

Students learn the Stouffville way

Dance troupe teaching in three schools

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Students in three York Region schools will learn about literature in a unique way this fall.

They will still learn through traditional method, but these students will also learn through dance. Specifically, they will learn Charles Dickens' classic tale *A Christmas Carol* by dancing through the story.

Staff from Motus O, a Stouffville dance theatre company, will be visiting Markham's William Armstrong Public School, Unionville's Aldergrove Public

School and Newmarket's Huron Heights Secondary School over four months.

"They can experience the wonder of dance and movement. It's a bit of a different approach," Motus O general manager Jack Langenhuizen said.

Students will have the chance to learn the way they learn best, he said.

"For right-brained learners, those who are not rote memorizers, it gives (them) the chance to read the book and learn the characters through visualizing it."

Mr. Langenhuizen remembers how he recently tried to recall performances he did years ago.

"What I remembered most was the experience, the physicalization. Musical memory stays in my being," he said.

Motus O applied for a grant to finance the project and was accepted. As long as the company raises \$10,000, the province will give it \$20,000.

At the end of the classroom sessions, participants will perform *A Christmas Carol*.

"They will understand how to execute roles instead of just reading text," Mr. Langenhuizen said.

Motus O mainly teaches a non-traditional dance called contact improv where you explore your space using improvisational movement.

This opportunity is significant in part because of the amount of time the dance teachers will spend with students.

"We (usually) don't get the opportunity to delve into the education system. We are parachuted in and leave again," Mr. Langenhuizen said.



Jack Langenhuizen, Motus O's general manager, and dancer Lisa King perform in a 2005 show. Motus O is teaching students literature through dance.

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