

# Traditional Learning Academy DL Newsletter April 2006

## *From The Principal's Desk*

Sometimes the most rewarding aspects of my job are also the most demanding. I have just read through 350 report cards for our students, and have to say that we have a great group of students. It is not just the high academic achievement that is evident in so many cases, but comments about the musical, athletic and other activities that tell me we have a lot of talent and accomplishment among our students. I hope you will look at the "Showcase" feature in this newsletter to learn about just a few of the many who deserve recognition and encouragement.

Now that we are in our fourth year of our DL program, we are seeing the results of all your efforts to make our program one of the best in BC. Our goal is to make it even better next year, and a lot of exciting plans are ahead. Stay with us!

*Allan Garneau*

## *News, Dates & Deadlines*

### **Foundation Skills Assessment Testing**

All students in Grade 4 & 7 must write the FSA testing the first two weeks of May. The Ministry has made provision for DL students to write in the home with an independent third party invigilator. TLA will also arrange for testing sites in your area, where possible with your DL teacher. More details will be coming soon.

### **Canadian Test of Basic Skills**

Students in Grade 3,5,6,8 & 9 will be mailed CTBS testing to be completed over one week and mailed back to the office. The testing provides parents, students and teacher a general idea of where the student achievement levels may be in the basic skill areas of Language Arts, Math and Science. No worries! The test in no way effects a student's grade. Mailed at the end of MAY

### **Grad Exams Schedule**

The complete exam schedule can be found on our website or at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca)

June 21	Eng. Lit12	9-11
June 22	Eng.12	9-11
	Civ.St.11	9-11
	SS 11	1-3
	App. Math 12	1-3
June 23	Eng.10	9-11
	Comm12	9-11
	PM12	1-3
June 26	PM10	9-11

June 26	AMath10	9-11
	Emath10	9-11
	Biology12	1-3
June 27	Geog.12	9-11
	Chem12	1-3
June 28	Sci 10	9-11
	French12	9-11
	Phys.12	1-3
June 29	History12	9-11

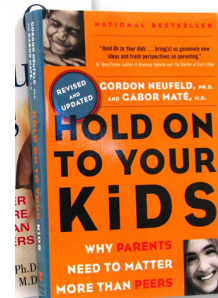
### **DL TEACHERS NEEDED!**

TLA's DL program is unique because our teachers are in your community to build a personal relationship. They are not invasive, only supportive. You can help us to hire the teacher of your choice in your community! Check our website [www.schoolathome.ca](http://www.schoolathome.ca) for job positions and descriptions and pass this on to teachers you know who might be interested! We are expanding and need Christian teachers to apply.

## *DL Enrolment 2006-07*

Wow! It's time to start thinking about next year already and making some plans. Many can wait for awhile yet but early re-enrolment with TLA helps us to make our plans. We anticipate growth in our DL Program this year and will need to hire more teachers. It is important to us that our teachers are a perfect fit with our philosophy and so we need to begin recruiting and interviewing teachers early in the year. We have some big announcements coming soon to you about our program next year and we are excited to incorporate them. Many have wanted online courses and many of the courses presently available are, frankly, junk. TLA will not offer an online course in the future if it is one that does not stimulate the learner. TLA has always believed that learning is far more important than schooling. If online courses are inferior then we will not offer them. Technology in online courses has had a long way to come from scanned in textbooks. We will search out the best courses that enable the student to learn before we offer it. Our teachers are writing courses using popular science and math programs.

**Enroll for 2006-07 by April 30<sup>th</sup> and get your Free copy of Dr. Gordon Neufeld's book "Hold On To Your Kids – Why Parents Matter".**



**Get \$250.00 per student on materials**

### **MEET US AT CONVENTION!**

April 21,22 – Kelowna  
April 29,30 – Vancouver  
June 1, 2 & 3 at the 10th BC HOMESCHOOL CONVENTION - Surrey

**DL Parents go 1Day FREE to the BC Home School Convention.**

**FREE GRAD BANQUET**  
Grad & Parents go free to the graduation banquet  
JUNE 1<sup>st</sup> call for info

# TLA- DL STUDENT SHOWCASE

We are so proud our DL students and wish to give recognition to several. If you would like to be recognized for an outstanding accomplishment that you are proud of, please share it with us!



## Writing Award:

**Francesca Tan: (grade 9)** This year some of her accomplishments so far have been-finalist in YWCA Real Story Competition- She She is a member of Coquitlam Celtic Ensemble invited to Ottawa to perform on Canada Day at Parliament Hill.

**Natalie Warkentin (gr 2)** Honourable Mention in National Poetry Contest



## Music Festival Competitions:

- Theresa Donnelly (gr 6)** Silver Certificate for Grade 6 RCM Piano piece  
**Colleen Donnelly (gr 8)** Silver Certificate for Grade 7 RCM Piano piece  
**Naomi Breviere (gr 10)** Grade 8 RCM Piano Exam - Honours 1 Gold and 1 Gold Certificate for Grade 8 RCM Piano  
**Esther Breviere (gr 5)** 2 Gold and 1 Silver Certificates for Grade 4 RCM Piano pieces  
**Michael Green ( 11)** Selected to play on Canada's National Youth Orchestra  
**Adrianna Mackay (gr 8)** Gold Certificate for Grade 6 RCM Piano piece  
**Erin Mackay (gr 6)** Gold Certificate for Grade 4 RCM Piano piece  
**Jonathan Lago (gr 4)** Suzuki Violin Achievement Level 2 Exam  
**Leal Makaroff (gr 3)** Trophy awarded from Academy for Grade 3 RCM Piano Exam - 90% Honours with Distinction  
**Hannah Vaartnou (gr 7)** Gold Medal and Trophy for singing German Opera selection from Mozart's "Magic Flute" opera. First Place Trophy for singing an Irish Folk song



## Athletic Awards:

- Francis Donnelly (gr 3)** Medals awarded at two Irish Dance Competitions  
**Sean Donnelly (gr 10)** Drafted to the Richmond Sockeyes Hockey team as goalie



## Acting Achievements:

- Katrina Conlan (gr 7)** Landed a principle acting part in a *Pringles* potato chip TV commercial.  
**Karen Conlan (gr 9)** Landed a principle acting part in a *Mazda* vehicle TV commercial  
**Colleen Donnelly (gr 8)** Chosen to play an acting and singing role in the Gilbert and Sullivan Society's musical production of "The Mikado".  
**JR Messado (gr 8)** Landed the principle acting role as young Darnell in the feature film, "Kickin' It Old Skool".  
**Zechariah Smith (gr 2)** Chosen to play the lead acting role of Baloo in his Drama Course's musical production of "Jungle Book".  
**Hannah Vaartnou (gr 7)** Chosen to play a principle acting role of Amaryllis in her Gateway Drama Course's musical production of "The Music Man".



## Scholarships

- Kate Pachal (gr. 12)** \$14,000.00 Excellence Scholarship to University of Victoria, Sciences

**YOUR NAME HERE!**