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Wrap-up time

It's been a very long time since we put together a newsletter for our program. So, I thought it was time to share some information, have a laugh, and celebrate some of our successes. Both the Iroquois Falls and Cochrane sites worked very hard this past year to provide literacy services to learners who needed us. I am very proud to say that we were able to assist 101 learners this past year! That's amazing for a small program like ours.

Thanks goes out to all of our dedicated one to one volunteers and our remarkable staff who assisted clients with their goals.

We were also able to develop new Workforce profiles with the help of Angela Berthiaume and Kim Murray. The profiles are jam-packed with activities and useful information for those clients looking for entry level jobs. The profiles will be available starting this fall. Come in and see.

Thank you to everyone for a great year!

International Adult Learners Week September 6—10, 2004

An invitation to celebrate adult learning.

Adult Learners' Weeks around the world are celebrating the joy of learning in all its forms and in all settings. They promote the idea of learning throughout life and give special emphasis to adults so that they can express their learning needs, explore

the many learning possibilities and experience the joy of learning. Activities are not limited to government initiatives, and many of them are being pursued in partnership with civil society and the private sector.

Let's join together and celebrate learning.



We held our Annual General Meeting on Monday June 7, 2004 at the Iroquois Falls office.

Students, volunteers and staff were in attendance for the BBQ which took place after the meeting. I received some terrific feedback about the BBQ and the AGM. Volunteers and students received their certificates of achievement. THANK YOU to all those who brought food, and to Jack and Henry our 'chief cooks' who did a great job! The evening was a success. Hopefully this can become an annual event! Look for pictures in our next newsletter.



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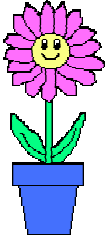
Strengths and Benefits of Community Based Programs

These are comments made by the small group class in Cochrane.

- One on one time with the teacher.
- Classes are kept small so that all the student's needs are met.
- Relaxed atmosphere that makes participants comfortable about learning.
- You feel like you're part of the community.
- You're respected as a person!

Learners Corner

This is a special place in our newsletter where we get to highlight student stories, poems, comments, etc... and share them with you! They are presented to you as they were written.



From all the learners in the small group classes,

THANK YOU
CLAUDETTE & DIANE
XOXO

'Since entering the ALC, I have gained a lot of self-confidence, and I have made many new friends. I really enjoy the classroom environment and the teacher/student 'alone' time is invaluable. I desperately needed help in Math and my teacher's patience and knowledge made learning so much easier. Also, being an adult with children, I felt supported because I can leave if needed. Thanks to my new found skills and self-esteem, I feel more capable to go out and find a great job that I am worthy of!'

Anna, Cochrane site

My Impression of the Adult Learning Center

I am very sincere and proud of myself for all that I have learned during my school years. I have learned a lot through the variety of courses. My teacher displayed a lot of courage, strength, spunk and energy towards all of us. I am a student who feels comfortable in our modernized life. In the future I hope to benefit by earning the opportunity to continue with my special needs. Thanks to the Learning Center I have regained my memory and self-confidence. I am no longer scared to try something new. I have discovered that I can continue to learn and not be deprived of anything. I have 62 years and it is never too late to learn. Life continues and I continue to learn. Today I would like to show my gratitude to all the teaching staff and personnel at the Learning Center especially Diane who has encouraged me to challenge myself.

Thank you again and God Bless You
Gilberte, Iroquois Falls site

**Be patient with everyone,
but above all with
yourself !**

CONGRATULATIONS !

At the end of June, some of our clients are graduating from the IFALC and moving on to other things.

You have all worked very hard and deserve a big hand from all of us!

Good Luck !



A Learner's Alphabet

- A is for **attendance** and being in school everyday.
- B is for **books** that I read in school.
- C is for **cars** I need to get to school.
- D is for the **dictionary** that we use everyday.
- E is for the **education** I'm receiving.
- F is for the **frustration** in math when I don't know how to multiply or divide.
- G is for the **goals** that I want to achieve.
- H is for the **help** that I need to reach those goals.
- I is for the **interesting** things we all have in common and the difficulties we all have.
- J is for the **joy** that I finally know what my learning disabilities are and how to work around it.
- K is for the **kidding** around when someone has a problem and needs support.
- L is for **learning** at school - math, spelling, etc.
- M is for **morning** classes at school and for **math**. M is also for the thing I dislike the most - MATH!
- N is for the **notes** that I can now take in class.
- O is for the **office** I always dreaded when I was in school.
- P is for the **paper** we write on.
- Q is for **not quitting** when things are hard.
- R is for the **right** to a quality education where everyone has a chance to learn without fear and frustration.
- S is for the **sick** feeling I have when I don't know how to spell, do math or people judge me.
- T is for the **tension** I feel when I can't remember what I learned the day before and I need to know it now!
- U is for all the **useful** things I'm learning here.
- V is for **victory** when I finally understand something.
- W is for **writing** everyday.
- X is for the **X-tra** time my teacher gives me.
- Y is for the **yummy** snacks we get to share in class.
- Z is for having the **Zee's** after a hard morning at school.



