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ONE TO ONE Literacy Society



Upcoming Events

- Last day of school
December 16 2011
- Classes begin
January 3 2012
- In Service Training
TBA February 2012
- Volunteer
Appreciation Tea
April 18 2012
- Spelling Bee
June 6 2012

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ONE TO ONE. Spelling Bee

6th Annual Spelling Bee Challenge

In the early morning of May 19th a dedicated group of Vancouver's elite spellers descended on the Vancouver Convention Centre. 2010 Champions Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy LLP were there to defend their title.

Fortified by coffee, breakfast and chocolate teams got down to some serious spelling. They battled it out over words such as vibrissae and mayonnaise and faltered over words like obloquy and sericeous. Norm Grohmann, emcee, deftly diffused the tension in the air and had teams chuckling over some of the more esoteric words.



The Spielers ~ 2011 Champions

When the dust had settled, the Spielers from The Glen Group at BMO Nesbitt Burns emerged victorious securing the 2011 Spelling Bee Champions title. The trophy is on display at their office until June 6, 2012.

The monies raised go directly towards supporting struggling readers in over 50 elementary schools in the Vancouver and North Vancouver School Districts. A huge thank you to all participants: our Silver Sponsor, Desjardins Financial Security, all our corporate table sponsors (listed on page 3) and individual participants for their continued support. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!



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

*What a child doesn't receive he can seldom later give.
~ P.D. James, Time to Be in Earnest*

*Thank you to all our volunteers for sharing your
love of reading with the children you tutor.*



ONE TO ONE ~ School News

New Schools: ONE TO ONE welcomes the following schools to the program:
Garibaldi, Grenfell and Lord Roberts

School Liaisons: ONE TO ONE is happy to announce that all schools with the ONE TO ONE program (with the exception of Seymour where our office staff fill this role) are now linked to a School Liaison. School Liaisons are there to provide support both to tutors and School Coordinators.

Rotating Book Boxes: Rotating book boxes are in schools now. Each box contains 35-40 DRA levelled books. These boxes are circulating through schools to bring new reading materials to ONE TO ONE students.

Home Reading Kits: This year ONE TO ONE is very pleased to give students in the program a ONE TO ONE Home Reading Kit. The kit provides parents with tools to help their children with reading at home. Each kit contains the booklet *Opening the Door to the World of Reading* (translated into Chinese, Punjabi & Vietnamese), a ONE TO ONE pencil, a bookmark – donated by Scholastic Book Fairs, information on the Vancouver Public Library and North Vancouver library systems, a child's library card application form, and a hangman game.

School Liaisons are delivering the kits to schools in November and December. A big thank you to our tutors for handing out the kits to their students.

Training DVD: The tutor training DVD is in the final editing stage. The DVD shows what happens during a typical tutoring session and demonstrates literacy strategies. We are very excited about the DVD and expect it to be an indispensable tool for our tutors. Upon completion the DVD will be posted on our website (www.one-to-one.ca). Look for it in early 2012.



ONE TO ONE is pleased to welcome the following Board Members

Sandy Fairey: Sandy is a born and bred Vancouverite and a UBC Commerce alumnus. She practised accounting in both public and private firms before 'retiring' to raise her 3 boys. An active school and sports team volunteer while her boys were growing up – the empty nest syndrome has sent Sandy looking for new purposeful ways to spend her time apart from tennis, yoga and gardening. So far Sandy has managed to fit ONE TO ONE in with her travel and tennis schedule! Sandy joins the board as Treasurer.

Luanne Kerry: Luanne, currently the Principal of Waverley Elementary, has been associated with the ONE TO ONE Program for many years. In 1989, when she worked as a resource teacher at Carleton Elementary School, she started up a literacy program which used Junior League ladies as reading tutors. Several years later it became known as the ONE TO ONE Program. Luanne ran the program for fifteen years at Carleton and she worked as a ONE TO ONE trainer for many of those years. In 2008, she initiated the program at Wolfe Elementary and then in 2010, she joined the ONE TO ONE Society as one of its Directors.

ONE TO ONE — Literacy Matters for Children

We all know that literacy matters. Below are some statistics (listed on the Decoda Solutions for Literacy website) that reinforce this point. They demonstrate the importance of early intervention. The time ONE TO ONE volunteers spend with children reading one on one helps to provide students with the support they need for greater academic success.

