



P.A.L.S. Talk

**July 2017
Newsletter**

Activities and Events

July

July 15	High Level Bridge Trolley, Strathcona Market and Picnic 10 a.m. Reaching New Heights Event.
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August

August 15	Raffle Draw.
August 19	Trip to Royal Tyrrell Museum.
August 26	Internet Search 10 a.m. to noon.
August 27	Math Literacy Test Preparation Class 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

September

September 8	International Literacy Day.
September 8	Twitter and Facebook Campaign, see Adam by August 15.
September 9	Reaching New Heights – Learn about the Program, 10 a.m. - noon.
September 16	Math Literacy Tutor Professional Development.
September 23	LELL Tutor Professional Development.
September 24	Math Literacy Test Preparation Class 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

October

October 15	Emergency First Aid and CPR.
October 28	Literacy Tutor Professional Development.

P.A.L.S. Raffle

**Tickets are available to sell to your family, friends and co-workers.
Pick up at Office.**

Help us spread the word!!

Hand out leaflets at Edmonton Events.



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Student and Volunteer Recognition Celebration

On April 25 the Celebration was held at the Telus World of Science.



Thank you

Honourable Marlin Schmidt, Minister of Advanced Education, for giving us your greetings and certificates to each student and volunteer.

Picture: Marlin Schmidt, Alison Pepper, Literacy Student and Marilyn Shannon, President Board of Directors.

Student Achievement Award

Annette Gaudet, Literacy, and Nooria Niazi, Math Literacy, were nominated by their tutors for the achievements they have made in their learning and the changes in their lives.

P.A.L.S. students are outstanding and real heroes.

Congratulations to Nooria who received the award for 2017.



Marlin Schmidt, Annette Gaudet, Noori Niazi, and Marilyn Shannon.



Outstanding Tutor

Students have the opportunity to recognize the contribution of their volunteer tutor to their learning.

Eunice Milligen and Paul Godsell were nominated Outstanding Tutor by the adult students they mentor.

Thank you Annette Gaudet and Harjinder Boparai for sharing your stories.



Students for Students

All P.A.L.S. members, students and tutors, are invited to attend any workshop or activity.



High Level Bridge Trolley to The Strathcona Market and Picnic.

Saturday, July 15 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ride the Trolley, shop at the Farmers Market for vegetables and crafts and enjoy a picnic at the Park.

Sign up at the office or call Jasmine, 780-424-5514.



The Royal Tyrrell Museum

**Saturday, August 19th, 2017
8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

P.A.L.S. students, tutors and members, and family members - \$40 per person.
Sell 2 books of raffle tickets and the cost is \$30.

Non P.A.L.S. members - \$60 per person.

Take the bus to Drumheller, visit the Museum and see the dinosaurs, and have a picnic supper.

Register by August 14 at the office.

Search the Internet

Saturday, August 26 at 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Find what you want to find on the internet.
- Reduce your frustration.
- Sort out good information from bad.
- Keep your computer clean.
- Learn how to use your browser.
- Gain new skills.

Register at the office with Adam – 780-424-5514.



Student Activities

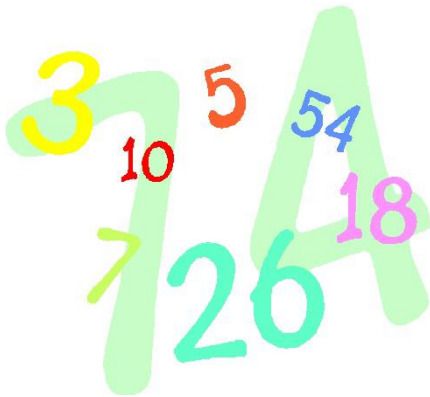


Computer Classes

- Introduction to Computers
- Computer Skills for Work and Daily Living

Computer classes return July 24.

Develop your skills and increase your confidence with computers! Classes are 2 hours, once a week for 12 weeks. To register or for more information, talk to Adam.



Math Test Preparation

August 27, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

September 24, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Are you planning to take an entrance exam?
Are you near completing the math modules?
This class is for you.

Talk to Monica Das, Math Literacy Coordinator, to register.

Invitation to Join Reaching New Heights

Learn about the Reaching New Heights Program

Saturday, September 9 at 10 a.m. to noon.

This is a program to develop skills that you can use in the community, public speaking, build confidence and self-esteem, and encourage volunteering.



Do You Need a Computer?

Used computers for sale!

Refurbished desktops for \$150 and laptop computers for \$135 are available.

Ask Adam for more information.

Leisure Access Card

If you have low income, are on AISH, a recent landed immigrant or refugee you can access Edmonton Activities at a reduced price.

Information is available at the office – The Priceless Fun information from the City of Edmonton.

Congratulations!

Achiles Traya on passing the AIT Entrance Exam for apprenticeship.

Rukiya Sheik qualified to take ESL at NorQuest College.

Moustaria Mohammed passed Biology and Chemistry at Grant McEwan University.

Martha Buom was accepted in the Childcare Aid program at NorQuest College.

Annette Gaudet got a new job with an automotive dealership.

Nooria Niazi passed Math 10 at Metro Continuing Education.

Safiyo Hasan qualified to take Child Care Level 1 in September.

Thank you!!

John Jamieson for applying to TELUS Helping Hands for a donation in recognition of his volunteering with the Literacy for English Language Learners (LELL).

