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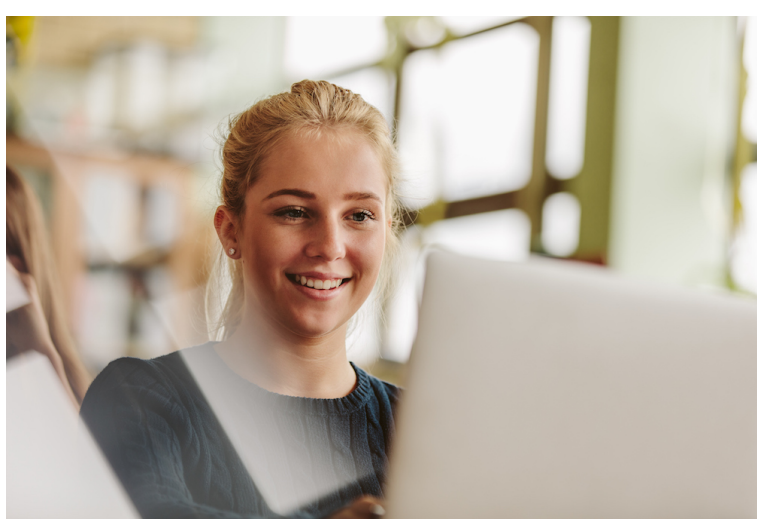
ARISE Newsletter

Spring has sprung at LDS which means we have new programs, new team members, and new workshops to share. Applications for RISE Summer Camps 2021 and RISE TEAM are NOW OPEN! We also have an exciting workshop in April for parents to learn about Tax Credits and Savings Plans for their children with learning differences. More details below!



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](#).



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.

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



Disability Tax Credit & Registered Disability Savings Plan Workshop

LDS, in partnership with Disability Alliance BC (DABC), will be hosting an online Disability Tax Credit (DTC) and Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) workshop Wednesday, April 7th, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm PST. This free workshop will help guardians of children with a learning disability understand the DTC, a non-refundable tax credit that helps persons with disabilities or their supporting persons reduce the amount of income tax they may have to pay. Learn more on our [website](#) or register by emailing info@ldsociety.ca.

This Month in Our AT Studio



Introducing: Mike Gray, Assistive Technology Manager

Mike is very excited to advance the LDS [Assistive Technology](#) program including our socially assistive robotics initiative and to advance LDS AT and IT priorities that will enable us to build further capacity and streamline operations to support more students more effectively. Welcome to the team, Mike!



Front Row's Juno

Juno is a classroom audio device that ensures everyone in our AT Studio and beyond can hear the speaker at just the right volume. LDS uses Juno at its group classes and camps to make every student feel like they are right in the front row to improve focus, engagement, and learning. 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

Long Weekend

A gentle reminder that LDS's Learning Centre will be closed Friday, April 2 through Sunday, April 4th for the long weekend.

We hope you are all able to get some well-deserved rest (and chocolate!).

Happy Easter and Passover for those that are recognizing these holidays.



More from LDS



Thank you Massy Books

Thank you to [Massy Books](#)—a local Indigenous-owned & operated bookstore—for offering our charity a discount to purchase new, inclusive kids' books for students with learning differences! They believe in the power of books to enrich lives and build community, and so do we!



Mission Maker: Rachel Y. – Remedial Instructor

LDS is lucky to have so many excellent and unique instructors to match with our students. One of these instructors, Rachel Y., is not only calm, patient, and kindhearted, she also brings a holistic outlook to her approach to remedial instruction. Read more of Rachel's story on our [website](#).

Mission Maker: Claire – Program Manager

"I don't think any child should go without, especially because of money, so if we can help, that's incredible."

Our Program Manager Claire is passionate about advocating for the children that come through our doors. Learn more about Claire's work on our [website](#).



Careers



Please let your contacts in education know that we are hiring for an Interim Executive Director (parental leave) for the period of mid-June to mid-October.

Applications are being considered as received as per instructions in [the posting for the position](#).

North Van Remedial Instructors

We are searching for motivated individuals who have experience teaching and working with children with learning differences to join our North Van team. Start: ASAP. Instruction occurs Monday to Friday between 9am and 7pm, as well as Saturdays between 9am and 5:30pm. We provide a supportive, flexible work environment and professional development opportunities. To apply, please visit our [Careers page](#).

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