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THE BIG PICTURE: RETHINKING DYSLEXIA

Coming to Cinefest

THE BIG PICTURE comes to Sudbury on **Tuesday, September 18, 2012, 4:30 p.m.** Be the first to see this film in Canada, before its showing on HBO in October.

Directed by James Redford (son of Robert Redford), the film was inspired by his son Dylan who has dyslexia and faced the challenges experienced by many students with learning disabilities.

Redford explains: "This film reveals that dyslexia is a neurological issue, not a character flaw. It explains that the struggle with the written word is not an indication of one's ability to think, to create, or to solve problems — all valuable skills in the world outside the classroom. This film also reveals that some of our greatest leaders in business, law, politics and medicine are dyslexics who succeeded in spite of their learning challenges."

LDAS is proud to provide Special Presentation Sponsorship for this film, made possible by a generous donation from an outstanding Canadian entrepreneur with a learning disability, Mr. Peter Ferderber (father of Angie DeMarco, LDAS).

Students with learning disabilities, parents, family, educators, health care professionals, children and youth care workers, community leaders, employers and all community members, should not miss this opportunity.



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Call Cinefest @ (705) 688 1234 www.thebigpicturemovie.com

Learning Disabilities Awareness Month Events

Oct. 1st, 10:00 a.m. Mayor's Proclamation at Greater Sudbury Council Chambers
Oct. 17th, 2:30 p.m. Community Information Fair, School of Ed. Bldg. Laurentian University, Sudbury

LDAS Mission Statement

To support all individuals with learning disabilities in reaching their full potential in a community that values their unique abilities and contributions.

PARENTS, YOUTH AND STUDENTS

OCTOBER IS LEARNING DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH



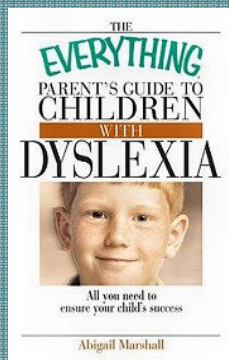
We are looking forward to this year's celebration of Learning Disabilities Awareness Month across Northeastern Ontario," says Liz Brett-Dickie, Chair of the LDAS Board of Directors, particularly our Honorary Chairs of the 2012 campaign in Sudbury, North Bay and Sault Ste. Marie!"

What do Marianne Matachuk, Al MacDonald, and Debbie Amaroso have in common? All are mayors of major Northern Ontario municipalities AND each one has enthusiastically agreed to be the 2012 Honorary Chair of LD Awareness Month for their respective city. As community leaders, they are offering their unanimous recognition and support of children and youth with learning disabilities. The potential that these individuals have for success in post-secondary education leading to meaningful careers in our communities is the focus of Awareness Month.

This year's theme of "Working Together for Rising Stars" means that it takes a village to raise a child. Thus, parents and families working together, with the support of school boards, educators, post secondary educational institutions, local agencies, employers, and community leaders, can help students with learning disabilities be successful at home, at school, in the workplace and in the community.

CHECK OUT WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY

This intensively researched book is an excellent resource for parents who have a child with dyslexia.



It covers a wide range of situations and offers comprehensive and easy to understand explanations about the way their child's mind works, as well as the strategies that can be used to facilitate learning.

This guide provides parents with an appreciation for their child's unique and wonderful way of thinking and learning.

ANNOUNCEMENT



**Coaching Program
Meet and Greet
September 24th 6:00 p.m.
School of Ed. Building
Room SE111**

Partnering for Success

LDAS partnered with Cambrian College again this summer to offer a one week assistive technology camp for students. Special thanks to Yvan Roy and Robert Pelletier our expert facilitators.

Students received training in Kurzweil, TextHelp, Inspirations and much more.

Pam Morel, Cambrian College presented a learning strategies workshop and the week long camp ended with a guided tour of the Glen Crombie Centre at Cambrian College.



"I learned so much this week. I now have a good understanding of how computers can be used to help my son succeed," Parent.

Working Together for Rising Stars!

"When you can't go to the words, let the words come to you." Marlene McIntosh, Cambrian College

Free software

Read Please will read any text that is pasted into it. www.readplease.com (for Windows)

Microsoft Reader allows you to read eBooks on Window based devices. www.microsoft.com/reader

NORTH BAY SERVICES

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NEWS BULLETIN FROM NORTH BAY

Thanks to the United Way Sudbury and Nipissing District first time funding to The Learning Disabilities Association in North Bay, LDAS is opening an office at One Kids Place and hiring a part-time Resource Facilitator to support students with learning disabilities and their families.

