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EARLY RISERS PROGRAM TO RESUME ON OCTOBER 14TH

There is still time to apply for Early RISers!

Designed specifically for preschoolers (children ages three to five), the learning support program brings together kindergarten teachers, early-childhood educators, behavioural interventionists, occupational therapists, and other experts to offer families evidence-based programming that focuses on key areas of learning and development. This includes early literacy, early numeracy, speech-language acquisition, social and emotional learning, and physical literacy. The Early RISErs program gives you a detailed snapshot of your child's learning and development to date and engages youngsters in hands-on learning opportunities carefully scaffolded to each individual child's needs.

Early RISErs is a 9- or 10-week program that runs 2 hours per week and uses a small group format (10 children and their parent/guardian). It involves both whole group (parent/guardian and child) learning activities and time when children work in small groups and individually with learning support staff while parent/guardians receive information and guidance relevant to their child's educational, learning, and social needs. Parent/guardian participation is central to young children's successful participation in the program.

The following sessions will run on Fridays or Saturdays from 10 am to 12 pm at the LDS East Vancouver Learning Centre (3292 East Broadway):

October 2022 Session (Autumn cohort): October 14th to December 17th

January 2023 Session (Winter cohort): January 6th to March 11th

April 2023 Session (Spring cohort): April 14th to June 24th

For more information on Early RISErs and to apply, click [here](#).

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SIGN UP FOR ONE-TO-ONE AND RISE NOW PROGRAMS

Applications are open for our 2022/23 RISE one-to-one instruction program!

Our specialized one-to-one instruction helps students with learning differences succeed academically and assists in building their skills and confidence in and outside of school.

As a parent or guardian, please apply for one-to-one learning support through our online application form. Our Learning Support Team will then reach out to set up an interview where we will get to know you and your child better, gather information to understand your child's learning challenges, and begin the process of matching them with a specialized instructor.

[Apply today!](#)

RISE Now is specifically designed for adults and developed based on each learner's unique needs, skills, and goals. The program pairs adult learners with a specialized instructor who helps them work towards their career, education, or life goals, focusing on key areas such as explicit instruction, to support foundational literacy, executive functioning, and workplace accommodation support and planning. Click [here](#) to learn more.

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LET US BRING LDS ACCESS TO YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

Our LDS Access mobile classroom was conceived to remove geographical barriers to evidenced-based instruction for students with learning differences by bringing our Research-Informed Individualised Student Education (RISE) one-to-one instruction program to local neighbourhoods. In addition to operating on a sliding fee scale, it is one more way in which our LDS programs transcend restraints to ensure that all students can receive the supports they need to thrive throughout their life span.

Just like the programs that we offer at our East Vancouver and North Vancouver Learning Centres, our partner schools, and via our RISE at Home online program, one-to-one instruction on board LDS Access supports students with academic skills gaps and learning challenges in the areas of reading, writing, and math, and helps them to build confidence as learners.

None of this specialized instruction or community outreach would happen without our generous community of supporters whose financial donations enable us to dream, develop and deliver LDS Access and support more children and youth across our region. We thank them wholeheartedly and highlight them in our *LDS Access 2022 Mid-year Update*, available [here](#).

We have some availability to come to your neighbourhood this autumn or winter! Get in touch at jennf@ldsociety.ca to discuss this inspiring and innovative option to bring our expert learning support to your community or school.

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LDS: SHARING STORIES, CONNECTING WITH FAMILIES

For over 50 years, LDS has been delivering exceptionally effective, accessible programs to unique learners, aged 3 to adult, with suspected or diagnosed learning differences. Through our Research-informed Individualized Student Education (RISE) support programs, we help an increasing number of students across BC improve academic success and achieve lifelong independence and confidence. We're hoping to reach even more individuals and families this year, so we're raising our profile with outreach initiatives that are as unique as our learners.

We began reaching out to different communities this past summer by taking our LDS Access mobile classroom electric bus on the road and showing up at festivals and other events, dropping off posters at community centres and libraries, and telling our stories through a touching video about Josh, the LDS learner pictured above, and his family—view it at [UniqueLearners.ca](https://www.UniqueLearners.ca)

There's even more coming your way, so look out for our new posters and door hangers, and a great article on learning differences by our Director of Education, Dr. Jennifer Fane, in *BC Parent* magazine. Listen for our latest news on the radio and remember that we're also active on social, so don't forget to tag us [@ldvancouver](https://twitter.com/ldvancouver) and include #lds, #uniquelearners, and #learningdifferences in your online conversations.

