

# Pole Dancing In Gym Class?

We were grocery shopping the other night and my 9-year-old daughter was jumping around and telling us about some kind of dance she was learning in gym class. "And then you dance with the pole...", she said, and that got our attention – pole dancing in gym class? She then went on to explain that they have 2 little poles (closer to stick-sized, it sounds like) the kids dance with... but you can see where I'm coming from. In this day and age, pole dancing has a much different meaning. It's something popularized in the adult entertainment industry, and because I've heard that it's recently found its way into normal (?) families' homes as a form of exercise. Not that I know of anyone who actually exercises this way (and if any of my friends or family reading this have taken up pole dancing, I really **don't** want to know about it, even if it is just for exercise!), but for a minute during my daughter's story, I was worried that this form of "exercise" had become SO mainstream that they were teaching it in the schools! I couldn't be happier to be wrong, but the misunderstanding makes for a funny story!