The Mayor of North Bay, Al MacDonald, and his partner Wendy Abdallah, have agreed to be the 2012 Honorary Co-Chairs of "October is Learning Disabilities Awareness Month." Supported by Joanne Chirico, local Community Champion for Learning Disabilities, the Mayor requested an association flag be raised at City Hall in October. LDAS Executive Director, Ron Lessard added, "The Mayor indicated that the flag will help raise awareness that all students with learning disabilities have the potential to reach post secondary education, find meaningful employment and become valuable, contributing members of our community."

The North Bay Community Advisory Committee on Learning Disabilities will host an educational workshop, *Read with Your Ears, Write with Your Mouth*, for students with disabilities, parents and educators.

The workshop will be presented at One Kids Place on October 25th and will feature Todd Cunningham, well-known advocate for individuals with learning disabilities. Although Todd too has a learning disability (reading and writing at the Grade 6 level without assistance); he holds a Masters of Education degree as well as a PhD.



Todd Cunningham

In this powerful and engaging presentation he tells his story about the power of assistive technology to help individuals with learning disabilities succeed. A wide range of assistive technology will be demonstrated to show how these tools can be used to support students and utilize their natural strengths to overcome their weaknesses.

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SAULT STE. MARIE SERVICES

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COMMUNITY CAPACITY BUILDING: SAULT STE. MARIE

Thanks to a two year Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant of \$50,000, Sault students with learning disabilities and their families will receive programs and advocacy services in the future. During its first year capacity building program, a sincere and committed group of community champions came forward and met several times in the spring to organize a Community Advisory Committee. The committee held its Inaugural Meeting in June, chaired by Matt Trainor, Director of Student Services at Sault College. With representation from school boards, the municipality, community agencies and families of students with learning disabilities, the new Community Advisory Committee will now initiate the development of supports and services in Sault Ste. Marie.

This group will also lead "October is Learning Disabilities Awareness Month" in Sault Ste. Marie with the municipal proclamation being signed in Council Chambers. After meeting with the 2012 Honorary Chair of this year's celebration, Matt Trainor shares his excitement, "We received an extremely positive and supportive response from our Mayor, Debbie Amaroso, to be this year's Honorary Chair. She has a very strong understanding of this invisible disability and recognizes that all of these individuals have average to above-average intelligence." As a community leader and with a background in supporting young people within the educational sector, the Mayor knows first-hand the importance of "Working Together for Rising Stars".



The SSM Community Advisory Committee is very proud to host for the first time in Sault Ste. Marie, well-known international motivational speaker, Lesley Andrew. She will speak on Tuesday, October 23th at 7:00 PM, at Sault College. In her captivating presentation entitled "Beating the Odds," Lesley shares her story of growing up with a learning disability: learning to take responsibility for personal change and growth, overcoming obstacles, facing fears and attaining goals.

"We are looking to build a strong sustainable organization, built upon partnerships and community support to meet the needs of thousands of students with learning disabilities in the Algoma District," shared Ron Lessard, Executive Director, LDAS.

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LDAS Services we provide:

- **One-on-one resource/advocacy support** to families as they “navigate the school system”
- **Development and delivery** of workshops and presentations designed to raise awareness through our Community Outreach Program
- **Extensive resource library** offered through our partnership with the Greater Sudbury Public Library
- **Gr. 7 & 8 Coaching Program** in partnership with Laurentian University
- **School Age Presentations:**

Happy Feet	Gr. 2 - 4
LD 101	Gr. 5 - 8
Transition Pizza	Gr. 7 - 8
- **Edu-Kinethetics** an interactive workshop to address anxiety and negative emotions
- **Newsletters** “Working Together for Rising Stars”
- **Representation** on School Board SEAC Committees, RDSB & SCDSB

NOTEWORTHY SUCCESSES!

Community Outreach Coordinator Angie DeMarco conducted 132 Workshops (5209 participants - parents, students, educators and community agencies)

Resource Facilitator Wendy Larouche, connected with 665 parents, educators and community agencies either through email, telephone, attending IPRC meetings or one-on-one parent meetings.

LDAS had 26080 hits on our website and 2007 items were checked out of our resource library housed at the main branch of the Greater Sudbury Public Library.

We are here to help, so let's get connected!

Educator of the Year Award

Was there a teacher that helped make your past school year a great one?

Someone that really understood how you learned. Someone that went the extra mile just because they really cared. We want to hear from you!

The LDAS Teacher of the Year Award recognizes an exceptional teacher who consistently supports, encourages, and advocates for the success of students with learning disabilities.

Nominate your teacher by sending us your short story along with your teacher's name and the school you attend.

Teacher of the Year award will be announced during our month long awareness campaign in October.

Help us recognize the outstanding work of our teachers.

Deadline for submission is September 28, 2012.

Email to:
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Did You Know!

The National Centre for Learning Disabilities recently launched this site to provide parents, teachers and families with direct access to free online early literacy resources.

www.GetReadytoRead.org