Miranda Grotski for applying to Dow Chemical Canada ULC for a donation of her volunteering with the Math Literacy Program.

Nooria Niazi for securing the raffle prize from the Mayfield Dinner Theatre, a play, and stay at the Double Tree Hotel.

Linda Kwan for securing the raffle prize of a dinner at the King and I.

Thank you

Golden Key International Honor Society, Grant McEwan Chapter and
Royal Alexandre Hospital Employees' Charitable Donation Fund



Literacy – Bonnie Caron, Coordinator

Welcome to Literacy Tutors!

Welcome to the Literacy Team - John Jay Atwood, Ella Mikulecky, Leah Schwartz, Sandy Xu, and Sinead Mc Conomy.

You are embarking on an exciting adventure with your match.

Tutor Professional Development - Saturday October 28 at 10 a.m. to noon.

Goals and Evaluations

Tutoring is a powerful tool that promotes learning. Much of our success at P.A.L.S. comes from the interaction between you the tutor and your student. This professional development is designed to give you ideas on how you can engage your learner, adjust the content and nature of tutoring to meet the needs of your student and encourage active participation.

Put this event into your calendar and be sure to join us for an interesting morning.

Book Club and Writing Circle

It has been an excellent spring at P.A.L.S! Our Book Club and Writing Circle are doing very well. We will not continue over the summer and start again in September. Book Club will continue in the fall with a fantastic book by Thomas King called Medicine River. At the present there is no room in the book club until January 2018.

There is room in the Writing Circle starting in September. This class is for intermediate writers and will focus on sentences, grammar and paragraph writing. If you believe this would be of benefit to your student, please call or refer them to Bonnie.

Computer Literacy – Adam Rupp, Coordinator

Video Series: Share Your Stories!



How has learning or volunteering with P.A.L.S. changed your life? P.A.L.S. is looking for students and tutors to share their success stories in a series of short videos to share the benefits of literacy and promote P.A.L.S. in the community.

Let us share your story on our website palsedmonton.ca and social media to let everyone know what literacy means for you!

Call Adam at 780-424-5514 or see him in the office for more information, details and to become involved.

International Literacy Day – September 8

P.A.L.S. tutors

Come help us spread the word and raise awareness with a day of social media outreach on September 8th – International Literacy Day. Share your experience, answer questions from the community, and let everyone on Twitter and Facebook know how volunteering can change a life.

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Math Literacy – Monica Das, Coordinator

Welcome New Math Tutors!

Please join me in welcoming Mita Datta, Hagos Eman, Maan Al Abdulla, Basema Ismael, Cody Busenius, Brock Toews, and Bob Barker our newest members of the Math Team! A big thank you to all the tutors for their continuing support in making the Math Literacy Program a very successful one.

Math in Science Group

Starts in September for 12 weeks.

Contact Monica Das, Coordinator at 780-424-5514 for more information.



Congratulations Marlen Shustov

Marlen, a longtime volunteer tutor in the Math Literacy Program, won the Lawn Bowling "Cut Throat" Tournament, on June 10, 2017.

Our tutors have exciting lives.

Literacy for English Language Learners (LELL), Marie Fontaine, Coordinator



Welcome to P.A.L.S. Marie.

Marie is the new coordinator of the LELL program. Until August Marie will be working Thursdays and Saturdays. I encourage you to e-mail or call her on those days.

Marie brings many skills to the program and a commitment to adults who have English Language challenges. She will bring her enthusiasm and energy to LELL.

Marie's biography

She is a bilingual Canadian who has been working in the field of ESL for the past 19 years. After twenty-two years of living and teaching English in Germany, she has returned to Canada, to embark on a mission to reinvent herself. Her interests are broad ranging and include volunteering for CJSR radio, Theatre Network, Fort Edmonton Park, the Art Gallery of Alberta and Skirtsafire Women's Festival. Her appointment as LELL coordinator at P.A.L.S is a career move she is very excited about.

Calling all tutors and students!

Help us spread the Word to Recruit Volunteers!

If you are out in the summer at:

- **Festivals and activities in Edmonton,**
- **At Farmers Markets**

Hand out leaflets to people.

Call Valerie at the office to arrange pickup of leaflets.



P.A.L.S. Raffle

Cost of Tickets: \$2.00

Value of Prizes: \$2033

Three Prizes

Tablet Computer

- Samsung Galaxy Tab A 9.7 tablet
- Protective cover



Edmonton Fun!

- Edmonton Attractions (Fort Edmonton Park, Valley Zoo, Muttart Conservatory, John Janzen Nature Centre)
- University of Alberta Botanic Gardens
- Art Gallery of Alberta
- Brunch at Royal Glenora Club
- Dinner at Viphalay, The King & I, and Red Star Pub restaurants
- Mayfield Dinner Theatre (2 tickets & 1-night stay)
- Kingsway Mall Shopping (\$ 250 gift card)



Curl Up and Read

- Handcrafted Double Quilt
- Audreys Books gift card (\$50)

Draw Date: August 15, 2017

Tickets to sell to your friends, co-workers and neighbours can be picked up at the office or call and we will mail to you.

Participation Prizes:

- Top three ticket sellers receive a \$25 gift card to Canadian Tire.
- Random selected ten sellers receive \$10 gift card to Subway, Save-On Foods, or Starbucks.

Raise funds for programs.