



P.A.L.S. Talk

December 2017

Newsletter

Activities and Events

December

December 12	Happy Holiday Party, 6 p.m.
December 12	Gourmet Bulk Food Order – Orders and payment last day.
December 25 to January 2, 2018	Office Closed.

January 2018

January 6	Reaching New Heights Meeting, 10 a.m. to noon.
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February

February 24	Public Speaking Workshop, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
February 25	Math Test Preparation Class, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

March

March 18	Emergency First Aid and CPR. 830 a.m. to 5 p.m.
March 21	Students Share Stories at Audreys Book Store at 6:30 p.m.

April

April 17	Student and Volunteer Recognition Celebration and Annual General Meeting at 6: p.m.
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May

May 5	Team Conference at NorQuest College
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Happy Holiday Party
December 12 at 6 p.m.
Family and friends welcome.

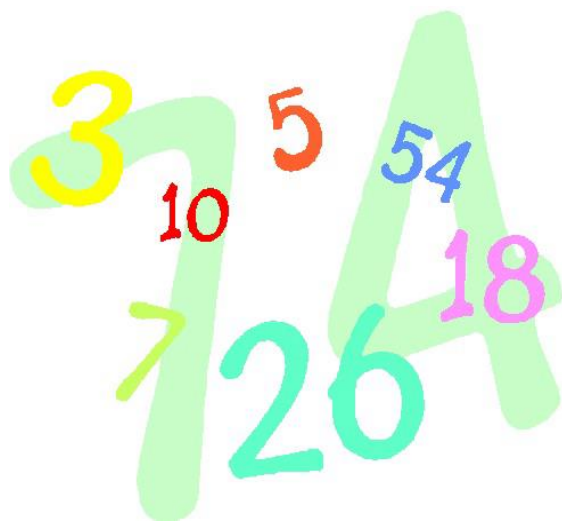


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Student Activities



Math Test Preparation

Sunday, December 3, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 25, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Are you planning to take an entrance exam?

Are you near completing the math modules?

Math in Science,

Monday, January 8 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Students who want to work on science skills using their math.

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



Book Club - Starts January 10, 2018

Wednesdays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.,

There is room for participants. Read a book with others. Have fun!

Writing Club - Starts January 9, 2018

Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This is the intermediate writing group. The focus is on sentences, grammar, and paragraph writing.

Talk to Bonnie, Literacy Coordinator

P.A.L.S. Recognition of Students and Tutors

Student Achievement Award

Tutors nominate your student for the Achievement Award to recognize his/her hard work, dedication to learning, achievements, and volunteering.

Tutor Recognition Award

Students recognize the contribution of your tutor to your learning.

Nomination forms are available in the office or call your coordinator. Must be submitted by April 10.



Festivals in Edmonton

Edmonton has many festivals in both the winter and summer.

Exploreedmonton.com is on line and you can find a list of festivals.

Flying Canoë Volant - Pimihâw Waskwayôsis

Mill Creek Ravine and La Cité Francophone, 8627 Rue Marie-Anne-Gaboury (91 Street),

February 2 to February 3, 2018.

Students for Students – Workshops and Events



Invitation to Join Reaching New Heights

Learn about the Reaching New Heights Program.
Saturday, January 6, at 10 a.m. to noon.

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



Public Speaking Workshop

Saturday, February 24, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- develop your public speaking skills
- reduce your anxiety to speak in public
- practice speaking

Sign up at the office.



Emergency First Aid and Adult CPR

Sunday, March 18, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Cost: \$20 for P.A.L.S. member.
\$90 for non P.A.L.S. member.**

Limit 16 people. As space is limited register early.
Register at the office, this includes payment.
Register by March 19, 2018.



Students Share Stories

Wednesday, March 21 at 6:30 p.m.

P.A.L.S. share their learning journey and the changes in their lives.

**Audreys Book Store Jasper Avenue and
107 Street.**

May 5, Team Conference at NorQuest College

Registration forms available March 15 at the office.

Congratulations!

Jaquino Molina passed the AIT Entrance Examination.

