



P.A.L.S. Talk

April 2018

Newsletter

Activities and Events

April

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| April 17 | Student and Volunteer Recognition Celebration and Annual General Meeting at 6 p.m. |
| April 4 | Team Conference Registration Form Available. |
| April 17 | Raffle Tickets Available to sell. |

May

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| May 5 | Team Conference at NorQuest College, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Student and Tutor Professional Development Workshops. |
| May 27 | Math Literacy Test Preparation Class, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. |

June

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| June 9 | Community Drumming Workshop, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. |
| June 30 | Smart Phone Workshop, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. |

July

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| July 7 | Library Tour, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. |
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August

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| August 11 | Multi-cultural Potluck Picnic in the Park, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. |
| August 20 | Raffle Draw. |
| August 26 | Math Literacy Test Preparation Class, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. |

April 17, 6 p.m. Student and Volunteer Recognition Celebration

May 5, Team Conference at NorQuest College



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Congratulations!!

Oluwaseun Ajewole on passing the AIT Entrance Examination.

Obadiah Ndi on passing the AIT Entrance Examination.

Ibrahim Hashi on getting a job.

Emergency First Aid and CPR

Konstantin Gerasimov, Mital Parekh, Dharmesh Patel, Avery Dublanko, James Renxiang Ma, Doma Pasang, Mona Luth, Serena Teya, Alice Musele, Youness Ejjail, Mahmood Jaghori, Fadumo Ali, Josephine Maurer, and Tsega Weldemichael received their First Aid Certificate.

Public Speaking Workshop

Della Massey, Volunteer Coordinator and member of Toastmasters facilitated the workshop for: Danny Haines, Gilbert Roberts, Fatoumata Ouattara, Duane Payne, Farida Hidara, Deborah Manning, Tina McEwen, Marian Mohamed, Sattar Zahedzadeh, Elli Mola, and Emmanuel Bantista.



Recognize Your Volunteer Tutor!!

Recognize your volunteer tutor by nominating her/him as an Outstanding Tutor.

Forms are available at the office and a coordinator can assist you to complete the form. Apply by Friday, April 13.

Your tutor will be recognized at the Student and Volunteer Recognition Celebration on April 17.

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.



Book Club and Writing Club

We have just started a new book 'The Goddaughter'. There is room at the table if you join now! Book club is very popular and lots of fun. Come out and join the group. Talk to Bonnie Caron, Literacy Coordinator.



P.A.L.S. Team Conference

Saturday, May 5 - 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
NorQuest College – 10215-108 Street.

Professional Development for adult students and volunteer tutors.

Some of the workshops are:

Adult learners – Apprenticeship, Budgeting, Tools for Happiness, Resume Writing and Aboriginal Crafts.

Volunteer tutors – Outcomes and Roundtable, Differentiated Language Instruction and Grammar Teaching Tips, and Number Talk.

**Guest speakers, Student speakers, Tutor speakers, Door Prizes.
Meet other students and tutors.**

Registration Form is available April 4. Register early as spaces are limited.

There is no cost for the conference.



Community Drumming Workshop

Saturday, June 9
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Drum with family and friends. Register at the office as spaces are limited



Smartphone Workshop

Learn how to use your smartphone and all the different things you can do with them.

Saturday, June 30, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sign up at the office or talk to Adam.

Literacy – Bonnie Caron, Coordinator

Welcome New Tutors!

I am very pleased to welcome to the Literacy Team - Lee Erlindson, Mary Synett, Kirk Popik, Barb Denia, Alyssa Baker, Mary Lou Gillis, Keren Lam, Ginette Beaulieu, Tom Carter, Jen Sheppard, Gordon Gow, Nadine Hermary, Cheryl Shaw, Shari Kuminski, and Nikoline Thomson.

Thank you for making literacy mentoring a priority in your lives!

Tutor Professional Development Workshop, May 5 at the Conference

Using Novels, Magazines and the Internet in a Literacy Match

Where do you find something different and what do you do with it when you find it? This workshop will look at how to incorporate novels and other literacy materials into your match. There are hands on activities and you will walk away with a great booklet full of interesting ideas. This workshop is especially recommended for new tutors as it is only offered every second year.

