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HAPPY SUMMER !

Dear Everyone,

I have just finished a Davis program and am privileged to see a student, who thought she couldn't do something, go home feeling proud of her achievements. I was also privileged to have a visit with one of our Board, because sometimes I need a bit of a reminder that what we do is so important. That combination prompts me to say to you all, that I hope you all feel proud of who you are and what you have achieved. **As parents**, you have recognized a challenge, done some homework, decided on a possible course of action, and when your child said they would like to take a program, you made it happen. You provided the \$s, the transport, the lunch breaks, and you supported the follow up. You kept them going when they need encouragement, and you brought them for review when needed. **As students**, you gave yourself an opportunity to reach the cause of the challenges rather than accept accommodations. You put in the energy, and you saw the results. Of course it wasn't always easy, when you were tired from school, and busy with your life, but you made time, and you made it happen. **As a Board member**, I hope you feel proud that every single moment you spare for volunteering brings our Society's objectives closer to fruition, and ONE DAY, these methods will be in schools. ONE DAY, there will be a Facilitator in every school district, and all the EAs will be trained in the follow up, and ONE DAY our way of thinking will be generally accepted and celebrated. ONE DAY people will know that we are good at what we do because of our way of thinking and not in spite of it. So thank you to everyone who has been part of our world and I hope put more energy into the WDS as of now!

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Speaking of energy... I apologize that my report on the **Family Summer Camp weekend** has taken so long. As those who took part know, Zoe Graham, (16) had to make a film for a school project, so lucky for us, she made the film of our weekend: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LPDe0UK8ZY8> Thank you Zoe! Here is a video I made <https://youtu.be/pPhkIVJDKr8> using our photos from the weekend. Enjoy!



As always we all had a blast, and as always Camp Elphinstone was awesome, wonderful accommodation, great counsellors to look after and entertain us, and the weather came up trumps. We played team building games, had two campfires with incredible entertainment from two of our gifted with dyslexia students, Tarryk and Lily. We went kayaking, paddle boarding, shelter building, rock climbing and on the low ropes course. There was a shoreline walk and a forest walk, and plenty of great food. New friendships were formed and old ones renewed, so it was a total success, and thanks to the very generous donation from the North Shore Community Foundation it was more accessible. I really hope we might benefit from their kindness next year too!

Sadly, we did not have sufficient registrations to go ahead with the **Davis Learning Strategies Workshop** this August. It is so frustrating. Every time I provide a Pro D Day Workshop about our way of thinking, teachers say they had no idea we were able to alter perception, and they seem very interested, but it ends there. There is one school all ready to go with DLS in their early grades, but I needed 24 attendees to make the workshop go ahead. Paddy Carson and our Canadian DLS presenter in training will be going to the DDAI Conference in the UK this October, and hope to have discussions with facilitators in other countries where DLS has taken off.

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On the **OUTREACH** front, Paddy Carson came to Vancouver recently to present her research at the **Arts in Society Conference**, which was well received.

Carole Ford and I have been creating our presentation for a webinar to be broadcast by the **Institute for Challenging Disorganisation** (ICD) on October 4. I always smile when I see who we are doing this for...how disorganized can dyslexics be!?! The ICD wants to know more about dyslexia and how they can reach people with dyslexia, I think. From my viewpoint, organization consists of time, sequence and order, so this is right up our street; these are the concepts we work with, especially in the ADD program, and it's been fun creating the handouts and PowerPoint. We only get 40 minutes so we'll have to talk fast!

Carole Ford and I have been accepted by the **University of Victoria** to present a **Teacher Pro D Workshop** on **Saturday, November 3**. We will have time to do both the theory and the hands-on component, so that is very exciting. Reaching the teachers who teach the teachers and supporting new teachers is essential.

As with most things, **FUNDING** is the answer. We are a very wealthy organization in so many ways, the information we have, the volunteer hours spent on our behalf, the privileges of working with people gifted with dyslexia, and I think it's about time that wealth is reflected in \$s too! Talking of which... our fundraising **Card Project** is now ready. Marcelle Warnes of The Card Project had art from some of our students, made some beautiful cards, and all we need is to sell as many as we can. By the way, we can accept more art any time, this is an ongoing project we can add to. This is how the ordering happens:

For the general public:

Go to www.TheCardProject.ca

Click on the blue "Dyslexia Society" button on the home page.

We can order single cards (and make up our own variety box!), notebooks or sketchbooks.

For family and friends of the young artists:

They should login with the "To order" button.

They will need the unique art number on the back of each card.

This login gives them the option of ordering cards, notebooks, sketchbooks AND digital art prints AND canvasses.

There is a shipping fee of \$10 or the option of contacting Marcelle to request a pickup and refund.

So in conclusion - have a wonderful summer, a great well deserved rest, and we look forward to all the exciting developments that we attract and come our way.

Your Board.....