



May 2021

ARISE Newsletter

May was an exciting month at LDS with announcements of new summer programs, wrap up of our PEERS program and our Make a Difference campaign!

LDS SUMMER PROGRAMS

Make sure to apply for one of the limited spots available in each of our summer programs.



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. We also provide 30 hours of volunteer experience to satisfy the high school graduation volunteer hours requirement!

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



RISE Summer Camps

LDS is bringing back our popular camps

RISE & Tell: campers work closely with our language team to explore exciting ways to tell stories through written word, oral histories, plays, and graphic novels.

RIS & Solve: campers work as a (physically-distanced) team to investigate the world around us. Campers develop detective skills to solve all sorts of problems, including puzzles, math games, educational team games and more.

Visit our [site](#) for schedules & application.



Summer Tutoring

The goal of summer tutoring is to help students maintain the academic skills they acquired throughout the school year, and gain further independence and confidence to jump start the new school year! Students will receive one-to-one tutoring support with a qualified instructor.

Summer tutoring will be held Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm, from July 5 – August 27.

Visit our [website](#) to learn more and apply.



RISE Intensive Intervention

Applications are open for our RISE Intensive Intervention program. Eligible students will enrol in 3 week long cohorts where they will receive individualized, research-based instruction. This program is designed for students with significant and persistent learning needs and/or can benefit from additional time, support, and instruction.

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

\$5 gets kids \$50 - one day to go!



Friday, May 28th is the last day of our Make a Difference campaign to support our [COVID Catch Up Fund](#). That means today at 11:59pm is the last chance for your donation of \$5 to be matched with an additional \$50 by a generous donor!

Thank you to everyone who has already kindly donated or participated in this campaign.

We understand if donations are not possible at this time. In that case, please share our message with your family and friends or read our blog ["Join the Community"](#).

This Month in Our AT Studio



MUSE Meditation App

Muse is offering free 1-year access to their 5-star Meditation Studio by Muse app. You'll gain access to an extensive library of guided meditations and courses led by renowned experts with a diverse range of styles. Explore collections geared toward sleep, self-care, calm and other specific goals, as well as step-by-step courses featuring sequential, in-depth instruction.

These guided meditations do not require the MUSE headset or any additional hardware outside of a smartphone. Visit our [website](#) or email AT@ldsociety.ca for information about accessing the MUSE app or our AT Studio.



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

Last day of spring sessions

A reminder that our current one-to-one sessions at our Learning Centres and online end on **Saturday June 19** (sessions on that day will go ahead).

One-to-one sessions re-start again on July 5 (see Summer Tutoring applications, above).

If you're in RISE TEAM, Intensive Intervention, or Camps, please refer to the schedule that will be confirmed for you via TutorCruncher.



More from LDS



Mission Maker: Mel— Learning Support Manager

"I just want to be able to make a difference and help people and provide resources that maybe they wouldn't otherwise have access to because of finances or they're not sure how. It's not an easy process to navigate the school system with a learning difference, and so I want to be somebody who can offer that for families."

Our May Mission Maker is Mel, now say that five times fast. Read the full story on how her experience growing up with her sister with a learning difference and interest in the arts has influenced her passion for her career [here](#).

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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