Jabulani Ncube passed the AIT Entrance Exam.

Dustin Wright on passing his AIT Entrance Exam and first year at NAIT.

Duane Payne joined the upgrading program at NorQuest College.

Tywla Sangris joined the upgrading program at NorQuest College.

Andale Peart on his promotion at work.

Rukiya Sheik for completing her courses at NorQuest College with great marks.

United Way Speakers Bureau

Danny Haines,
Dennis Rouleau,
Annette Gaudet

Thank you for representing P.A.L.S. in the United Way Speakers Bureau.
P.A.L.S. gave 13 speeches to over 1000 people in September to November.

Community Thank you!

Nooria Niazi, who has completed the Math Literacy Program and passed her Grade 10 math from Metro Continuing Education. She is now a student in the Literacy for English Language Program. She made cookies for P.A.L.S. to give to our community supporters.

We received many thank-yous for the cookies.

The highlight for Nooria was a phone call from Premier Rachael Notley to thank her.

Office Closed

The office will be closed from December 25, 2017 and reopen on January 2, 2018.

If tutors and students want to meet, please see your coordinator for a key and the passcodes for the alarm system.

Computer Literacy, Adam Rupp, Coordinator

Computer Classes

Get on the road to success!

Develop your skills, increase your confidence with computers and explore the online world!

Introduction to Computers

Tuesdays and Sundays, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Computer Skills for Work and Daily Living

Thursdays, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.



Other class times may be announced.

New classes begin in January. To register or for more information, talk to Adam.

Do You Need a Computer?

Refurbished desktops and laptops are available. Ask Adam for more information.



Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards

Marlen Shustov

nominated by P.A.L.S. for the Stars of Alberta Volunteer Awards. Marlen has tutored with the Math Literacy Program since 2009. He helps with the fundraising efforts and other fun activities. He finds P.A.L.S. to be a warm, comfortable and friendly.

He has helped 20 students with their math.

Annual General Meeting Tuesday, April 17 at 6 p.m.

Send agenda items for the meeting to the office by April 1.

Newsletter as a learning tool

The newsletter is a learning material that the student and tutor should discuss.

There are activities in which students can participate. Learning and creating lifelong learning means that people participate in learning activities such as workshops, conferences and field trips.

Make reading the newsletter a part of your learning activity in the match and groups.

Literacy – Bonnie Caron, Coordinator

Welcome to Literacy Tutors!

Welcome to the new members of the Literacy Tutor Team – Amanda Loy, Fiona Salkie, Grace Charles, Karrie Ahlf, Herode Brice, Leanne Carbonilla, Amit Ramchandani, Vicki Chand Prasad, and Mona Luth. Thank you for making literacy mentoring a priority in your lives!

Tutors - Book and Writing Club for Your Students.

Book Club

Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. starting on January 10. Students should be in Challenger 4 or higher.

Writing Club

Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. starting January 9. This is an intermediate writing group and will focus on sentences, grammar and paragraph writing. Students should be in Challenger 4 or higher to join the group.

Tutors! This is an excellent supplementary activity for your students to do. Please encourage them to give the writing circle a try.

Literacy for English Language Learners – Marie Fontaine, Coordinator

A big hello from the LELL program to offer my thanks to everyone who has made my transition into the full time position as coordinator such a success. I appreciate everyone who has taken time to welcome me as part of the P.A.L.S team. Especially to my awesome colleagues tutors who take so much time to help me change the lives of our students.

Welcome New LELL Tutors!

We have 16 new tutors! Wow! Welcome Cheryl Li, Nathan Scott, Lorraine Whipple, Kim Tung, Iris Ayers, Lory Batong, Tina Fang, Amanullah Panhwar, Hamid Hosseinzadeh, Natalie Laronde, Mia Le, Melinda Cooke, Anne Nield, Reanne Henesy, Mitch Baker, and Kailey Imes.

My heart goes out to all of you as I witness your enthusiastic endeavours in assisting our students in becoming better communicators. Great job!

