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ARISE Newsletter

Dear LDS Community,

On behalf of *everyone* at LDS, I want to take this opportunity to reach out and thank you. Over the past month, every one of our students, families, instructors, and supporters have shown us resilience, strength, and patience. And most importantly, you've shared your time and energy to help us all keep our kids learning.

We have been working hard to find new ways to offer you support. In this edition of ARISE, you'll find new programs (including our RISE at Home online learning, adapted summer camps, family coaching and adult programs), new workshops, more resources, and more ways to keep in touch with us. Please [reach out](#) if there is something you'd like to explore with us, or for a consultation with one of our Learning Support Team.

With gratitude,
Rachel Forbes, Executive Director

New Programming



RISE at Home offers ongoing support for students

LDS's new **RISE at Home** adaptive online learning platform combines online lessons with one-to-one virtual instruction. RISE at Home ensures continuity of learning for LDS students and provides greater flexibility for parents, students, and teachers. If you haven't yet tried RISE at Home, [please reach out](#) and we can schedule an intake or a trial session for you and your child.



Summer Camps - Rain or Shine, or Online!

This summer we are hosting our inaugural RISE Summer Camps. Our team is designing adaptable programming that can be delivered online, if needed, as well as in person, so please apply now indicating your interest and we will keep you updated on how we will be delivering the camps.

[Find out more and sign up »](#)



NEW Family Coaching

We have expanded our services to offer Family Coaching from two of our highly skilled and dynamic instructors, Anisa and Catherine. Coaching can address your family's unique needs as you strive towards a calm and connected home life while navigating learning online. Our goal is to support you as you develop the knowledge, tools and technique to set your children up for success.

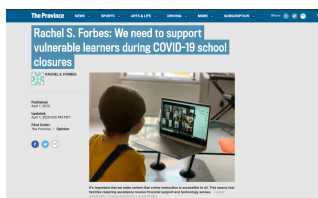
[Email Melissa to learn more »](#)



NEW Adult Program

We are considering offering small group programs for adults with learning disabilities. These would follow the same research-based, data-driven standards as our youth programming, but would be delivered in small groups, either online and/or in person (as available). Please email us with your interest and once we have sufficient interest we will schedule sessions (hopefully summer 2020).

[Learn more here »](#)



RISE at Home in the News

Our new RISE at Home program and its ability to continuity of learning support for vulnerable students has recently attracted the attention of GlobalTV, CTV News, CKNW Radio, The Province, TriCity News and more!

[See the Coverage](#)

Blog Feature



[How RISE at Home offers the highest quality all-round online instruction experience](#)

Together, TutorCruncher and LessonSpace are user friendly, high-quality, secure and interactive – giving our kids, families and instructors the best experience possible.

Resources

Check out [the LDS blog](#) for the latest news, interesting articles, and useful resource lists.



Make Home Learning A Success in 5 Simple Steps

For many families, the current shift to home learning is a big transition and a huge change for students who thrive on consistency and structure. LDS is proud to be continuing our 1:1 instruction via a dynamic, interactive online platform –

RISE at Home. How can you ensure your child gets the most out of RISE at Home?

[Read the Guide](#)



Online Learning Resources for At-Home Study

With school disruptions, it is essential to find ways to continue to provide learning opportunities and critical services to our students. Here's a selection of online learning resources that may prove useful in your efforts to support your child's learning at home.

[View the Resource »](#)



Thank you!

It was wonderful to have the opportunity to connect with LDS parents and community members on our first-ever online workshop. We were able to have great conversations about our experiences with children with LDs, gain insight, and answer questions.

[Sign up for the Playback](#)

[Sign up for our next WAMMS workshop in June!](#)



Complimentary Workshops with T.J. Firenze

Do you know about the Disability Tax Credit? Firenze Financial Services offers complimentary sessions for families living with a child with a learning disability. Learn if you may be eligible for the Disability Tax Credit through the federal government.

[Watch the video »](#)



Join us in welcoming Syma Shaheen and Sarah Vopni to the LDS Team. We are excited to have both join us as we continue to grow and find ways to develop our programs and offerings further to support the community. Syma joins us as the Communications and Fundraising Manager and Sarah is on board as our Community Manager (the face behind info@ldsociety.ca!).

[View our team bios here](#)

Help us #KeepOurKidsLearning

With your help during these difficult times, we can make RISE at Home online learning available to vulnerable learners in need throughout our region.

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Thank you to some of our ongoing funders. Your support means so much to us and the families we work with!





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