



NEWS BULLETIN – JUNE 2014

How to Keep Active and Stimulate Your Learning Style This Summer!

Summer is an excellent time to spruce up your skills and take learning outside of the classroom. Here are some of our suggestions to enjoy summer holidays to the fullest while keeping your body and mind active.

- **Check out new apps** – We have our top two picks for our favourite apps in this newsletter. See the right sidebar on the next page. For more app options, check out <http://ldasudbury.ca/apps>.
- **Fresh Pins** – Check out the fun summer ideas for children with learning disabilities on Pinterest. With a variety of different pins to share, Pinterest is a great source of do-it-yourself fun (and affordable) activities for your family at <http://www.pinterest.com>.
- **Get Outside** – The nice weather has arrived and we Northerners are truly lucky to be surrounded by amazing beaches, lakes, and conservation areas where families can get active. Get off the couch and explore your own backyard!
- **Go to your local library** – The Greater Sudbury Library has a wonderful selection of print and audio books, along with educational dvds to satisfy the many literary tastes in your family. The CNIB Library in partnership with the Greater Sudbury Library also offers a great variety in audio, e-text, braille and large print including best seller novels. Visit <http://www.cniblibrary.ca> for details. Go to the “What’s Happening in the City” section for more details on the library summer programs.
- **Attend a free music concert** – Bell Park is offering a free Concert Series that will feature local artists performing every Sunday this summer from 7:00 pm to between 8:00 and 8:30 pm in one of three locations: William Bell Gazebo, Katherine Bell Gazebo, or the Grace Hartman Amphitheatre. Don’t forget to bring your lawn chair!
- **Want some more ideas?** The Sudbury Best Start Hub’s community calendar has information on exciting community events happening in your neighbourhood at <http://sudburybeststart.ca/calendar>. Happy planning!

Ask Us About Our Coaching Program

Our Coaching Program involves pairing a third year Laurentian University Concurrent Education student coach with a grade 7, 8, or 9 student who has been identified with a learning disability. The Coaching Program supports a student’s understanding of their learning style, types of intelligence, learning strategies, and accommodations. This free program extends from October to March of each school year and takes place in a Greater Sudbury Library. For more details regarding registration, please refer to our LDAS website at <http://ldasudbury.ca/programs-services/coaching-program>.

Check out these fabulous web resources!

Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario (LDAO) The LDAO website is a great place to begin your search on all things related to learning disabilities in Ontario. Visit at <http://www.ldao.ca/>

LD@School

The LD@School website is a resource that provides many activities and strategies that are classified specifically to a learning difference type such as literacy, numeracy, executive function, and social & emotional development. Visit at <http://ldatschool.ca/>

LD Awareness Month

October is Learning Disabilities Awareness Month! Stay tuned for further information on upcoming exciting events by following us on Twitter @LDASudbury, liking us on Facebook on LDA Sudbury, or visit our website at www.ldasudbury.ca.

It's Finally Summer! What is going on in the City?

The current school year is coming to a close while the summer vacations are fast drawing nearer. To keep your child active and refreshed through the summer months, take a look at the variety of summer programs offered throughout Sudbury and the surrounding areas.

- **Assistive Technology Camp 2014:** We are offering an Assistive Technology camp for students identified with a learning disability *who are* in Grades six to eight. This program in partnership with Cambrian College is proud to offer a beginner level assistive technology (AT) camp with hands on tutorials in programs such as TextHELP! Read and Write, Kurzweil 3000, Inspirations, and other Microsoft and iPod related programs. The four day camp runs from July 8th to 11th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm each day. Parent/Guardian participation is mandatory and is included in the cost of registration. To register please phone (705)522-0100 or e-mail resource@ldasudbury.ca. Space is limited, so please register early.
- **Science North – Summer Science Camps:** Science North is offering a variety of science-based and outdoor day camp experiences for ages four to eleven and older in many northern communities. For more info and to register online, please visit <http://sciencenorth.ca/promos/summercamps/> or by calling 1-800-461-4898. Registration is currently open for the upcoming summer months.
- **YMCA of Sudbury – Recreational and Specialty Day Camps:** Whether your child is interested in the arts or sports, the YMCA of Sudbury has it covered with their day camp programs. The recreational day camp is considered the “all-in-one” package offering fun activities such as theme days, sports, team building activities, and much more available for children ages three to 12. The YMCA of Sudbury also offers Specialty day camps in sports, dance, aqua activities, and community arts that address their attention to building and refining the specific skill set related to each camp. Please see the website at <http://www.sudbury.ymca.ca> for registrations or call (705) 674-8315 for more info.
- **Greater Sudbury Public Library Summer Program:** The Greater Sudbury Public Libraries are offering a variety of free summer family activities such as Magic shows with the Amazing Rene, Mystic Drumz world music safari adventures, Travelling Markerspace activities, outdoor movies, tales on the trails, and much more! Sign up in June at your local library to pick up your free TD Summer Reading Club that will assist you through all the scheduled summer activities.

Take advantage of the amazing programs available for your child in your community to strengthen their personal skills and create lifelong connections, while participating in a variety of fun interactive activities. From our association we wish your family a safe and fun summer!



Hot Apps for Summer Fun!

Heads Up! By Warner Bros.

Heads Up! Is a charades based single or multi-player app that displays “cards” on your smart device that the player holding the device has to guess the phrase or object on the card before time runs out. Deck themes include celebrities, movies, animals, accents, characters, and more! Fun for all ages.

Pettson’s Inventions by Filimundus AB

Pettson’s Inventions is a fun interactive app that assists with logical thinking skills while making new and interesting inventions. Inventors on this app create, take apart, and bring a variety of creative inventions to life while building problem solving skills with each invention.

Coaching Program Sign-ups

Please remember to sign up your child for the upcoming 2014-15 Coaching Program to be set for another exciting school year!

