



## A Note from the Camp Director

Dear families,

We have ended our first week of Camp Levine and can't express enough how happy we are to have your campers joining us. This is our first newsletter of the session so please take some time to look read through the updates from your site director, reminders for next week and fun pictures and updates on what your campers have been up to. We are looking forward to another colorful week at Camp Levine.

We'll see you soon!

Best,

*Jazmin Goodson*

Director of Camp Levine

## A Note from the Site Director

Hello friends and family!

We are now in our second session of Camp Levine here at THEARC, and our campers have quickly adjusted to our new staff and class format. I am pleased to have Jason Tyler Smith, Kamali Hill, Nathan Nichipor, Alex De Bard, Christy Graham, and Caroline Graham with us this session, bringing their talents to our production of *Seussical*.

Our campers, who we are referring to as "artists," have quickly adjusted to the fast-paced rehearsal schedule and rigor of putting a production together in less than three weeks' time. I am confident that they will pull off an outstanding show in the black box theatre in our last week. Up to three persons per family will be able to attend this production, so if you haven't RSVP'd yet, please do so at this link [https://levine.formstack.com/forms/once\\_on\\_this\\_island\\_jr\\_rsvp](https://levine.formstack.com/forms/once_on_this_island_jr_rsvp) (The link has the title of our former musical but is for *Seussical*)

*"Let all your life be music."*

Austin Gaskin

Site Director

# Camp Group Updates from the Teachers

## Red Group (PreK/K)

Our youngest artists are playing an integral role in our production! In Crafts class, they're responsible for making all of the props that we will use in the production. They've also been learning acting and theater etiquette basics so that they are prepared for their role as the citizens of Whoville!

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## Dance

Our artists got straight to work on choreography! Last week, they learned "Biggest Blame Fool," "Green Eggs and Ham," and "All the Things You Can Think!" One of the main skills we've been developing is multi-tasking – how to sing and dance at the same time! We're so impressed with how quickly our artists have been picking up on this! Please remind them to keep practicing as performance day will arrive before you know it!

-Kamali Hill and Caroline Graham

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## Music

Artists have been learning how to learn music! They've picked this up quickly evidenced by all the songs they've already make progress on including "Oh, the Thinks You Can Think," "Biggest Blame Fool," "It's Possible," and "One Feather Tail." They've also been refining "Green Eggs & Ham" - one of their favorites from last session's performance! Finally, our artists have been learning the fine art of singing and acting at the same time, and their storytelling abilities have been impressive!

-Christie Graham and Nathan Nichipor

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## Acting

"Our artists have spent their mornings in acting class playing theater games and working on blocking for all our group numbers. They have been so great about remembering all they need to do! We've been very impressed with their memorization and performance skills. We've also spent time running lines with the students. This was definitely where their personalities were shining through. We were so excited to see the students discover their characters and so that they can bring this show to life! We use professional stage language with our artists and encourage them to use that language throughout the day in all of their classes. We are so appreciative of the work our campers have done thus far, and we are so looking forward to sharing this with their friends and family!"

-Jason Smith and Alex De Bard

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## A Note from our Seussical Director

Hi everyone!

Our artists have been doing a fantastic job so far of preparing for Seussical, the Musical. We had a terrific first week, and I can't believe how much material we were able to cover! We are so thrilled to be working with your children and we're so thankful for all the hard work they've already put into the production.

Thank you all for your tremendous support of our artists! I have a few reminders and announcements that I also want to share:

- Please be sure to send campers in with a snack as we are moving around a lot throughout the day!
- Campers must wear closed-toed shoes and pants or shorts to camp.
- Please know that not all parts have been assigned and there may be an opportunity to get other roles - we will be in touch about this!

Thanks for everything!

Jason

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## Photo Wall







## Coffee Chats

This summer we'd like to invite our Camp Levine parents to **Wednesday Coffee**

**Chats** from **8:15-9am** during select weeks at each campus. This is an opportunity for you to:

- connect with other parents in your camp community
- give us feedback about your child's Camp Levine experience
- learn more about Levine Music's offerings during the academic year and other ways to support your child musically

Dates are listed below:

Wednesday, July 5 at Falls Church

Wednesday, July 12 at THEARC

Wednesday, July 26 at Strathmore

Wednesday, August 2 at NW DC

For more information, check the [parent portal here!](#)

Visit the Camp Levine website

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