

If your child will be absent or late, please call the WRK Hotline at 905 726 - 0338

## **Welcome to Well-Rounded Kids!**

In this newsletter, we strive to give you all the information you'll need to feel prepared to join us for a terrific camp experience this summer! Regular camp hours run from 9a.m. to 4 p.m. We offer extended care on a pre-registration basis from 7:30-9 a.m. and 4-5:30 p.m.

## **Drop-Off and Dismissal Procedures:**

Please enter Pickering College's main driveway (off of Bayview Avenue) for drop-off and pick up. Proceed into campus, drive around the loop, and check in at the camp greeting table. Children in “The Works” camp (6-12 year olds) will meet on the left side of the driveway as you are facing the main building. Children in the Junior Camp (4-6 year olds) will meet on the right side of the driveway as you are facing the main building. There will be a check-in table on the first day of each week, and each subsequent day the campers will meet directly with their camp counsellors.

Only those individuals who have been identified by you on the Family Information Forms #1 are eligible to pick up and sign out children at dismissal. All children must be signed out. Please see your child's counsellor to initial a sign-out sheet when picking up your child. Pick up is at four o'clock. A quick drop-off and pick up is requested to ease congestion and maintain fire safety codes around the college.

## **What Should I Bring to Camp?**

- campers should arrive wearing sunblock – and bring some to reapply after lunch!
- labelled water bottle (not flavoured please, as these attract bees)
- sun hat, socks and running shoes
- a.m. nut-free snack and drink
- lunch and drink** if you have not ordered the lunch option (please check your confirmation to see if lunch has been itemized on it (\$45/ 5 day wk)
- (children staying until 5p.m. should bring a frozen drink and snack to eat at 4p.m.)
- towel and extra set of clothes to change into after waterplay – bathing suits are optional (Campers have always gotten soaked in first set of clothes, then changed into second set to avoid having to change before and after waterplay – those who wish to change into a bathing suit before waterplay may do so. It is not recommended that girls wear bathing suits under clothing or as clothing from the beginning of the day) **\*Bathing suits needed for “Works” campers who are swimming at Magna on Tuesdays and Thursdays\***
- a labelled baseball glove, if you have one (those without can borrow one from the camp)
- Camp t-shirt provided (one per summer) – photos around camp are taken on Wednesdays for future promotional material, so wear your WRK shirt on Wednesday!
- Campers involved in Once Upon a Princess ballet class require a dance leotard (or bathing suit) to change into, to enable them to put on and remove costumes easily during class (ballet slippers recommended)

## **NUT FREE ZONE!!! Allergies**

Our camp is nut-free. To protect our campers with severe allergies, please assist us by excluding nuts and nut products from your child's snacks and lunches, and taking care to wash-up and brush teeth following peanut butter at breakfast. Our staff participates in training with Anaphylaxis Canada each year and we require that all parents of campers with severe allergies fill in FORM #4 Anaphylaxis form, speak to their child's counsellor upon arrival the first day and ensure that their child arrives to camp with an epi-pen each day. Children are required to carry their epi-pen at all times. Please speak to your child's coach on the first day of camp as an extra precaution.

### **What about the weather?**

In the event of rain or severe heat, campers and staff will take advantage of the indoor facilities provided by Pickering College. We have full access to a large air-conditioned gym, and many back-up indoor activities ready to go! On hot days, we also make use of our water slides and other wet activities to keep everyone cool! Many of the outdoor areas of Pickering College are also shaded.

### **The WRK Reading Program**

Our reading program is done within the camp setting, with the goals being to keep kids reading over the summer, foster a positive attitude toward reading, practice phrasing, fluency, various reading strategies and work on reading comprehension. It is designed with campers of all abilities in mind, and to be thought of as ‘another fun thing to do at camp’ with its obvious fringe benefits! With this kept in mind, the need to ensure the best placement for each camper at the beginning of each week, and the fact that the reading teachers only spend 4-5 reading periods with the campers, please understand that reading teachers are not able to provide feedback.

Reading level forms are optional as we have found that we have been receiving less of them each year. We have added a section on the camper information form for you to fill in which will give us a good idea of what level your child will be reading at by the time camp begins. For those wishing to submit a current, exact reading level, feel free to use the form or email us at [reading@wrkcamps.com](mailto:reading@wrkcamps.com) at least one week before your child attends camp. If your child is in French Immersion, please email to tell us your child’s name, age, grade and what you know about what your child can read in French and English (i.e. popular book titles, certain small words, etc.). We’ll respond with some questions and do our best to find a good fit over the week.

Please check your emails for your camp confirmation. This could take a few weeks, depending on when you register. We will email you an official receipt for tax purposes in February of next year. No further correspondence will be sent to you.

Thank you for choosing Well-Rounded Kids Inc.

See you at camp!  
The WRK team

