



## **Parent/Guardian Session Letter – Dance & Drama Camp**

**March Break: March 10, 2025 – March 14, 2025**

Welcome to **Dance & Drama Camp**! We are thrilled to have your child join us for an exciting, active, and engaging camp experience. Whether it's their first time at camp or they're returning for another adventure, we are dedicated to providing a safe, inclusive, and memorable environment for all campers. Please read the attached information carefully and do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

### **Camp Details**

The camp day runs from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (daily).

Location: George Ashe Library & Community Centre – 470 Kingston Rd. Pickering, Helen Paris and Russell Franklin Rooms

### **Meet Your Camp Director**

Hi, my name is Meghan Down! I'm entering my second year at York University studying Education. I've worked with the City of Pickering for 3 years, teaching dance and gymnastics programs, as well as working at camp. Looking forward to a great week together!

### **Camper Pick-Up/Drop-Off Procedures**

**Dance & Drama Camp** will take place at the **George Ashe Library** and Community Centre. For the safety of all campers, please **drop off and pick up your child at George Ashe Library** and ensure they are **checked in and out with the designated Pick-up/Drop-off counsellor** each day.

*For safety reasons, any alternate pick-up person you designate will be required to show **photo ID** to camp staff before your child is released into their care. Please make sure they are aware of this protocol and that your child is picked up **on time**.*

### **Absenteeism / Safe Arrivals**

If you know in advance that your child will be absent or late, please send a note with the camper's name and the date they will be away. You can also email us at [camps@pickering.ca](mailto:camps@pickering.ca)

If a camper is absent without prior notification, we will attempt to contact the parents.

## What To Expect

Get ready for the spotlight! Campers will dive into a world of dance and drama, where they can explore their creative sides and bring their inner performer to life. They'll stay active through exciting games and engaging activities, all led by our passionate camp staff. Dance/Drama Camp features a variety of workshops, fun-filled games, outdoor play, arts and crafts, and more!! Get ready for an unforgettable workshop packed with high-energy moves, fun vibes, and a chance to learn from the best. Let's dance, laugh, and level up together! The week will culminate in a special performance, where campers can showcase their talents to family and friends.

## What to Bring to Camp

- **Clothing:** Campers should wear comfortable clothes suitable for activities. Please do not send valuables, as campers are responsible for their own belongings. Remember to label all items (e.g., lunch bags, extra clothes, coats) to help prevent mix-ups. Indoor shoes (running shoes are recommended) are also required.
- Campers may be outside during the camp day so please pack appropriate clothing for outside play.
- **Lunch and Snacks:** Campers must bring a **nut-free** lunch each day. Please pack lunch in non-breakable containers (no glass). Campers will have two snack breaks and lunchtime, so extra snacks are encouraged.

## Allergy Notice:

Please be sensitive to any food allergies that may be brought to your attention (i.e. tree nut allergies that can be life threatening). For this reason, please do not pack tree nuts, tree nut products, or any products containing traces of nuts in your child's lunch for camp. If staff are unsure of snacks (i.e. granola bars), Campers will be asked not to eat them at camp. Fruit is always a healthy and allergy safe snack! Please feel free to send a copy of the ingredients of any items we may be unsure of (i.e. cookies). Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

- **Water Bottle:** Please pack a **reusable water bottle**. There are water fill stations available at camp to keep your child hydrated throughout the day, as they may be outside.

## Special Guest Information

On Wednesday, March 12, 2025, get ready to move and groove, because Keystone Dance Co. is bringing their amazing energy to Dance and Drama Camp as a special guest! Prepare to step up your dance game with a high-energy workshop led by the pros themselves. Whether you're into jazz, hip hop, or contemporary, Keystone Dance Co. will have you learning cool new moves, perfecting your technique, and having a blast while doing it. Their performance is sure to inspire, and you'll get the chance to be part of the action in a fun, interactive dance experience. So put on your dancing shoes and get ready to show off your moves with the best in the business!

The following is a list of the special theme days at Dance and Drama Camp:

<b>Monday, March 10</b>	<b>Tuesday, March 11</b>	<b>Wednesday, March 12</b>	<b>Thursday, March 13</b>	<b>Friday, July March 14</b>
<b>Orientation Day!</b>  Welcome to Camp!	<b>Superhero Day</b>  <i>Dress up as your favorite superhero and unleash your super powers!</i>	<b>Crazy Hat/Hair Day</b> <i>Get wild with the wackiest hats or hairstyles you can imagine!</i>	<b>Disney Day</b>  <i>Step into a magical world by dressing as your favorite Disney character!</i>	<b>PJ and Stuffie Day</b> <i>Get cozy in your comfiest pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal!</i> <i>Showtime!</i> Parents are invited to attend our show at <b>3:15 pm</b>

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us directly via email at [camps@pickering.ca](mailto:camps@pickering.ca)

Looking forward to enjoying a fantastic week together!

Meghan Down, Dance and Drama Camp Director