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## ARISE Newsletter

We are sending out a big thank you to our families, students, donors, supporters and partners for making 2021 a huge success, and setting us up for a phenomenal 2022! In this month's newsletter, read more about our successes and apply for some of our 2022 innovative programs, including **Spring Break Camps** with new core competencies and social-emotional content!



*Together we raised \$144,056 for the kids!*

Thank you to [everyone](#) who participated in \$100K for 100 Kids: Transforming Lives! Whether you donated directly or shared our fundraiser for vulnerable students with family and friends, your efforts are greatly appreciated. Our fundraising is critical for providing bursary supports to current and future students of LDS. In 2022, we will be supporting at least another 144 students thanks to your kindness and generosity!



*Spring Break Camps applications open!*

LDS's customized, hands-on Spring Break Camps are back! This year, in addition to our RISE method learning supports that will follow BC's core competencies, we are including social-emotional learning as an embedded part of our programming, and some time working with assistive technology including our social robot! Don't miss out on this fun and engaging camp for students in grades 3 to 6!

Where: East Vancouver Learning Centre  
When: March 14-18 and March 21 - 25, 2022; Mon - Fri, 9am - 4pm

[Apply now!](#)



*Early RISErs featured on CKNW with Simi Sara, Global TV, and CBC Early Edition!*

Have you watched the news or listened to the radio lately? LDS has been asked by several high profile media programs to speak about Early RISErs, our innovative early childhood education and intervention program for children aged 3-5. To view or listen to the interviews, please visit our "[In The News](#)" page. Early RISErs current (Jan-March) and future (spring and autumn) cohort [program applications](#) are open now!



*Thank you Squamish Community Foundation for supporting RISE at Home*

As we aim to serve children across BC and beyond, we are reaching out to their communities for support in spreading the message and investing in our vision. We want to thank the Squamish Community Foundation for their support in bringing RISE at Home learning support to children with learning differences living in the Sea to Sky area.

Students can receive our RISE one-to-one instruction from the comfort of their own homes with our [RISE at Home](#) virtual learning support. This program is available for all students, whether you are currently enrolled and live in Vancouver, or looking for support from **anywhere in Canada!** Learn more about this program and apply on our [website](#).

## News from our Assistive Technology Studio



*AT feature: Grammarly*

Grammarly is a software tool that offers real-time writing assistance on all of your devices. Grammarly will make spelling and grammar suggestions as you type and can suggest improvements to your tone, voice, word choices, and more while offering justification for its feedback so you can learn to improve your writing long term.

Want to learn more about Grammarly? Read our [Assistive Technology blog](#). To get started with Grammarly or other software, email [Mike](#), our Assistive Technology Manager!



*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 one-on-one [webinar](#) with our Assistive Technology Manager, Mike.

## More from LDS



*Teen life and jobs skills program a success!*

We recently sat down with Dr. Jenn Fane, LDS Director of Education and key coordinator of RISE TEAM and Hallie, our RISE TEAM participant turned Learning Centre Assistant to hear their thoughts on the program and the importance of supporting students in their transition to the workforce. To read the full story, visit [our blog](#).



*2021: A year of growth and transformation*

The past 12 months were filled with achievements in learning, program expansion, and community partnership building for LDS. Thank you to everyone who continues to join us on our important journey to provide accessible, expert and comprehensive educational supports for students throughout BC. Read the full post on [our blog](#).

## Careers



*Our team of expert instructors and core staff is expanding!*

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!

To meet the needs of our growing organization we have several opportunities in a range of positions from instruction, communications, and SLP!

Learn more about these opportunities and how to apply on our [website](#).

## 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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