



News Letter

November, 2008

One Record Year Completed: Another in Prospect –Year # 7!

Highlights

Fast Start:

More September starts than ever.
Largest October participation yet.

Leadership Training:

140 Grade 9 Leadership students participated in workshops at R.H. King CI. Many will carry on in the tutor program.

L2L will train university tutors to help in the Working Women Community Centre.

L2L Back at YorkU

Second year of workshops for pre-service teachers tutoring students from the Jane/Finch high schools.

L2L Branches Out in Collingwood.

New program sees L2L pilot partnership with Cranberry Resort, Collingwood CI and Public Library.

The Learning Challenge

- One third of elementary school students do not achieve the provincial standards in numeracy and literacy.
- One quarter of high school students drop out before graduation
- 30% of the students have no help or don't know where to do to get help outside the classroom.

With the support of the schools and teachers, **L2L** tutors are providing free, informed help to close those gaps!

The L2L Solution

Provide a program in collaboration with the schools that gives tutor training to high achieving, high empathetic students to provide informed academic help to at risk students in their schools.

These students must find new ways to learn in order to survive in the Knowledge Age. **L2L** helps them to do just that.

The Essential Support: A recent example



Helping kids to help each other

Hydro One's Norm Crook presents Gordon A Brown MS student with a cheque for L2L for \$7700. Several Brown students made YouTube videos as part of an awareness campaign designed and sponsored by TAXI Advertising.

Quotes

'There are so many students who have increased their self-esteem, work ethics and ultimately their achievement through the program.'

Middle School Teacher

'We all know that private (tutoring) companies are expensive and not all families are able to access this kind of help.'

L2L has reached out to all of our junior students and their families and they have benefited significantly from it.'

Junior School Teacher

Building Relationships

Building Communities



Schools with the program: 2007 - 09

University

Westview/YorkU pre-service teachers tutoring Jane-Finch secondary school students.

Secondary

East York CI: (three programs)
Don Mills CI
Marc Garneau CI
RH King Academy: (two programs)
SATEC@WHPorter CI
Lakeshore CI
Sir Robert L Borden BTI
Sir Sandford Fleming Academy

Middle/Sr PS

Bayview MS
Bloordale MS
Brookview MS
CR Marchant MS
Cosburn MS
DA Morrison MS
Don Mills MS
Dr. Marion Hilliard Sr PS
Earl Grey Sr PS
Gordon A Brown MS
Humber Summit MS
Milne Valley MS
Oakdale Park MS
Winona Drive Sr PS
Willowdale MS

Elementary

Blake PS
Ionview PS
George Webster PS
Norway PS
RH McGregor PS
Sir Ernest MacMillan Sr. PS
Selwyn PS
Weston Memorial Jr PS
McMurrich PS

Catholic

Holy Cross Catholic School
Holy Name Catholic School

Community

Working Women Community Centre
Collingwood partnership:
Cranberry Resort, Collingwood CI and Library

L2L Results, Goals and Projections

Results 2007-2008: 30 schools, 500+ tutors, 5000 free, informed tutoring sessions offered. That more than met the L2L goal.

Goal 2008-2009: 50 schools, 750+ tutors and 7000 free, informed tutoring sessions.

Goal 2007-2008: Improve financial sustainability

Result: June 30th 2007- 2008: Assets \$37,859; Revenues \$41, 586 + \$100,000 pro bono public awareness program. Expenses: Program \$44,155. Administration \$27,851. Total \$72,006. L2L has one salaried employee.

Goal 2008 – 2009: Meet budget of \$110,000 through donations from concerned partners.

Prospects: Already two major gifts: Hydro One and an anonymous foundation. Individual gifts, too. We are soliciting corporations, foundations and the government for support. Several requests outstanding - awaiting response. Help needed with the balance.

Goal 2007-2008: To generate clearer feedback of results re the tutored students.

Result: 1) Previous results confirmed, i.e. if students attend sessions, engage and try, their grades on the topic tutored have an 80% chance of moving up to the provincial standard. L2L tutors are trained in ways to help the at risk students engage,

2) We have engaged a university professor to lead a research review of the program in selected TDSB schools. We are conferring with the board on the particulars.

Good Investment? You bet.

- For just one student - completing high school and a college diploma returns \$720,000 more lifetime earnings.
- To society - saved welfare and/or jail expense and tax base increased.

There are approximately 17,000 high school drop outs in Toronto annually. Some return to school. If 33.3% of them, or 5600, stayed in school through community college or apprenticeship, our potential GDP would rise \$100,000,000 annually! The further they go, the more the return.

Please join the many teacher volunteers and financial benefactors in helping these children/youth to help each other in building their own futures.

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