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ARISE Newsletter

There's always something new happening here at LDS. We are launching two new programs this spring—RISE TEAM and Spring Break Camps—and celebrating Black History Month, Staff Appreciation Week, and Pink Shirt Day.



Register For Spring Break Camps!

LDS is hosting small group, safe, specialized RISE Spring Break Camps. Our team has designed special programming and activities that can be delivered safely in-person to exceed health and safety guidelines. These camps are designed for kids currently in grades 3 - 5. To learn more and register, visit our [website](#).

LDS is excited to announce our partnership with Stigma Free Society for Spring Break Camps. [Stigma-Free Society](#) is a charity that aims to reduce stigma of all kinds, with a focus on mental health. The Society will conduct virtual Q&A presentations with students, where presenters share their personal stories and show professionally-made documentary videos about living with mental health issues and facing stigma.



Launching This Spring: 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, and volunteer experience. Learn more and register on our [website](#).



Black History Month at LDS

February marks Black History Month (BHM), but historical injustices, like systemic racism and oppression, are ongoing issues. As a charity that exists to serve all children and youth with learning differences, we are continually doing what we can to dismantle the internal and external systems that pose barriers to the full participation of students who identify as Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Colour (BIPOC). With this in mind, LDS celebrated BHM by amplifying Black voices, resources for the Black community, and Black-led organizations. Read our non-exhaustive list of resources on our [blog](#).

This Month in Our AT Studio



LexiLife's LexiLight

LexiLife's LexiLight is a desk lamp that can significantly reduce symptoms of dyslexia when reading printed text. Our in-person students affected by dyslexia can use the LexiLight in their lessons to improve their comprehension and comfort while reading. 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



Pink Shirt Day

On February 24th, LDS staff wore pink shirts to raise awareness and stand up against bullying. Anti-bullying is important to LDS as we work with vulnerable children and uphold our values of kindness, acceptance, and community. Together, we can create a kind and understanding community.

Appreciation Week at LDS

LDS combined Valentine's Day and Family Day into a week-long show of our appreciation towards all our team members and the wonderful work they put into helping our kids! We thank them for all the hard work they do for LDS and we are truly grateful to have each and every one of them on board!



More from LDS



"I think they see a kindred spirit in me"

If you have recently stepped foot inside our East Vancouver Learning Centre, you've probably met Alice, our friendly Support Coordinator. Each month, our blog series "Mission Makers" will feature the story of a staff member. This month, read how Alice, our Jill of all trades, is keeping LDS running smoothly and safely during COVID-19.

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Careers



Director of Education

Please let your contacts in education know that we are hiring for a very exciting role. Join us as our DIRECTOR of EDUCATION, a full-time position that will lead our educational programs, grow our education-related partnerships and collaborations, and be a key part of transforming the lives of children and youth with learning differences.

Start: ASAP. Remuneration: \$80,000 – \$90,000 per year with extended health and dental benefits, generous paid vacation, and a supportive, flexible work environment. The application is open until filled 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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