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CATCHING UP WITH HALLIE, A RISE TEAM GRADUATE

It's been three months since Hallie, a 16-year-old high-school student from Fawkes Academy in Burnaby, was last at our East Vancouver Learning Centre, and a lot has happened since then. She is one of two RISE TEAM participants who, after having volunteered as junior leaders, were offered employment as Learning Centre Assistants last Fall. Hallie additionally had the opportunity to be part of the Early RISERs team from January to June as a Program Assistant. Working between 5-15 hours a week, she not only honed her professional skills but also worked on her interpersonal and social media skills and built confidence.

Click [here](#) to read more about Hallie, now in grade 12, and her time at LDS.

About RISE TEAM

The RISE TEAM program combines LDS Research-informed Individualized Student Education (RISE) with additional Training to advance their Employability, Abilities, or support Matriculation (TEAM). This innovative employment readiness project is designed to help teens with learning differences transition from high school to paid employment, training, or higher education.

Thanks to generous donor funding from the United Way, LDS has spaces for 10 students (in grades 10 to 12) to complete the RISE TEAM program this school year. This includes paid work

experience at LDS.

To learn more about RISE TEAM, click [here](#). You can also call us at 604.873.8139 or email info@ldsociety.ca.

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LDS, UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO PRESENT ASSISTIVE ROBOTICS RESEARCH PAPER AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Assistive technology (AT) is one of the strategies that LDS uses to revolutionize the way that it supports children, teens, and adults with learning differences. Having partnered with educational institutions and innovative AT companies, it is committed to using the latest research and technologies in all its programs. These tools include devices, software, or equipment that maintain or improve the functional capabilities of individuals with learning differences, and they form an integral part of the one-to-one instruction that LDS provides.

QT, the assistive robot used at the East Vancouver Learning Centre's RISE AT Studio, was recently the focus of ground-breaking research that LDS conducted in partnership with the University of Waterloo's Social and Intelligent Robotics Research Laboratory (SIRRL)—the LDS members on that research team included Dr. Jennifer Fane, Director of Education, and Mike Gray, Assistive Technology Manager. Negin Azizi of SIRRL presented the findings virtually to an

audience of robotic and human interactive communication researchers at the 31st IEEE International Conference on Robot & Human Interactive Communication which took place in Naples, Italy, this past August, highlighting the potential of social robots in supporting and, in some cases, improving student on-task behaviour and goal completion when implemented into an existing educational program for individuals with learning differences.

Among the benefits observed during the research project that lasted five weeks was QT's ability to help students stay focused on tasks, including challenging ones, so they could reach their learning goals. QT is just one of the tools used in learning sessions and LDS continues to expand its RISE AT Studio. Learn more [here](#).

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY CHESS AT LDS?

The LDS Fall Chess Club is up and running. Suitable for all experience levels and facilitated by a specialized LDS instructor, it is a free program for LDS students aged 11 to 14 years and builds strategic thinking and problem-solving skills.

Why join the LDS Chess Club?

- Meet new people and make friends in a supportive and accommodating environment
- Develop and practice social behaviours appropriate for playing strategy and card games
- Have fun and practice good sportsmanship
- Learn and play other classic strategy games

LDS Chess Fall Club members meet on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 pm at the LDS East Vancouver Learning Centre (3292 East Broadway).

Interested in learning more or attending? [Email info@ldsociety.ca](mailto:info@ldsociety.ca).

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LDS QT ROBOT COLOURING SHEETS: FREE TO DOWNLOAD

Did you know that LDS had colouring sheets that you can access for free and download from our website for your child? The images showcase QT, our friendly socially assistive robot you might have seen in our East Vancouver Learning Centre's Assistive Technology Studio, and feature a variety of themes, including Back to School, Halloween, and the Holidays.

Click [here](#) to access and download the first colouring sheet in our series.

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We are hiring!



ARE YOU A SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST? JOIN US

We're hiring a FT or PT Speech and Language Pathologist to join our growing team. We are looking for a passionate team member, and experience with both preschool-aged and school-aged students is an asset.

Find out more details [here](#).

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HELP US #KEEPOURKIDSLEARNING

Are you passionate about making an impact in your community and changing the lives of children with learning differences? If so, we have the perfect opportunity for you.

Kids with learning differences face unique challenges and your donation helps level the playing field, ensuring all children can access the learning and social-emotional support they need to thrive at every step along their education journey and in life.

Whether you choose to make a one-time donation or become a monthly donor, your generous support will allow us to help hundreds more learners. Click [here](#) to donate today.

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