Dear Fairmont Friends and Family,

Welcome back to the exhilarating world of PTARC's Summer program at Fairmont Park! I'm Dom Randall, one of your playground Directors, and I'm thrilled to be returning for my second year alongside Michelle Forringer. Together, we're ecstatic to see familiar faces and extend a warm welcome to all the newcomers joining us this year!

Now, let me introduce myself. I'm a proud Penn Trafford 2023 Alumni, currently majoring in History and Political Science at Chatham University with a certificate in Secondary Education. During college, I served as 2027 Class President and now Executive Vice President of the Chatham Student Government. I've a love for theater too, having directed not one, but two stellar shows for our drama club. Back in my Penn Trafford days, I was deeply involved in theater as a stage manager, the preschool program, and served as a mentor at Sunrise Elementary as part of my senior project. Fairmont holds a special place in my heart, and I couldn't be happier to be back in the park this year!

Michelle has over 30+ years of experience in childcare and two amazing daughters in their 20s. Michelle isn't just a fantastic help at the park; she's our secret weapon for keeping everything running smoothly. She's eagerly counting down the days to work with your kids to create unforgettable memories, and make this summer the best one yet!

We're excited to kick things off, and we're here to ease any concerns you might have and answer all your burning questions before we dive headfirst into the fun!

First-day procedures – a parent or guardian <u>must be present</u> to sign your student in and complete any necessary paperwork to allow your child to sign themselves in and out. If you're comfortable allowing your child to sign themselves in or out, that's fantastic, but please understand that once permission is granted, we can't monitor their whereabouts or when they come and go. We encourage safety first, always!

Communication is key, and this year, we're sticking with *Remind* for all updates and announcements. If you haven't already signed up, don't fret – there is a link at the bottom, or you can swing by on the first day for a quick rundown. Plus, bringing in *Class Dojo* is an extra incentive for our Fairmont crew to be the best they can be. It's free (Even if it says there are in-app purchases, please disregard these), it's fabulous, and it's a fantastic way to stay in the loop! You will be able to track and stay in the loop about the behaviors at the park! There will be a link attached at the bottom to sign up! If you have any questions, send me a *Remind* message or pop in on the first day, and I can work it out with you!

When it comes to Water, Lunch, and Snacks, remember to pack a reusable water bottle for hydration on the go. If you forget or don't have one, don't worry, we will have cups! Snacks and lunches are not provided, but fear not – we've built plenty of snack breaks into our schedule for snacks and lunch if you wish to bring one.

Make sure your attire is game-ready – comfy clothes are a must, <u>but flip-flops and Crocs are a</u> <u>no-go.</u> Your student will not be able to play any sports games for safety reasons, could be asked to go home and change their shoes, or can phone a parent/guardian/friend/family member to drop off appropriate shoes. This is a MUST and we will not be lenient on it! We must ensure the safety of all students. Safety is our priority!

Have any burning questions or brilliant ideas? Remind message or Class Dojo message us during our "office hours" – we're all ears until 7 pm Monday to Friday, with a brief Sunday night catch-up session for any straggler questions that I may have missed. We're here to help, but even superheroes need their downtime! Thank you for understanding!

Last but not least, donations help fuel our program's success. Your generosity keeps the fun flowing, from essential supplies to tasty snacks when available, ensuring every child has a blast at the playground. We're immensely grateful for your continued support – together, we're creating memories that'll last a lifetime! Please don't feel pressured to donate, but we appreciate it!

Let's make this summer one for the books – buckle up, Fairmont Friends, 'cause the adventure starts now!

Warm regards,

Dom Randall + Michelle Forringer

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<u>Important Links</u>

Remind Link - <u>www.remind.com/join/fair-ptarc</u> Class Dojo Link- <u>ClassDojo for Parents</u>