

# LEAP DANCER

LITTLE LEAPERS & LEAP PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

## PLAN YOUR YEAR

Never miss out on events happening at the studio!

LEAP COMPANY  
CHEER WORKSHOP  
ANNIVERSARY BALL  
SUMMER CAMPS



SPRING PRODUCTION  
LITTLE MERMAID

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# CLASSES BEGIN MONDAY JANUARY 15, 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

We can't wait to start classes this week! Last semester we hit a huge milestone with our sixth year anniversary of the Nutcracker, performed at the Moss Arts Center. With your help and your dancers' talents, it was a huge success! This year was the first time that we added flying and pyrotechnics, in addition to our children's choir and live orchestra into the production. Our productions have always been community based, but this past year truly embraced that sentiment, with guest performances from the Blacksburg Chinese School and New River Irish School. It amazes me that people are still talking about how wonderful it was! Congratulations! That gives us even more reason to get excited about our upcoming Spring production of....Little Mermaid!

In this issue you will find some important info for your dance class at Little Leapers and LEAP Performing Arts Academy. Including important dates, policies and events.

This week back to classes we will invite you into class for the first five minutes to meet your teacher and discuss what your child will be learning this semester.

We have a lot coming up this semester, and we want to insure that you are informed of all of our exciting opportunities. Including, our Spring Production of The Little Mermaid!

**How to stay informed |** We strive to make your experience at Little Leapers as convenient and easy as possible. We will always notify you of all upcoming events and important dates. We will consistently send out emails via our constant contact, please make sure that you are accepting all emails from our list serv. If you do not feel that you are receiving our emails, please ask us how to re-join. We also share all announcements on Facebook, website and via email.

In addition to emails, facebook posts, and take home notices, you may always communicate with us and other parents via our Facebook Parents' Forum:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/littleleapersblacksburgparents/>

If you ever have questions concerning tuition, billing or registration please feel free contact us (info@thelittleleapers.com / 540-200-8573).

We ask that everyone see us at the front desk this first week to confirm contracts, emergency contact information and waivers.

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# ARRIVE IN STYLE AND PREPARED



## DRESS CODE

### My Little Shadow, Fairy Tale Ballet, and Little Prima Ballerina

Students in these levels may wear whatever makes them comfortable. We suggest a leotard, tights (if they're willing), skirt / tutu, and proper ballet slippers.

Suggested level colors:

Little Prima Ballerina: light pink

### Attire for Ballet 1-5

We prefer our level 1 and up students wear proper ballet attire, including a leotard (see suggested-but not required-colors below), tights (not required until Ballet 2), and ballet slippers, and hair in a bun (required for level 3 and up)

Suggested leotard colors:

Little Prima Ballerina: Light pink

Ballet 1: White

Ballet 2: Turquoise

Ballet 3: Purple

Ballet 4: Magenta

Ballet 5: Navy Blue

### Tap Classes (including Ballet/Tap & Jazz/Tap combo)

Tap shoes are required.

Suggested tap shoe colors:

Tac on Tap: Tan

Little Tapping Ballerina: Tan

Ballet/Tap 1: Tan

Tap/Jazz 2: Black or Tan Tap & Jazz

Tap 2: Black / Tan

Tap 3: Black

Tap 4: Black

### Broadway, Lyrical, Jazz, Turns & Leaps

Comfortable dance attire. Suggested: tan tights, dance shorts, leotard, dance paws (lyrical/jazz/turns and leaps), jazz shoes (Broadway /jazz).

### Boys Ballet

Black Jazz or Ballet slippers. Comfortable workout attire (suggested: Black pants and black top).

### Attire for Hip Hop

Comfortable attire. Suggested: leggings, t-shirt/top, and clean sneakers (to not track dirt into studio)

*Crop tops with exposed bare midriffs are not allowed.*

**NEED SHOES, TIGHTS OR LEOTARDS?  
WE CARRY ALL THAT YOUR CHILD NEEDS AT OUR  
BOUTIQUE, FROM LEOTARDS, TIGHTS, AND SHOES.**

## LOG INTO YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT

Our online system, *Mind Body Online*, is a great tool to view your account, pay tuition, and sign up for classes/events.

