



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

### **Week 9: August 25 – August 29, 2025 “Disney Dreams Week”**

Welcome to Dance & Drama Camp, Disney Dreams Week. 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: Eastshore Community Center (910 Liverpool Rd, Pickering, ON L1W 1S6), through the front doors.

The Camp will be located in the Community Room (Signage will be posted in the area for guidance).

### **Meet Your Camp Director**

Hi my name is Samantha Bragagnolo! I'm going into my third year at Queen's University studying Education. I have worked with the City of Pickering camps for four years. I am extremely excited to provide your child with a safe, fun, and enjoyable week of camp!

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

Dance & Drama Camp will take place at the Eastshore Community Center, Main Doors. For the safety of all campers, please drop off and pick up your child at Eastshore Community Center 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 me at

[sbragagnolo@pickering.ca](mailto:sbragagnolo@pickering.ca) or [camps@pickering.ca](mailto:camps@pickering.ca). If you would rather leave a voicemail, please call 905.420.4660 ext. 3246.

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

## **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.
- **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.

## **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.

## Carnival Day

To wrap up an incredible camp season, we're thrilled to announce a special Carnival Day on the final day of camp! Campers will join with a few neighboring camps for a festive celebration filled with games, music, treats, and a wide variety of fun activities. It's the perfect way to close out the summer—making memories, sharing laughs, and celebrating all the friendships formed along the way! Carnival day will be located at Chestnut Hills Development Recreation Complex (1867 Valley Farm Rd). The bus will be leaving the camp at 9:15am, please ensure you are arriving on time. In the event that the bus is missed, parents or guardians will be responsible for dropping their camper off at the trip site.

## Dance Camp 2025 Summer Showcase

Please accept this invitation to our Dance Camp Showcase. On Friday, August 29, for the last day of camp, our campers are prepared to show you all the dancing skills and routines they have learned through their original dances! The show will start at 3:00 pm (sharp) at Eastshore Community Center (Community Room). Please sign the City of Pickering Photo/Model Release Form, which will be sent home on the first day of camp and please return it to the director by the second day of camp. Returning this form completed will allow you to videotape your child's performance as they shine like a star. Our campers work very hard and would love to have these memories last a lifetime!

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

<b>Monday, August 25</b>	<b>Tuesday, August 26</b>	<b>Wednesday, August 27</b>	<b>Thursday, August 28</b>	<b>Friday, August 29</b>
<b>Orientation Day!</b>  Welcome to Camp!	<b>Disney Character Day</b> Dress up as your favorite Disney character, princesses, heroes, villains, or sidekicks!  Or wear the colour Blue	<b>Pixar Day</b> Come as characters from Toy Story, Monsters Inc., Finding Nemo, or Inside Out, etc.  Or wear the colour yellow	<b>Villains Day</b> Dress as a Disney villain like Maleficent, Ursula, or Jafar! or wear black, red, or purple	<b>Show Day!</b>  Ask the director for more details.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us directly via email at

[mdown@pickering.ca](mailto:mdown@pickering.ca)

Looking forward to enjoying a fantastic week together!

Samantha Bragagnolo, Dance and Drama Camp Director