



June 2021

ARISE Newsletter

We want to acknowledge that this month's newsletter shares our achievements, including the wrap-up of our Make a Difference fundraising campaign, and celebrates another successful school year and graduating class. It is also crucial to reflect on the recent discovery of the mass grave at a residential school in Kamloops, BC, and the impact of colonialism and residential schools. We thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and hope that you will join us in our call to action.



LDS Stands in Recognition of the Ongoing Legacy of Colonialism and Residential Schools in Canada

Today, and every day, we humbly acknowledge that we work and live on the stolen, unceded territories of the Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples. As educators, we reflect on the impact that colonialism and the residential schooling system have had and continue to have on Indigenous peoples in Canada. Residential Schools, under the guise of education, were used to abuse, neglect, and take culture and language away from Indigenous children. This act of violence towards Indigenous families sits heavy on our hearts and calls us to action, both through our commitment to the principles of truth and reconciliation in our work and advocacy, and also in our engagement with our local and extended community in providing inclusive and accessible services for all learners. Please visit our [website](#) to read about our call to action.



Thanks to you, we raised \$45,716

Thank YOU for creating change in our community! Our Change Makers helped raise OVER \$45,000 for our COVID Catch Up Fund and made a BIG impact for children and youth with learning differences! But you didn't just raise money, you spread awareness—over 300 new Change Makers subscribed to our newsletter! That's 300 additional individuals who will be informed about learning differences and will have information that can help others. We can't thank you enough.

This Month in Our AT Studio



Live It Earth

If you are looking for educational entertainment or activities that you and your family can do this summer, you may be interested in Live It Earth. Live It Earth is an online resource that provides educational programming focused on the natural world and Indigenous perspectives. If you are interested in gaining access to Live It Earth's library of content for FREE, please contact Mike at AT@ldsociety.ca or visit our [AT Studio webpage](#) to learn more.



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

ConGRADulations

And just like that, we are wrapping up another school year. We want to wish the graduation class of 2021 all the best in the future, wherever their paths may take them.



More from LDS



Mission Maker: Anotidaishe—finding the gem inside each student

"I can't pinpoint when in my life, but at some point, I realized I love seeing people grow and reach their full potential. So, I wanted to do something that helped people do that, and I guess being a teacher is one of those jobs."

Our June Mission Maker Anotidaishe reflects on how various moments and interactions have led her to becoming a remedial instructor. Read her full story [here](#).

Careers



Administrative Coordinator

Please let your contacts know that we are hiring for the Administrative Coordinator position. A full-time, in-person role that supports all that LDS does. Responsibilities will include maintaining smooth operation of Learning Centres, coordinating billing and shipping, and being the face of LDS for families. Learn more about the role on our [website](#).

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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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