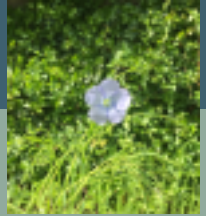




THE WHOLE DYSLEXIC SOCIETY

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Dear Everyone

The summer holidays have arrived I am sure there is much relief amongst my students and their families! The weather is gorgeous and touch wood it will be a fabulous summer for you all. I was very sad that we didn't have sufficient participants in our Family Summer Camp weekend, and will make sure I apply for a grant in good time for 2020 !

I think you may have noticed that the **Raptors** won the NBA recently... well Carter, some of you will know from last year's Camp Elphinstone, is a huge fan... here is a link to a great article about him and his team.

[Click here for article](#)

Some of you also know that DDAI have a Newsletter called **The Dyslexic Reader** and they asked me for an article about The Whole Dyslexic Society; We are featured on pages 6 and 7.

[Click here for the article](#)

Maybe you have heard of **100 Women Who Care** ? I just met one of their members last week. It sounds like such a great organisation and one that our Society might benefit from if it were nominated. I have just joined, and will be nominating the **WDS** at the September 9 meeting. Keep all your fingers and toes crossed that we are awarded around \$9,000 , and let me know if you are a member already!

[Click here to learn about 100 Women North Shore](#)

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MISSION STATEMENT: to be an organization that offers a coordinated and central approach to addressing the needs of the dyslexic individual, their families, and their community, while ensuring a safe place for accelerated learning, healing, education, social interaction and support of individual growth and development.

We are now in full swing, circulating information about our **Davis Learning Strategies Workshop** which is now set for **October 25/26** this year, coinciding with the Province wide Professional Development Day. PLEASE circulate the information I emailed to you (let me know if you didn't get it) to all your friends, family, children's teachers, homeschoolers that you know of. We have to make sure we reach as many teachers as possible, and in turn as many K-3 children as we can.

Recently I worked with a student who was nearing the end of his **Vision Therapy** sessions. I have a completely undocumented personal view that when the vision therapists pick up the tracking issues, it is because the child's real eyes are trying to keep up with their Mind's Eye which is capable of 32 images a second, and unlimited travel. Up till now, I haven't been able to meet a VT who agrees with this, but K's Vision Therapist is intrigued by his success, and wants me to tell him what we did, so I am grateful for the open door. This is from K's mother:

"K's Vision Therapy. 3 of the 4 exercises were next to impossible 2 weeks ago. Today (post program)he mastered them ALL!!! the first time! Within minutes he was finished what used to take him 20 minutes of frustration for everyone. A couple times he got caught up, and I saw him close his eyes, breathe and then he corrected himself and carried on! was beaming. So am I. Amazing!"

This summer Nadine Matishak's **Flax Braking Course** will be featured at the **Harmony Arts Festival** in West Vancouver, **August 3-13**. It's always a wonderful week and this year will be even more exciting with her group's involvement.

Thank you to Abigail Marshall, DDAI's intrepid website manager for another great article in our favour...

[*Click here to read the article*](#)

Vacancies Open

BOARD MEMBER, BURSARY INTERVIEWER:

We have the above vacancies, one for a Board Director and one for a Bursary Interviewer. In particular, we would like someone who is willing to research and write **grant applications**. Also, we need another member of the **interviewing team for bursary awards**. If you are passionate about what we do and would like to help us make a difference, the job is yours ! Just call or email Sue.

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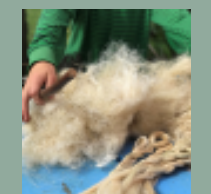


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