

# Maple Valley School of Ballet

2011-2012 School Year

Dear Maple Valley School of Ballet Families,

With this school year, we are experiencing exciting, new changes. With the addition of a second location, we are able to expand our offerings for younger students, beginners, adults, and performance opportunities. Please do not hesitate to ask questions regarding this next year.

Inside this packet you will find the following:

- your student's class placement
- school year calendar
- uniform requirements
- school policies
- class schedule
- tuition schedule
- registration form

Registration for returning students will be accepted beginning June 1st.  
Registration for new students will be accepted starting July 1st.

If you have any questions, please contact the school.  
Thank You, and we look forward to seeing you all again next year!

Jessica Hamblen-Klepper  
Director, Maple Valley School of Ballet



## Class Placement for the 2011-12 School Year

Students aged 3 1/2 to nine years of age, are placed into classes strictly based on age.

Parent and Child Creative Movement	6 months +
Creative Ballet	4 years old
Pre Ballet A	Kindergarten
Pre Ballet B	1st Grade
Level 1	2nd Grade
Level 2	3rd Grade

Students in the 4th grade and up are placed individually according to their technical ability, as well as maturity.

Students should expect to spend two years each in Level 2, Level 3, and Level 4

Students will not be accepted into Levels 2-5 after October 1st.

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*student's name*

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*assigned class level for 2011-12 school year*

## MVSB Class Schedule, 2011-2012 School Year

\*subject to change\*

### Creative Ballet, Pre Ballet, and Level 1 classes meet once a week.

Parent and Child Friday 10:00-10:45 Diamond Square

Creative Ballet Monday 4:30-5:15 Lake Sawyer  
 Thursday 10:30-11:15 Diamond Square  
 Thursday 5:30-6:15 Lake Sawyer  
 Saturday 9:00-9:45 Diamond Square

Pre Ballet A Monday 5:15-6:15 Lake Sawyer  
 Thursday 4:30-5:30 Lake Sawyer  
 Saturday 9:45-10:45 Diamond Square

Pre Ballet B Tuesday 5:45-6:45 Lake Sawyer  
 Wednesday 4:30-5:30 Lake Sawyer  
 Saturday 11:00-12:00 Diamond Square

Level 1 Tuesday 4:30-5:45 Lake Sawyer  
 Wednesday 5:30-6:45 Lake Sawyer

### Level 2-5 meet twice a week.

Level 2 Monday, Wednesday 6:15-7:30 Diamond Square  
 Level 3 Monday, Wednesday 4:15-6:15 Diamond Square  
 Level 4 Tuesday, Thursday 4:15-6:15 Diamond Square  
 Level 5 Tuesday, Thursday 6:20-8:50 Diamond Square

### Modern Dance classes meet once a week.

Modern A Tuesday 6:45-7:45 Lake Sawyer  
 Modern B Wednesday 6:45-8:15 Lake Sawyer  
 Modern C Monday 6:30-8:15 Lake Sawyer

\*Modern C is only available to students also enrolled in ballet.

### Open Classes meet once a week and are available to students 13 years of age and older

Open Teen Beginning Ballet Monday 7:30-9:00 Diamond Square  
 Open Adult Beginning Ballet Thursday 6:30-8:00 Lake Sawyer  
 Open Intermediate Ballet Wednesday 7:30-9:00 Diamond Square  
 Saturday 12:00-1:30 Diamond Square  
 Open Modern Tuesday 7:45-9:15 Lake Sawyer

\*\*Students in Levels 2-5 are encouraged to take additional classes with lower levels (i.e. Level 2 may take class with Level 1, Level 5 may take additional classes with Levels 1-4). There is no additional fee for students who choose to do this.\*\*

## MVSB School Year 2011-12 Important Dates

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September 10	Open House	May 26	No Classes
September 12	First Day of Classes		Possible Snow make-up day
October 17-22	Observation Week	May 28	No Classes, Memorial Day
October 31	No Classes, Halloween	May 29-31	No Classes
November 22-26	No Classes, Thanksgiving		Possible Snow Make-up day
December 12-17	Observation Week	June 11-16	Observation Week
December 20-31	No Classes, Holidays	June 16	In-Studio Rehearsal for some levels
January 16	No Classes, MLK Day	June 18-25	No Classes
February 11-16	Observation Week		Possible Snow Make-Up Day
February 18-24	No Classes, Presidents Day	June 23	In-Studio Rehearsals for Some levels
April 2-7	No Classes, Spring Break	June 26	Technical Rehearsal, ACT I
April 16-21	Observation Week	June 27	Technical Rehearsal, ACT II
May 19	Picture Day	June 28	Dress Rehearsal

# MVSB Tuition Schedule, 2011-2012 School Year

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## Tuition Policies

- A student is not registered until the first month's payment is received.
- Tuition is due the first class of the month.
- If tuition is not received by the third class week of the month, a late fee of \$20 will be charged.
- If tuition is not received by the end of the month, the student will not be admitted to class the following month.
- There is a returned check fee of \$20 per check.