The Volunteer Bill of Rights

Volunteer Bill of Rights

(author unknown)

- 1 The right to be treated as a co-worker, not just free help.
- 2 The right to a suitable assignment with consideration for personal preference, temperament, life experiences and education.
- 3 The right to know as much as possible about the agency or service: its policies, its people and its programs.
- 4 The right to training for the job - training that is thoughtfully planned and effectively presented.
- 5 The right to continuing education on the job including a follow-up to initial training and information about new developments and training for greater responsibility.
- 6 The right to sound guidance and direction by someone who is experienced, patient, well informed and thoughtful and who has the time to invest in giving guidance.
- 7 The right to a place to work - an orderly, designated place, conducive to work and worthy of the job to be done.
- 8 The right to promotion and a variety of experiences through: advancement of assignments of more responsibility, transfer from one activity to another and/or special assignments.
- 9 The right to be heard - to have respect shown for an honest opinion.
- 10 The right of recognition in the form of promotion and awards, through day-by-day expressions of appreciation and, most importantly, by being treated as a bona-fide worker.



From one of our volunteers:

'I'm not sure how other volunteers feel, but I can honestly say that working with a learner has more ups than downs for me. It really feels great when you see 'the light go on' on your student's face and you know you helped flip the switch!'



Tutor's Corner



To all those tutors who worked with learners this past year, **WE THANK YOU.**

We have revised our Tutor Orientation manual this year, and updated our Training manual as well. We hope to provide 2 training sessions per year.

Looking forward to working with our 'NEW' and 'Seasoned' volunteers in 2004/2005!

Remember to have fun with your learner.

If you have any interesting websites, please let us know about them, and we will share them in our next newsletter.

Check out:

www.abcteach.com

www.ldonline.org

www.chompchomp.com

Lesson plans, info, ...

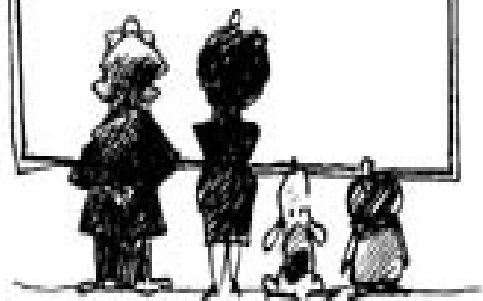
Learning Disabilities Info.

Online Grammar Exercises

Fall Activities



Tutor Training Session coming up in October. If you have any burning issues, or topics you would like us to cover, please let us know and we will do our best to get you the information.



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**Helping you open
new doors.**



Our Board of Directors

Special thanks goes out to the board members of the Iroquois Falls Adult Learning Centre. Once again, they have provided much guidance and direction during the 2003-2004 funding year regarding overall programming and financial issues concerning our organization. Thanks to all of you.

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We would also like to welcome Louise Gadoury as one of our new board members. Our next meeting will be on September 20th /04 at 7 p.m. at the Iroquois Falls program office.

Joke for June.

While on a trip, my Mom realized that she had forgotten a present for Dad's birthday.

"That's okay," he said. "The only thing I want is for you to love, honor, and obey."

Mom pondered that idea for a little while and then replied, "I'd rather buy you a gift!"

Remember Father's Day

June 20th is a day to celebrate Dad, remind him of your love and spoil him with his favourite treats.

Honour him in style.
He deserves it!

Let us know what you thought of our newsletter. We would love to add some of your ideas, recipes, writings, etc... for the next one coming in the fall.



A very special THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped us with our fundraising throughout the year.
Your support is very much appreciated!



Classes will begin on
Monday September 13th
in Iroquois Falls and
Tuesday September
14th in Cochrane.
Offices are closed from
June 25th to Sept. 7th.

SEE YOU THEN

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!