- In BC, one in four children is “developmentally vulnerable” when beginning kindergarten and one student in five is not completing high school in the expected time.
- Almost 4 in 10 youths aged 15 have insufficient reading skills.
- In 2008, 20% of Canadian teenagers aged 15 to 19 were no longer pursuing a formal education. The Canadian government will spend more than \$2,500 on employment insurance and \$4,000 on social assistance annually for each high school dropout, for a total annual cost of \$2.4 billion.

For a list of sources for these facts go to:

<http://decoda.ca/resources/facts-figures/the-importance-of-literacy-for-british-columbia/>

English is a Crazy Language!

You think English is easy???

1. The bandage was **wound** around the **wound**.
2. The farm was used to **produce produce**.
3. The dump was so full that it had to **refuse** more **refuse**.
4. We must **polish** the **Polish** furniture.
5. He could **lead** if he would get the **lead** out.
6. The soldier decided to **desert** his dessert in the **desert**.
7. Since there is no time like the **present**, he thought it was time to **present** the **present**.
8. A **bass** was painted on the head of the **bass** drum.
9. When shot at, the **dove dove** into the bushes.
10. I did not **object** to the **object**.
11. The insurance was **invalid** for the **invalid**.
12. The buck **does** funny things when the **does** are present.
13. They were too **close** to the door to **close** it.
14. To help with planting, the farmer taught his **sow** to **sow**.
15. The **wind** was too strong to **wind** the sail.
16. Upon seeing the **tear** in the painting I shed a **tear**.
17. I had to **subject** the **subject** to a series of tests.

ONE TO ONE Spelling Bee

Please join us at our Seventh Annual Spelling Bee Challenge

7:30 to 9:30 am ~ Thursday June 6 2012



emceed by Norm Grohmann

“Support Literacy: Where and When It’s Most Needed”

For those who are new to the concept, here are a few details:

- Individuals can join a team to enjoy breakfast, receive a tax receipt and have a lot of fun.
- Using a team approach, each table will be asked to correctly write the spelling for words taken from Scrrp’s National Spelling Bee web site (www.spellingbee.com).
- All proceeds go to ongoing opportunities to provide children with a chance to grow into confident readers.

For more information on forming a new team or joining an existing team, contact Pamela at 604-255-5559 or contactus@one-to-one.ca.

Thank you to our 2011 Spelling Bee Sponsors

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ONE TO ONE is seeking a part-time Volunteer Coordinator.

Reporting to the Executive Director, the Volunteer Coordinator's duties include:

- Recruiting volunteers and maintaining the volunteer database
- Coordinating new tutor training sessions
- Assisting with the organization of in service and other support sessions
- Layout and production of newsletter
- Maintaining the website
- Assisting the Executive Director with office and program administration including the organizing of a Volunteer Appreciation tea and an annual fundraising event

Qualifications include:

- Knowledge of or experience with literacy
 - Some experience recruiting and managing volunteers
 - Some event planning experience in a non-profit organization
 - Effective oral and written communication skills
 - Ability to work independently and as part of a team
 - Ability to effectively prioritize work to meet deadlines
 - Proficiency with Word, Excel and Publisher software
- Some experience with websites and the use of internet tools

This position is 18 hours per week over 40 weeks (follows the school year) with occasional evening or weekend hours.

Salary range is \$18 to \$20 per hour based on experience and qualifications.

To apply, please email your resume to contactus@one-to-one.ca attention Hiring Committee no later than Tuesday December 6 2011.

ONE TO ONE is now on Facebook ~ If anyone would like to assist with administering our ONE to ONE page, please contact us. Be sure to "like" us on our page, too!

Yes! I want to give the gift of literacy...

I would like to make a donation of:

\$20__ \$50 __ \$100\$__ Other \$_____ to the ONE TO ONE Literacy Society.

I would like my donation to go:

directly to the program. to the ONE TO ONE Literacy Society Endowment Fund.

Name: _____

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Tax receipt will be mailed to the name and address on this form. Charitable registration #882722317RR0001

Thank you for your gift!