	Yearly Tuition (34 weeks)	10 Monthly Payments
Parent and Child	\$45	\$45
Creative Ballet	\$470	\$47
Pre Ballet	\$570	\$57
Level 1	\$650	\$65
Level 2	\$1200	\$120
Level 3a	\$1350	\$135
Level 3b	\$1650	\$165
Level 4	\$1650	\$165
Level 5	\$1850	\$185

Modern Classes	Yearly Tuition (34 weeks)	10 Monthly Payments
Modern A (no ballet)	\$570	\$57
Modern A (with ballet)	\$400	\$40
Modern B (no ballet)	\$650	\$65
Modern B (with ballet)	\$600	\$60
Modern C	\$750	\$75



**\*\*For information about family discounts, please contact the school.\*\***

Open Classes	per class	class card, buy six get one free
Beginning Ballet	\$15	\$75
Intermediate Ballet	\$15	\$75
Open Ballet	\$15	\$75
Open Modern	\$15	\$75

## Maple Valley School of Ballet Uniform Requirements 2011-2012 School Year

**Leotards** All leotards should be plain and free of contrasting trim and fabrics.  
Skirts and dresses are not allowed.  
Leg-warmers, tee shirts, and other extras are not allowed.

**Tights** Tights should be made by a reputable dance wear manufacturer (i.e. Capezio or Bloch).  
Students should not wear tights made by Wal-Mart or other similar stores.  
Underwear should not be worn under tights.

**Shoes** Shoes should be made by a reputable dance shoe manufacturer (i.e. Capezio or Bloch).  
The toes of the foot should lie flat in the shoe when the dancer rises to eleve.  
Students in Creative and Pre Ballet may wear the ABT ballet slipper carried by Payless Shoes.  
Students should not wear shoes made by Wal-Mart or other similar stores.

**Girls** Leotard colors should correspond to the students assigned class level.  
All levels should have pink ballet tights and pink ballet slippers.  
Level 1-4 should have a white waist elastic.

Creative Ballet	Ballet Pink 	Level 2	Burgundy 
Pre Ballet	White 	Level 3	Hunter Green 
Level 1	Lt. Blue 	Level 4	Navy Blue 
		Level 5	Black 

### **Girls Hair**

Creative Ballet Hair should be pulled back from the face, a bun is preferred.  
Pre Ballet A Hair should be pulled back in a ponytail with no hair in the face, a bun is preferred.  
Pre Ballet B Hair should be in a bun.  
Level 1-5 Hair should be in a bun.

**If a students hair is too short to fit into a bun, the hair should appear from the front as if it is in a bun.**

**Boys** Black tights or bike shorts                      White leotard or tight white tee shirt  
White ballet socks                                      White ballet slippers  
Hair should be neat, long hair should be worn away from the face.

## Expectations for Maple Valley School of Ballet Students

Students are expected to adhere to MVSB policies at all times.

All levels are expected to be lined up, in the hallway with hair done and uniform on at the given time.

At MVSB, the progressive syllabus is built around a 34 week school year. Students who are excessively tardy or have excessive absences should expect to fall behind the rest of their class.

**Folders** Students in Levels 1-5 are expected to maintain a folder of ballet vocabulary and other appropriate worksheets. The school will provide folders for new students, as well as those enrolled in Level 1.

**Supplementary Exercises** Students in Levels 2-5 are expected to arrive fifteen minutes prior to class time in order to perform supplementary strengthening exercises prescribed by the teacher.

## Maple Valley School of Ballet Policies

*We strive to maintain a positive learning environment where each student has the very best opportunity to excel.*

### **Classroom**

For Creative, Pre Ballet, and Level 1 classes, arrive 5 minutes before class time.  
For Level 2-6 classes, arrive 15 minutes before class time.  
Use the restroom *before* class begins.  
Use the dressing area for dressing, not the restroom stalls.  
No necklaces, bracelets, or dangling jewelry.  
Follow the dress code and uniform requirements.  
No gum.  
Concentration is encouraged while talking in class is discouraged.  
Early dismissal from class must be requested before class begins.

### **Arrival and Pick-up**

Students in Creative and PreBallet should be supervised by a parent while waiting for class to begin.  
Students under 16 years must be picked up *inside the door* after dark.  
Students should not go out to look for their ride.  
Student drivers use the buddy system.  
Students should wear cover-ups and street shoes when arriving and departing the studio.

### **Observation Days**

Parents are requested to arrive at the beginning of class and stay for the duration.  
Parents are asked to help keep distractions to a minimum and thus help students present their best work.

### **Make-up Classes**

Students are encouraged to make-up absences in another class.  
Make-ups need to be arranged in advance. Call 206-618-6229 or e-mail [MVSInfo@comcast.net](mailto:MVSInfo@comcast.net).  
Make-ups cannot be scheduled on Observation Days.

### **School Closures**

Classes will be cancelled if Kent or Tahoma schools are closed due to inclement weather.  
Call the office, 206-618-6229, for information on cancellations if one of the above school districts is open in the morning and snow begins later in the day,

### **Tuition**

Please see tuition sheet.

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### Diamond Square Location

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### Lake Sawyer Community Club

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