Take a moment to look at your account and ensure your information is correct.  
<https://clients.mindbodyonline.com/classic/admhome?studioid=47806>

## INCLIMATE WEATHER POLICY

We do NOT follow MCPS for inclement weather delays or cancellations so be sure to check our social media announcements, and text message notifications. In the case of bad weather during class, we suggest parking for pick up at the top of the hill, on the side of the road.

## STUDIO PRIDE

Studio Requests | When in the lobby, please be mindful and clean up after yourselves; avoid eating/drinking foods that may spill and stain | No food, soda or gum in the classroom | If you need to use the restroom during a class, please travel quietly and swiftly through the studio | We encourage younger children use the restroom before class.



**ALL BLACKSBURG CLASSES HELD AT PROFESSIONAL PARK LOCATION  
101 PROFESSIONAL PARK DR., STE 301, BLACKSBURG, VA 24060**

# EVENTS

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**January 14:** LEAP Company Auditions  
**January 15:** Classes begin  
TBA Cheer Workshop

**February 5:** TBA Workshop  
TBA Princess Ball

**February 25:** Spring Show Auditions

**March 5-10:** Classes closed for Spring Break

**April 9-14:** Bring Daddy to class Week

**April 30- May 5:** Bring Mommy to Class Week

**May 12:** Dress Rehearsal

**May 13:** Spring Show, Little Mermaid

**May 14-19:** Skirt Evaluation Week

**May 19th:** Classes End\*

\*Please note our original end date was for May 12th. However, with a missed week for spring break, we have amended the date to extend one more week.

## LEAP PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY

This year, we have added our LEAP Performing Arts Company, featuring our Junior, Senior and Apprentice Companies. LEAP Company provides performance, leadership, and outreach for students looking for a pre-professional dance opportunity.

Company is an intensive training program that cultivates advanced dance technique and leadership skills for pre-teens and teens. It is our goal to not only teach members the importance of knowledge and execution of dance technique, but hold them accountable in teamwork and leadership activities. Company is open to Level 3 and up.

Missed auditions? We will be having Company auditions in August.



## SPRING PRODUCTION: THE LITTLE MERMAID

**May 13th (Dress Rehearsal - May 12th)**

This year we will be celebrating our sixth spring production, to the theme of "The Little Mermaid". All of our students will learn a routine for this recital in class, to be performed on May 13th. (Performing is optional.) **Is one dance not enough for your little performer?** We will hold auditions for students interested in performing in a production role, or a coveted lead role. Auditions for additional roles: February 25th.



## PRINCESS BALL

**Date TBD**

Accompany your little princess or prince to an evening full of dancing, dinner, and entertainment! Take photos with real live princesses and even learn how to waltz!



## CHEER WORKSHOP

**Date TBD**

Join us for our third annual cheer workshop experience learning Cheer and Dance! This is a two day clinic starting Saturday with performance at the Virginia Tech Basketball game half time on Sunday.

Members: \$25

Non-members: \$30



## PRIVATE LESSON + OPEN STUDIO SATURDAYS

Not only can you book private lessons with an instructor to fit your schedule; now you can save on a private lesson and enjoy open studio!



## EVALUATIONS

We recognize our students' desire to reach and achieve personal goals. To help promote these goals and create a sense of comradely and leadership, we offer an evaluation program. This program consists of a ranked Ballet skirt system, much like you would see with Karate Belts. The color of a skirt indicates a dancer's ability to correctly demonstrate and/or portray their understanding of specific dance steps expected of each level. Each step forward represents a further accumulation of skills and knowledge.



## BOYS (AGE 8 UP) DANCE FOR FREE

All boys ages 8+ interested in taking ballet get to dance for FREE! Boys will enjoy their own ballet class, as well as learning pas de deux (partnering).