Literacy for English Language Learners – Marie Fontaine, Coordinator

Welcome New Tutors!

Thank you and welcome to twelve new LELL tutors: Martine Milfort, Amy Hewko, Iryna Lytvynka, Hajar Kharit, Venus De Guzman, Sam Johnson, Anthony McClellan, Danielle O'Brien, Cody Kendrick, Ernest Chiasson, Diane Flater, and Taylor Pawlenchuk.

Tutor Professional Development, Saturday, May 5 at the Conference

Differentiated Language Instruction and Grammar Teaching Tips

In this workshop, you will learn how to use a variety of techniques to address the differentiated language needs of your students when tutoring in a multi-level class. You will also find out about some useful and innovative ways to help your students improve their English grammar.

Facilitator Reggie Stefaniszyn

Reggie has more than 20 years of experience in the ESL field. His professional history includes positions such as ESL Instructor at the University of Alberta as well as EFL Teacher at various schools and national companies in Spain and Italy. He is an IELTS invigilator and has also been an ESL Teacher Training Instructor at Oxford Seminars since 2016.

Math Literacy, Monica Das, Coordinator

Welcome New Math Literacy Tutors!

Please join me in welcoming our newest members: Konstantin Gerasimov, James Kwan, Heather Martens, Wanda Erlandson, Sasha Shyntar, Jayson Miller, Jordan Hewko, Nicole Ngo, Pratha Trivedi, Oluseun Akinyode, and Tero Virtanen of the Math Literacy Team! Also a big thank you to all the tutors for their continuing support in making the Math Literacy Program a very successful one.

Tutor Professional Development – Number Talk - Saturday, May 5

Math is a polarizing subject for students – from overwhelmingly the favourite subject for Grade 2 students, math becomes one of the most disliked subject areas in Grade 6 and onwards. One effective practice in building mathematical confidence and encouraging dynamic thinking is the number talk. A number talk allows students to approach mathematical questions as they would in their daily lives - without pencil, paper, or calculator. Students are also given the opportunity to see mathematical problems as having multiple entry points rather than being entirely linear.

As a group we will learn about the Number Talk process, practice some example problems, and explore the important growth-mindset thinking that builds confidence in mental mathematics.

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!

Computers Basics

An introduction to using computers and the internet

Computer Skills for Work and Daily Living

Develop your skills with Microsoft Office

To register or for more information, talk to Adam.

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 on our website palsedmonton.ca and social media to let everyone know what literacy means for you!



Students Share Stories

On Wednesday, March 21, P.A.L.S. students shared their stories at Audreys Books to a gathering of tutors, students, family, and friends. The speeches were amazing! The students spoke of the changes in their lives as a result of improving literacy skills.

Videos of their speeches are available through our webpage – palsedmonton.ca.



Back Row – Gilbert Roberts, MC – Literacy; Daniel Scott - Literacy.
Front Row - Maria Fernandez - Literacy for English Language Learners;
Duane Alexander Payne - Math Literacy



**Visit by the
Honourable Marlin
Schmidt, Minister
of Advanced
Education, and
David Sheppard,
MLA for
Edmonton-Centre.**

They will be joining us for
the Student and Tutor
Recognition Celebration on
Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

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Tickets \$2.00. Draw Date August 20, 2018.

Tickets can be picked up to sell starting April 17, 2018.

Gourmet Bulk Food Sale

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

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

Examples are:

Cooked Julienne Sliced Chicken Breast. 2 Kilograms for \$25.00.

AAA Sirloin Steak

4 x 6 oz. for \$20.00

Orders can be placed immediately or at the Student and Volunteer Recognition Celebration Event on April 17, 2018.

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.

National Volunteer Week is April 15-21, 2018.

We have the most amazing Volunteer Tutors, who truly are
"Changing Lives Through Literacy"

We sincerely appreciate every one of you...Thank you.



P.A.L.S. - Project Adult Literacy Society

Invites you to our

**Student and Volunteer Recognition Celebration
and
Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

**McKay Avenue School, Archives and Museum
10425- 99 Avenue**

Visit the Archives and Museum.
Pastries and refreshments are served.

Family and friends are invited.

Changing lives through literacy.

R.S.V.P. by Thursday, April 12 at 780-424-5514.