Tutor Professional Development

The tutor professional development session on September was a big success. Thanks for taking part! Many of our new tutors got the chance to meet experienced tutors when we discussed what tools we should have on our LELL toolboxes. Fun and learning was had by all.

Math Literacy, Monica Das, Coordinator

Welcome New Math Tutors!

Please join me in welcoming Amber Garrett, Andrew Garrett, Laura McIntyre, Eric Guan, Felix Ling, Issac Ramnath, Taylor Kemp, Shandra Algar, Mitchel Baker, Marilyn Doyle, Robert Thompson, Maria Dumalag, Sasha Shyntar, and Keith Resoso our newest members of the Math Team! Also a big thank you to all the tutors for their continuing support in making the Math Program a very successful one.

Tutors – Math Test Preparation and Math in Science for your students.

Math Test Preparation Sunday, December 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Students who are preparing and close to being ready to write an entrance exam can register for this course. The students will learn strategies to approach math exam questions, calculator skills, math vocabulary and how to deal with test anxiety. They will also practice using these skills on a math exam in a simulated exam environment and have the opportunity to ask questions such as how to approach a specific questions. This is an excellent opportunity to test oneself for preparedness. Tutors, please feel free to join your students if you want to have an insight into the entrance exam.

Math in Science, Monday, January 8 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

This class is designed for students who would like to work on science skills that involve using math skills. This is a foundation skill program and the curriculum is currently based on the Apprenticeship Science. The goals of this program are to enable students to apply math skills in Science, increase confidence in approaching science, write the science examination, or apply to another organization for further science studies.

Thank You

I would like to thank all the tutors for your dedication, compassion and commitment to the program. Without your support, we would not have the opportunity to change lives through literacy.

I would like to give a very big thumbs up to all the learners who have shown their continued determination and perseverance to learning. It's well worth the effort.

Volunteer Coordinator, Della Massey

I am excited to be joining P.A.L.S.'s team as the Volunteer Coordinator. I am amazed at the incredible, talented, committed, people that I have met over the last couple of months. I have seen the mission of P.A.L.S. "Changing Lives Through Literacy" in action and I look forward to being a part of this vital and dynamic Organization. If you have any friends who would like to become a tutor, please encourage them to contact me. Season's greetings.



Happy Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 12 at 6 p.m.

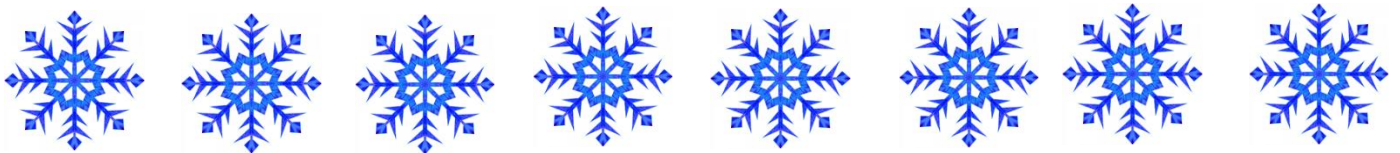
Family and friends welcome.

Call the office at 780-424-5514
and tell us you are coming and how many guests.

Loonie Raffle for the United Way.

Quilt set
Stuffed Monkey and Gum Ball Machine
\$30 Tim Horton Card
\$25 card to Canadian Tire

Join us! Have fun!



Gourmet Bulk Food Sale

Chicken, Beef, Pork, Shrimp, and Festive Appetizer Packs

Purchase your gourmet foods from P.A.L.S. at a reduced rate.

Examples are:

Cooked Juliene Sliced Chicken Brest. 2 Kilograms for \$25.00.

Gourmet Stuffed Chicken Breast 8 x 7 oz. for \$32.00.

AAA Sirloin Steak 4 x 6 oz. for \$20.00

Orders must be prepaid and placed by December 12 – Happy Holiday Party.

Food can be picked up on December 18.

Order forms and more information can be picked up at Office or e-mailed to you by asking your coordinator or e-mailing literacy@palsedmonton.ca.

This is a P.A.L.S. Fund Raiser.