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About LDA Halton

The Learning Disabilities Association of Halton is a community-based not-for-profit organization that works with school boards and other community-based organizations to improve services and support for persons with learning disabilities.

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Executive Director's Message

Happy Friday!

I hope you are all looking forward to this long weekend to celebrate with your family for Family Day on Monday, February 15th. The bond we share with family is so special, so why not spend this weekend to have some fun together? Perhaps you could have a family game night, go to the movies, go skating, or go out for dinner. Or you could celebrate Valentines Day with that special someone. Either way, this weekend is all about **love**: romantic love, love for your family, love for a friend, even love for your pet! Spend some time with those you love.

At LDAH, 2016 has certainly been an exciting year so far! We were recently approved for a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to run a new program: Reading Rocks! This program has been highly successful at our Niagara chapter, so we are thrilled to be able to bring it to Halton! We are very grateful for this grant, as it allows us to run the program for at least 3 years. Reading Rocks is a 1:1 literacy program that focuses on three areas of reading: phonics, sight words, and fluency, and runs for 8 weeks at a time, twice a week. We are now 3 weeks into the program, and will be running it for two more sessions this year (Spring and Fall). It is being run in 3 sites in Halton (Burlington, Oakville, and Milton). We are so grateful for the volunteer literacy tutors that work with children on their reading skills while fostering a fun, interactive learning environment that builds children's motivation and love of reading. We are also thankful for our Reading Rocks staff: our 3 site facilitators, Melanie, Miriam, and Lindsay, and our new program coordinator, Krystal Clements. It is the dedication and compassion of these individuals that help make this program a success!

Our Assistive Technology class is almost at an end, and it has been very informative and interactive. Thanks to LearnStyle for providing such useful

training.

We are about halfway through our Winter Beginner Keyboarding class, and as always students have been making great strides in their keyboarding skills! Our spring session will be open for registration soon, so stay tuned!

Our Lecture Series has also been well on its way, and we have been getting great feedback so far on the workshops that we've had which have been practical and informative for parents, teachers, and all who have attended so far. Once again, we are so grateful for the Parents Reaching Out Grant we received from the Ministry of Education to offer these workshops for free! Our next workshop is coming up soon, so be sure to check it out in our updates below.

We have also been busy planning our annual Solutions for Learning Conference, Minds that Matter 2. The conference will provide a full day of important information sharing for parents, educators and other paraprofessionals connected to individuals diagnosed with Learning Disabilities and/or ADHD. This year it is on Tuesday, March 22. We hope to see you there!

Along with this event, we will be hosting a very exciting event, A Day with Rick Lavoie on Saturday May 7th. Rick Lavoie is a world renowned special education expert, author, and motivational speaker. You don't want to miss it! Read about it below

I wish you all a very happy Valentines Day and Family Day!

Sincerely,
Katie Jacobs



LDAH Upcoming Events

Lecture Series Free Workshop

Supporting Self-Reliance in Adolescents with LDs and ADHD

Wednesday, February 24th, 2016, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Queen Elizabeth Park

Community and Cultural Centre

2302 Bridge Road

Oakville, ON

This workshop will look closer at Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and how it may affect adolescents at school and at home. We will look at a specific approach that will show parents and teachers how to support an adolescent to gradually learn to become more independent.

[Register Now!](#)

Child Minding is available! Registration required

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Supporting Self-Reliance in Adolescents with LDs and ADHD

Through The Integra Program offered at the Child Development Institute, LDAH is offering the Introduction to **Supporting Self-Reliance in Adolescents with LDs and ADHD** workshop.

This workshop will look closer at Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and how it may affect adolescents at school and at home. We will look at a specific approach that will show parents and teachers how to support an adolescent to gradually learn to become more independent.

Who should come? Workshops are primarily designed for parents/ caregivers of children with LDs. Family and community members, educators, counsellors and any other interested adults are welcome.

Registration (REQUIRED) for both the lecture and child minding.

Child minding provided by Today's Family is available for school aged children only. Space is limited for child minding and registration is required.

This workshop is offered for FREE.
(Refreshments included)

Register by mail or in person to:

Learning Disabilities Association of Halton
Rotary Youth Building (top floor)
560 Guelph Line,
Burlington, ON L7R 3M4

Phone: (905) 333 -1977

E-mail: info@Ldahalton.ca

OR

Register online at:

www.LDAHALTON.ca

This Workshop was made possible by an Ontario Ministry of Education Parents Reaching Out Grant.



CANCELLATION POLICY

To cancel your attendance, please notify us two (2) weeks prior to the event.

