea and I had three girls in mind hopefully one of them said yes. First, was Mary Billicoft she was a prima ballerina, but right when we went up to her, she said she was already in a group. Next, was Jacey Oneal she was a great at salsa, but she wasn't a salsa dancer she was just great at making salsa. Last, was Julie Klark she was a gymnast, but most gymnasts can dance but this gymnast was not one of

them. So, we were behind just hopefully not for long. Then a girl who I would sometimes pass in the hallway came up she was Mckayla Adams, and I don't know if this was a sign, but she asked if she could be a part of our group. We didn't know if she could dance but what is the worst that could happen, so we said yes. We met up at my house and started our choreography! Turns out that she was a very talented dancer, so that was a great thing. Now we're on step two which we already finish on half of our dance we were on a roll. Step three awesome costumes, so we didn't have money to buy brand new costumes so instead we made them. Chelsea's grandma knew how to sew and already had fabric and they turn out so cute. We have two days left, and we were on step four rehearse. We went to Mckayla's house which was huge she even had her own dance room! So, it was 4:30pm and I thought we were going to practice until 8:30pm and I guess Chelsea and Mckayla thought that was too long. Then everything went horrible. Mckayla wasn't wanted to do a jump instead of a leap, Chelsea wanted to leave, and we weren't even finished with our dance yet. This was not in the plan, and we just left with a 75% finished dance, everyone upset, and limited amount of time. When I got home, I just knew first to record myself with the full dance I had in mind and sent it to Chelsea and Mckayla with an apology note. Next day we met up in the gym, and I pulled some strings with the gym coach basically meaning I'll be doing a lot of push-ups in the future, but we got an hour of time. We were in the gym for five minutes and the girls practice

the dance last night. We made a lot of process, and we were 100% done with the dance. After a full hard school day, we decided that we were going to rest for the big day. The big day the girls and I met up at the commons backstage, and we got ready. We were last to go, which was good and bad. Good we checked out all the competitions, bad we got psyched out by the competition. One more number before we go, and I don't know if it was my nervousness, but I freaked out and ran to the restroom. All these memories from kindergarten came back, and stage fright was all over me. Then Chelsea came to talk to me, but she said one thing the only person that's in your way is you. I don't know what got into me, but I just thought let's do this. We were right on time, and then we went out and performed and we killed it no mess ups, no off beat, and we didn't fall, at that exact moment is when I fell in love with dance. We finish and then it was time to see 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. 3rd place was Mary Billicoft and her prima ballerina group. 2nd was us, not first but we still killed it and did a fantastic job. 1st was Janelle James who was a very rich non talented girl. Then out of no wear a girl on Janelle's team said to everyone that Janelle's rich dad paid 2 out of 3 of the judges. When that happened, they were disqualified which made us the 1st place champions! We won and I just cried with joy and we were in a group hug and I say this was worth it!