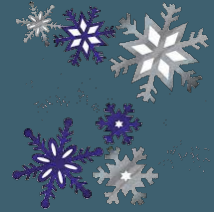




# THE WHOLE DYSLEXIC SOCIETY



## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2017

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### HAPPY WINTER!

First of all, we at The Whole Dyslexic Society wish all of you a very wonderful, even magical, Christmas and New Year holiday, and that it is full of everything you could hope for.

#### ***Looking Forward...***

We are excited about 2018 already, as our Summer Camp Weekends are back!

Nadine Matishak went to the North Shore Community Foundation's Awards afternoon on our behalf, to collect a grant in favour of our Summer Camp weekend, planned for **June 1-3, 2018 at Camp Elphinstone**... so please save those dates as you make plans for next year. We are so grateful as the grant enables us to subsidize each participant, and make it more affordable for everyone... yay! These camp weekends are so productive; we all get to do fun activities, and like-minded children and parents have the opportunity to share their experiences.



We are also excited to get moving with the **Davis Learning Strategies Workshop scheduled for August 22/23, 2018**. We will be sending out the DLS package to you shortly, and hoping that those of you with children still in school, or friends/family who are teachers, will be able to circulate this information.



**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.

Not quite so exciting but necessary... our **AGM is scheduled for February 26, 2018**. It's always a great opportunity to look back at the past year, and make plans for the next five years. If any of you would like to come onto the Board, or help on the Board in any way, you are more than welcome. In particular, we need someone who is good at organizing to oversee the Bursary applications, interviews and dispersal.

**Outreach...**



Sue Hall and Carole Taljeh had a wonderful morning at the West Vancouver Secondary School's Pro D Day on November 10, talking to the EAs and SEAs. They presented an hour of theory, an hour of hands-on, and another hour of theory and questions related to our dyslexia and autism programs. It is so amazing to feel the difference in energy when the hands-on word mastery component takes off. The teachers feel it so hopefully one day they will pass it on to their students!

Sadly we didn't get the funding for our projected Conference from Shaw or the Doug Flutie Foundation, nor did we get accepted for the BCTF New Teachers' Conference at UVic... but Carole Ford is relentless, and is on it for 2019 ! Donna Doerksen and I have applied to speak at the Burnaby School District Pro D Day on February 17, 2018. Denny has the WDS Facebook page up and running, so please do send in articles you like re dyslexia... but NOT that new font please... !

**Fundraising...**

Shortly we will be asking for your children's artwork for an exciting fundraising opportunity for the Society. ... Stay tuned.

**Administration...**

Our Treasurer/Website Manager is composing our new website.. which really is the key to our progress next year, and our unbelievable Secretary never fails to amaze with improvements to the general running of things, all aided by Google Apps...



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**DATES**

**AGM**

**February 26, 2017**

**700PM**

**Meeting to be held at  
352 11th Street, North  
Vancouver, BC**

**or**

**Zoom Conference**

**Please let us know if  
you can attend.**

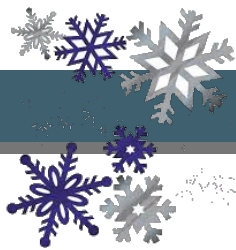
**June 01-03, 2018**

**Camp Elphinstone**

**Davis Learning  
Strategies**

**Workshop**

**August 22-23, 2018**



Thank you North Shore Community Foundation for the grant for summer camp.  
Thank you Nadine Matishak for accepting the grant on our behalf.



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Congratulations Alicia Wisdom - active WDS fundraiser and WDS supporter,  
mother to Davis student, Nicole, on your published book - Crazy Normal.  
Congratulations Nicole Wisdom on the cover art !

Book is available on Amazon.com  
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/1979928991>



***So once again, from all of us, lots of gratitude for you being part of our cause,  
and hoping that 2018 brings continued enlightenment re 'the gift of dyslexia'  
and lets hope for a significant change in our education system!***