



April 2021

ARISE Newsletter

With summer right around the corner, LDS has some exciting plans and new ways to get involved!

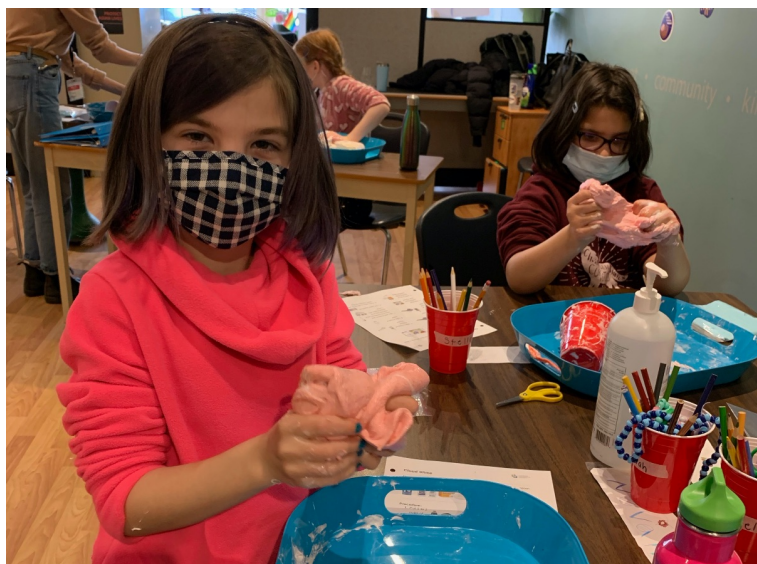


Apply for RISE TEAM!

RISE TEAM combines our Research-informed Individualized Student Education (RISE) with additional Training for Educational Advancement Mentorship (TEAM). This innovative employment readiness project is designed to help teens with learning differences transition from high school to paid employment. Students will receive:

- Remedial instruction
- Resume and cover letter workshops
- 30 volunteer hours required for high school graduation
- Reference letter.
- Opportunity to apply for a paid position at LDS in the autumn

Learn more and apply on our [website](#).



RISE Summer Camps are Back!

This summer, LDS is bringing back our small group, safe, specialized RISE Summer Camps. Our customized and creative week-long East and North Vancouver summer camps focus on helping students with learning differences develop new skills through fun, hands-on camp programs with high instructor and camp counsellor to camper ratio. Partial bursaries are available for families in demonstrated need.

Learn more and apply on our [website](#).

Welcoming New Team Members



Dr. Jennifer Fane,
Director of Education
LDS is proud to be welcoming Jenn Fane as our new Director of Education. Jenn will work closely with our existing Learning Support team, bringing a wealth of exceptional education, experience, and local as well as international connections to the role. She began her career as a teacher in her hometown of New West and is now a published author in the areas of participatory research, child wellbeing, teacher education, work-integrated learning and equity, diversity & inclusion.



Dylan Bartley,
Support Coordinator
Dylan will soon be the new face behind the 'info@ldsociety.ca' email, as Alice Bromfield has moved to a new role of Family and Student Services Manager. Over the past 10 years, Dylan has worked in both educational and recreation settings which have allowed him to develop and implement a wide range of strategies to facilitate positive change in the lives of children, youth and their families. We are thrilled to have him joining our team!

This Month in Our AT Studio



C-Pen Reader Pen

A part of the RISE AT Studio, the C-Pen Reader Pen allows students to scan printed text, bring it up on a screen, and hear it read out loud in multiple languages. Visit our [website](#) to learn more about how our instructors use our RISE AT Studio to enhance our individualized instruction and further the inclusiveness of our support.



AT Studio Webinar

With the ongoing growth of our Assistive Technology Studio, LDS is able to offer software and hardware tools that can enhance the learning experiences and confidence of our students. Some of these tools can be accessed from home for free! To learn more about these technologies, sign up for a [webinar](#).

Events

Victoria Day Reminder

A reminder that LDS's Learning Centres will be closed Monday, May 24th for Victoria Day.

Please note scheduled sessions for Saturday, May 22nd will run as planned.

We hope you are all able to get outside and enjoy the May flowers.



Spring Campaign Sneak Peak

It's our anniversary! LDS is celebrating **50 years** of transforming lives with a Spring Campaign! From May 17–28th, if you donate just \$5—the price of one fancy coffee—one generous donor will give \$50! That's a 10:1 match that will all go towards our COVID Catch Up Fund. Stay tuned for more details about how YOU can get involved with the celebrations!

More from LDS



Mission Maker: June—Remedial Instructor

"I hope I can give them a transformative learning experience, and they can use the tools and strategies I teach them in their lives outside of LDS, and that can make a difference in their confidence and self-autonomy."

Our April Mission Maker is June, who brings her positive energy wherever she goes. Read the full interview [here](#).

Thank You Disability Alliance BC

LDS continues to serve our families with an ever growing number of programs. One of our most recent additions is [RISE TEAM](#), our new instruction, employment skill-building and mentorship program for teens, that is generously funded through [Disability Alliance of BC \(DABC\)](#)!



Thank You United Way of the Lower Mainland

Thanks to the Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund and the United Way of the Lower Mainland, for providing a grant to fund our first ever [Spring Break camps](#), where we emphasized mental health as part of our programming. We were able to offer our students the tools and support to take care of their mental health as well as instruction and other fun activities!

Thank You Stigma Free Society
Thank you to Stigma Free Society (SFS) for their support of our programs, most recently during our Spring Break Camps, where they introduced mental wellness and destigmatization to our students. On May 5th, 2021, SFS is hosting their Hope and Help Fundraiser for Mental Health! The funds will go to addressing the growing mental health needs of those in our community. Visit their [website](#) to buy tickets, donate, or learn more.



Careers



Community Ambassador

We are currently seeking volunteers for Community Ambassador (multiple positions), in-person and/or online. Please fill the [volunteer interest form](#) to get involved and have a direct and lasting impact on the communities we live in and love.

Help us #KeepOurKidsLearning

With your help during these difficult times, we can make our research based programs available to vulnerable learners in need throughout our province.

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