



## Spring Season Info

This 16 week session begins on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> and concludes with our Spring Dance Recital on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Our Spring break will be Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>–Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>. If classes are canceled due to inclement weather, we will send out make up class information ASAP. We follow the Carroll County Public School (CCPS) System for canceling classes. If CCPS are canceled, then all classes are canceled. If CCPS are delayed, morning classes will be delayed or canceled and evening classes will be evaluated by 3pm with an email sent out to parents, as well as updates provided on our Merritt Dance Facebook group in

the Merritt Clubs Eldersburg Facebook page. If a student is absent due to illness or travel, please contact your instructor directly or Dance Director, Chrissy Dawson at [cdawson@merrittclubs.com](mailto:cdawson@merrittclubs.com) to schedule a make-up time. We will end the session with a dress rehearsal on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and recital on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Instructors will reach out with more details for the performance. A recital fee of \$165 is due March 1 if you are participating in the spring recital. If you have a dancer in multiple classes or siblings in the dance program, each additional recital fee is \$85.

## Class Descriptions

### BALLET/TAP

This class focuses on the fundamental elements of ballet technique and performance. Dancers will concentrate on body alignment, flexibility, and muscle control. In their tap portion of class dancers will learn how to use their feet to make different rhythms and sounds.

### JAZZ

Jazz class will focus on learning proper dance technique such as isolations of the body, improving performance quality and developing complex rhythms and patterns. Students will be exposed to various styles of jazz such as Broadway, Street and Contemporary to help develop a well-rounded dancer.

### HIP HOP

Dancers will learn various hip-hop styles and body awareness to age appropriate music. Dancers will gain self-confidence, learn hip hop dances from the past all the way to today's popular dances, and have fun! Some of our choreography will include the free, rhythmic and fun tones of jazz dance to increase dancer's movement across the floor.

### INTRO TO DANCE

For ages 2-5, this class will educate the beginner student in ballet, tap, and creative movement. Fundamentals of technique will get your child started on the right foot.

### COMPANY

In this class, dancers will learn technique and choreography for several different genres including but not limited to Tap, Jazz, Broadway, and Lyrical Contemporary. Dancers who would like to be considered for this class must be approved by the Dance Director prior to enrolling.

### ADULT TAP

For dancers of all levels who want to build musicality, coordination, and confidence while having fun. Dancers will explore technique, across-the-floor progressions, and upbeat choreography that blends traditional tap style with modern flair.

## Pricing

### 30-MINUTE CLASS

**Members:** \$229

**Non-Members:** \$269

### 45-MINUTE CLASS

**Members:** \$279

**Non-Members:** \$329

### 60-MINUTE CLASS

**Members:** \$329

**Non-Members:** \$379

### 90 MINUTE CLASS

**Members:** \$469

**Non-Members:** \$499

## Class Safety Procedures

- Limited class sizes for spacing and physical distancing
- Limited hands-on assist
- Parents/family members will not be allowed in the studios
- Please store all dance apparel and shoes in a bag. Coats, hats, gloves, etc. are not allowed in the studios. There are lockers located in the hallway by the family changing rooms or in the locker rooms for these items.
- Please help us keep the class flow going by having your child use the restroom prior to class.



## Classes

For more information, contact Chrissy Dawson  
410.549.8855 x9047 at [cdawson@merrittclubs.com](mailto:cdawson@merrittclubs.com).

### TUESDAY

5:00pm–5:30pm Intro to Dance (Ages 2–3)  
5:30pm–6:30pm Jazz/Hip Hop (Ages 7–9)  
6:30pm–7:30pm Hip Hop (Ages 9–12)  
  
5:30pm–6:15pm Tap/Ballet (Ages 3–5)  
6:30pm–7:15pm Hip Hop/Jazz (Ages 4–6)  
7:30pm–8:30pm Adult Tap (Ages 18+)

### WEDNESDAY

9:30am–10:00am Intro to Dance (Ages 2–3)  
5:00pm–5:30pm Intro to Dance (Ages 2–3)  
5:30pm–6:15pm Tap/Ballet (Ages 3–5)  
6:15pm–7:15pm Hip Hop/Jazz (Advanced\*)  
7:15pm–8:45pm Company (Advanced\*)  
  
5:30pm–6:15pm Hip Hop/Jazz (Ages 6–8)  
6:30pm–7:15pm Tap/Ballet (Ages 5–7)

### THURSDAY

5:00pm–5:45pm Tap/Ballet Combo (Ages 4–6)  
6:00pm–6:45pm Hip Hop/Jazz (Ages 5–7)  
7:00pm–8:30pm Company (Junior\*)

### SATURDAY

9:30am–10:00am Intro to Dance (Ages 2–4)  
10:15am–11:00am Tap/Jazz (Ages 4–6)  
11:00am–12:00am Tap/Jazz (Ages 7–9)

*\*Please contact the Dance Director before  
registering for an Advanced class or Company class.*

## Policies

Please make sure your dancer has used the restroom and is dressed prior to class. Please no gum or snacks. Water bottles with water welcome in the dance studio.

Please make sure dancers don't have any dangling jewelry and have appropriate attire on for class. Parents/ guardians are welcome to stay in the club and wait for child in designated waiting area. Please avoid sitting in the class with your child as this can distract them and the instructor. Please be on time for pick up as the instructor may have another class right after and cannot watch the child. Refunds/credits will not be offered for missed classes. Email will be the primary form of communication. You can also follow the Merritt Dance Group on the Merritt Clubs Eldersburg Facebook page for program information and updates. If you have any questions please ask!

## Attire

### BALLET/TAP/INTRO TO DANCE

**Girls:** Leotard, tights, ballet and tap shoes, hair in bun or tight ponytail

**Boys:** Black pants, white shirt, ballet and tap shoes

### HIP HOP

**All Students:** Fitted black pants, tights, or athletic style long pants, fitted or tucked in solid color t-shirt, socks and sneakers (please no dresses or shorts)

### JAZZ/ COMPANY

**All Students:** Leotard, tights or form fitting long pant, tank top or fitted shirt, Jazz shoes, foot undies (barefoot is also allowed), hair in bun or tight ponytail

## To Register:

1. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/MerrittEldDance>
2. Click on "REGISTER TO BE A DANCER" (under Pick a class).
3. Fill out the camper application and choose Merritt Dance to locate class days and times.

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