



October 2020

ARISE Newsletter

Autumn is in full swing at LDS and we couldn't be happier as we have so much *spooktacular* news to share with you. Keep reading if you dare!

UBC and LDS collaboration brings affordable, accessible psychoeducational assessments to students

LDS is thrilled to announce to our families that we are now able to offer referrals for psychoeducational and neuropsychological evaluations to some of our families! We are collaborating with the University of British Columbia's [Psychological Services and Counselling Training Centre \(PSCTC\)](#) to bring more affordable psychoeducational and neuropsychological assessments to families. [More information on this service here.](#)

Everyone at LDS would like to thank the professors, staff and students at UBC's PSCTC for offering this invaluable opportunity to our families. We cannot wait to help more families access the learning supports they need and deserve!



Announcements & Events



Halloween Week!

October 26-31 is Halloween Week at the LDS Learning Centre! It will be a week filled with spooky tricks and treats for our students. We'll launch Halloween Week with a pumpkin-painting competition on Monday, then explore other fun Halloween-themed activities all week long, and wrap it up like a Mummy on the last day. Because Halloween falls on a Saturday this year, all of our Saturday students and instructors are invited to show us their Halloween spirit and wear their costumes to the Centre on the 31st.



RISE Assistive Technology Studio Launch

We are excited to officially launch our [RISE Assistive Technology Studio!](#) Our AT Studio showcases over a dozen hardware and software assistive technology tools that can enhance learning for individuals with learning differences. Some of the devices that will be available for use by our community include a LexiLight (helps readers with dyslexia), LiveScribe pen (a write-to-type transcriber), a C-Pen (a pen that scans text and reads it aloud), and a Smart Board, which supports teaching and inclusive education. We'd like to thank our growing list of generous [sponsors](#) including Microsoft, SAP, LexiLife, Harkla nad more. [Email us](#) to book a COVID-controlled tour!



Room Magazine's Neurodivergence Issue Launch

LDS is pleased to sponsor the launch event for Room Magazine's [Neurodivergence Issue](#). [Register now for this live video event with captioning at 11 am \(PST\) TODAY, Saturday, October 24.](#) This is Room's first issue to celebrate luminous writing that challenges what neurotypical readers may think they know about experiences with autism, brain injury, ADHD, anxiety, mental illness, and all kinds of cognitive differences. The event features a reading from [Lindsay Wong](#), author of the bestselling memoir [The Woo-Woo: How I Survived Ice Hockey, Drug Raids, Demons, and My Crazy Chinese Family](#).



Story Adventure Club

Join us starting November 6th for Story Adventure Club, a six-week program created by one of our speech-language pathologists (SLPs) to help young readers (ages 7-9) with their comprehension and grammar. Keeping in mind COVID safety and to ensure your child receives our undivided attention, we are limiting the class size to 4, so hurry to [learn more and register](#).

Sneak Peek of November Events



RISE to the Challenge: \$100K for 100 Kids is our fall campaign to raise awareness about LDS, our services, and our impact in the community. You'll be hearing more about this campaign as it rolls out in November and December, including seeing some LDS students featured in our videos!



PEERS Teen Social Skills Info Night on Zoom, November 5. [PEERS](#)® is the only evidence-based teen social skills program in the world! This program is for teens and one of their guardians and will run at LDS or online January - April 2021. Registration link for the info night coming soon.



Walk a Mile in My Shoes Online Workshop, November 16. WAMMS is back with some new content updates. Registration will be open soon for this dynamic online workshop that helps you to understand your child's learning differences.



Art Therapy Workshops with the Vancouver Art Studio Therapy Center are coming to LDS in November. Details on the Thursday night sessions for three different age groups will be released next week.



Save the Date for the LDS Open House December 3, 2020. This will be largely virtual but we will also offer limited in person appointments for families who would like to get a better sense of our space and tour the Assistive Technology Studio.



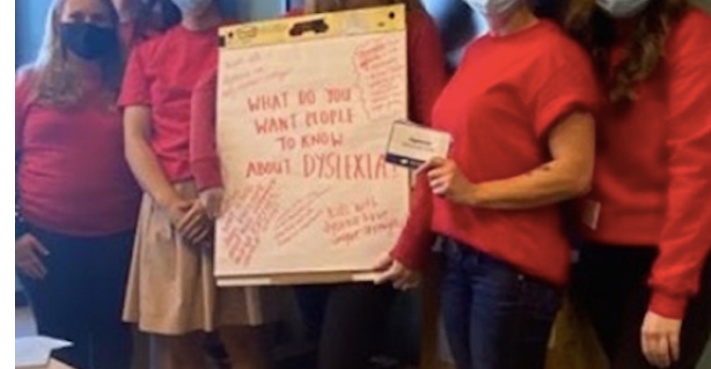
We're back in **North Vancouver!** Starting in early November we'll be re-opening a North Vancouver location within the Lynn Valley Library. Specific details coming soon.

Resources



Registered Disability Savings Plans

It's RDSP Awareness Month! LDS has partnered with [Vancity Credit Union](#) to help families secure [affordable learning](#) support for their child beyond their school years by starting a Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP). It is an incredibly rewarding plan: for every \$1 contribution, the government will match up to \$3, based on family income. The RDSP provides up to a maximum of \$90,000.00 in matching grants and bonds without affecting your child's eligibility for additional disability benefits. Learn how to start an [RDSP!](#)



#GoRed for Dyslexia

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month. Did you know that approximately 10% of the population has dyslexia? We invite you to join LDS as we [#GoRedForDyslexia](#) for the month of October. We are excited to be participating in the [#GoRed](#) campaign with a global community of passionate individuals and organizations that campaign to promote literacy and a greater understanding of dyslexia. Check out our [blog post](#) for more information.



LDS's research informed approach provides customized remedial programming that effectively meets student needs

Read a synopsis of the benefits of our RISE approach from Board Director Dr. Nancy Perry and our Associate Director of Learning Support, Melissa Sager.

"...Importantly, Learning Disabilities Society has diligently followed a holistic approach to instructor training, remedial program development and student assessment to deliver comprehensive individualized support that is ideally suited to each student's needs."
— Dr. Nancy Perry, University of British Columbia Professor and Dorothy Lam Chair in Special Education



Watch our "COVID-19" to see how LDS is keeping kids safe! Watching this video is an easy way to make sure you're up to date on our Pandemic Health & Safety Policy. Both the video and policy are available on our site.

Help us #KeepOurKidsLearning

With your help during these difficult times, we can make RISE at Home online learning available to vulnerable learners in need throughout our province.

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