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# Word to Word

ONE TO ONE Literacy Society



## Upcoming Events

- Spelling Bee  
May 19 2011
- Last day of school  
June 30 2011
- Classes begin  
September 6 2011
- Fall Training  
TBA

## ONE TO ONE. Volunteer Appreciation Tea



ONE TO ONE board members and staff were pleased to honour our dedicated volunteers on April 13<sup>th</sup> at our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Tea at Hycroft Manor.

Susin Nielsen, local award winning author and screenwriter, delivered an inspirational address to our tutors. Susin shared her personal story and talked about the impact of one teacher who showed a little faith in her as a child. She went on to emphasize the role that ONE TO ONE volunteers play in instilling in students a confidence and belief in themselves. As she noted, "...I stand here today as proof that sometimes, a little faith can go a long way."

We recognized all of our volunteers for being ONE TO ONE's good fortune and acknowledged two of our octogenarian tutors; Alice Rolfe who has been with the program since 1989 and 89 year old Peter Bone, our oldest volunteer, who has been tutoring for nine years.

Please view additional photos on our website on the "News" page.

### A Big Thank You to...

The Secret Garden Tea Company for donating sandwiches, scones and sweets to our tea and Blenz Coffee, Best Buy, Starbucks and the Canucks for donating door prizes.

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## ONE TO ONE!

### Volunteers, Our Good Fortune Since 1989.

*Thank you for your  
time  
and dedication in  
helping children  
learn literacy skills  
for life.*



ONE TO ONE Board of Directors

## *ONE TO ONE In-Service Training Session February 26 2011*

Volunteers gathered for a ONE TO ONE presentation, "Ready, Set, Read".



The tutoring equivalent to "location, location, location", is motivation, motivation, motivation. Motivation is one of the most significant factors tutors can target in order to improve a student's reading. Susan Williamson and Linda O'Reilly shared strategies and games to help tutors learn ways to take advantage of the many spur-of-the-moment opportunities for motivating students that happen during the course of tutoring sessions.

Volunteers learned how to engage students in lively conversations and five-minute reading games. They thoroughly enjoyed this idea packed session, going home with reading games and other literacy tools to use in their tutoring sessions.

Please visit our website [www.one-to-one.ca](http://www.one-to-one.ca) "Tutor Tips" on our Volunteer page to download Games and Strategies and view the News to see all the photos.

## *ONE TO ONE Accomplishments 2010-2011*

ONE TO ONE is now in 52 schools in the Vancouver and North Vancouver School Districts. Our volunteer numbers have increased in the past year and we now have 325 trained tutors.

We provided new tutors with our revised training manual in January 2011. The new training manual reflects current educational standards and practices and its smaller size makes it easier for tutors to bring to sessions as a reference guide.

The rotating book box program started in November. Four boxes with 25 books each and a literacy game were rotated through schools to help provide interesting and new books for students and tutors to read.

## *ONE TO ONE Plans for 2011-2012*

We're in the process of producing a training DVD for tutors. The DVD will show what happens at a typical tutoring session and demonstrate some literacy strategies. Look for it on our website in late 2011.

Next year, revised worksheets will be part of the ONE TO ONE materials as they are no longer included in the training manual.

Thanks to the generous donation of books from Scholastic Book Fairs, ONE TO ONE will expand the rotating book boxes from 4 to 24 for the 2011 - 2012 school year.



*Our ONE TO ONE Liaisons  
Yvonne, Martha,  
Dagmar & Linda  
leveled all new books in the  
ONE TO ONE collection  
this year!*



## *ONE TO ONE Volunteers— Bon Mots & Extra Curricular Activities*

Most of you have had endearing or hilarious moments with the students you tutor. A few of these stories appear below. If you have a story you'd like to share or have started a club or activity, please email Pamela at [pamela@one-to-one.ca](mailto:pamela@one-to-one.ca).

A tutor, who is originally from Britain, encouraged her student "to have a go" and the student got up and left!!

A student was reading and came to the word "holy" and paused. The tutor realized the student wasn't familiar with the word, so the tutor explained that the word had to do with religion. "Oh", said the student "like holy moley!!"

A student was preparing to read a new book. The tutor and student were working on prediction. The student picked up the book and read the title Animal Bodies. The student said, "You know, animals don't have souls, but Frosty the Snowman does" and then broke into song, "Frosty the Snowman was a jolly happy soul!"

One tutor is studying to be an opera singer and he sometimes sings the books to the student he tutors.

Several volunteers have started clubs at their schools. These include knitting and cooking clubs.



### Some Interesting Facts about the English Language:

Stewardess is the longest word typed with only the left hand.

Lollipop is the longest word typed with only the right hand.

No word in the English language rhymes with month, silver or purple.

Dreamt is the only English word that ends in the letters MT.

The sentence "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter in the alphabet.

The words "racecar", "kayak" and "level" are the same whether they are read forwards or backwards (palindromes).

There are only 4 words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous.

There are only 2 words in the English language that have all 5 vowels in order: abstemious and facetious.

Typewriter is the longest word in the English language that can be made using the letters only on 1 row of the keyboard.

#### School News

*ONE TO ONE* welcomed the following schools to the program in 2010/2011:

Carnarvon, Henderson Annex, Laurier Annex, Queen Elizabeth & Van Horne

- Vancouver Sun ~ Raise a Reader
- RBC Foundation
- Stewart Fund
- Best Buy



- Scholastic Book Fairs
- Desjardins Financial Security
- Individual donors

### Scholastic Book Fairs Donates Hundreds of Books

Scholastic Book Fairs donated over 700 books to ONE TO ONE. The books include fiction and non-fiction and range from early readers to graphic novels for older students. This generous donation will allow us to expand our rotating book boxes from 4 boxes to 24. Students will now have a greater variety of books to choose from when reading with their ONE TO ONE tutors.

**Thank you Scholastic Book Fairs!!!**



### Thank you RBC Foundation

Jackie Gill, RBC Branch Manager, presents Ann Carroll, Chair, Sherry Loof, Tutor, and a grade 2 student with a \$5000 cheque at MacKenzie Elementary School .

### ONE TO ONE Spelling Bee

Please join us at our Sixth Annual Spelling Bee Challenge on Thursday May 19 2011 from 7:30 to 9:30 am, emceed by Norm Grohman.

Individuals can join a team for \$125, enjoy breakfast and receive a tax receipt for \$95.

Come out for a morning of spelling and a lot of fun. Words are taken from Scripp's National Spelling Bee website ([www.spellingbee.com](http://www.spellingbee.com)).

To register, please contact Pamela at 604-255-5559 or [contactus@one-to-one.ca](mailto:contactus@one-to-one.ca).

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**All proceeds go towards providing children with a chance to grow into confident readers!**



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