Wednesday, February 24th

6:30pm-8:30pm

Queen Elizabeth Park
Community and Cultural Centre
2302 Bridge Road
Oakville, ON
L6L 3L5

Lecture: Black Box
Child Minding: Programs Room 3

LECTURE SERIES

5th Annual Solutions for Learning Conference: Minds That Matter 2

Tuesday, March 22, 8:00 am - 3:15 pm

Holiday Inn Burlington Hotel & Conference Centre

3063 South Service Road, Burlington, ON

This event will provide a full day of important information sharing for parents, educators and other paraprofessionals connected to individuals diagnosed with Learning Disabilities and/or ADHD.

Register at www.LDAHalton.ca

The Learning Disabilities Association of Halton presents:
The 5th Annual
Solutions For Learning Conference
Tuesday, March 22nd, 2016 8:00am - 3:15pm



EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNTS!

Before March 8th, 2016:

Non-Members **\$195**, LDA Members **\$145**,

Full Time Students **\$99**

Annual Membership \$50 (paid separately)

After March 8th, 2016: All \$225

At the Door Registrations **\$250**.

Onsite registration will be available, space permitted.

Continental breakfast and lunch included.

REGISTER NOW:

Register online at: WWW.LDAHALTON.CA

or mail payment with downloadable

registration form available on our website.

Send all questions to 905-333-1977 or

conference@LDAHalon.ca.

CONVENIENT VENUE

Holiday Inn Burlington Hotel & Conference

Centre, 3063 South Service Rd.,

Burlington, ON L7N 3E9

1-888-987-4888 or 905-639-4443 (ask for reservations)

Block reserved rooms available until Saturday Feb. 20th.

2016 Group Block ID Code: **LDA**

Opening Keynote Presentation:

Lesley Andrew

Beating The Odds

Lesley has spoken across North America about 'Beating the Odds' - taking the responsibility for personal change and growth, overcoming obstacles, facing fears, and attaining goals

Featured Sessions:

- Preparing Students for Post-Secondary Accommodations
- Building Blocks of Mathematical Competence
- Supporting Students with Learning Disabilities in Math
- The Magic of Music for Students with Learning Disabilities
- Executive Functioning Support for Learning Disabilities
- Social Emotional Programs and Learning Disabilities
- The Optimal Classroom for Students with ADHD
- Resiliency, Advocacy, and Empowerment through Technology
- Adversity, Underdogs, and Adaptation in Inclusive Classrooms

A complete description of the sessions/schedule is available on our website.

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REGISTRATION CHECK IN FROM 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM

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A Day with Rick Lavoie

**Seminar with World Renowned Special Education Expert, Author, and
Motivational Speaker**

Saturday, May 7th, 1:00 - 5:00

Aldershot School

This seminar will explore the relationship between learning difficulties and social incompetence and will identify the specific causes for specific social skill deficits. Field tested strategies will be presented that can be used by parents, teachers, coaches and caregivers to assist students in gaining peer acceptance and developing age-appropriate social skills.

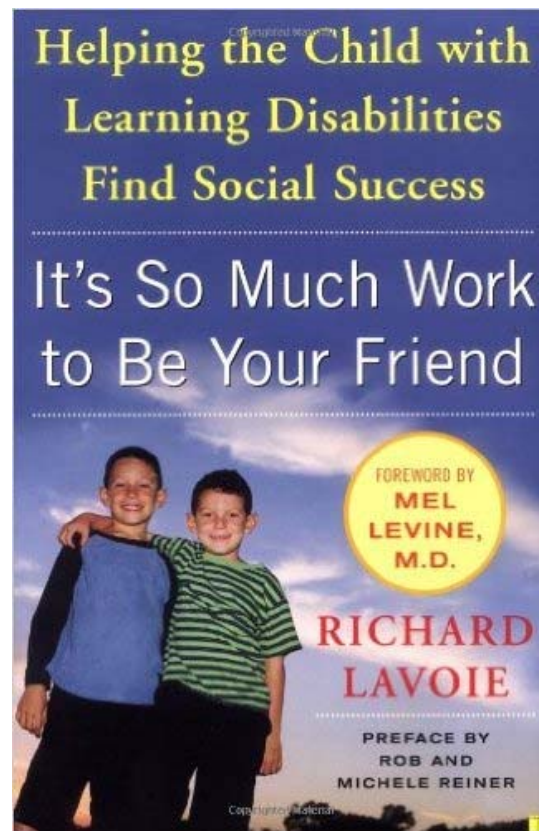
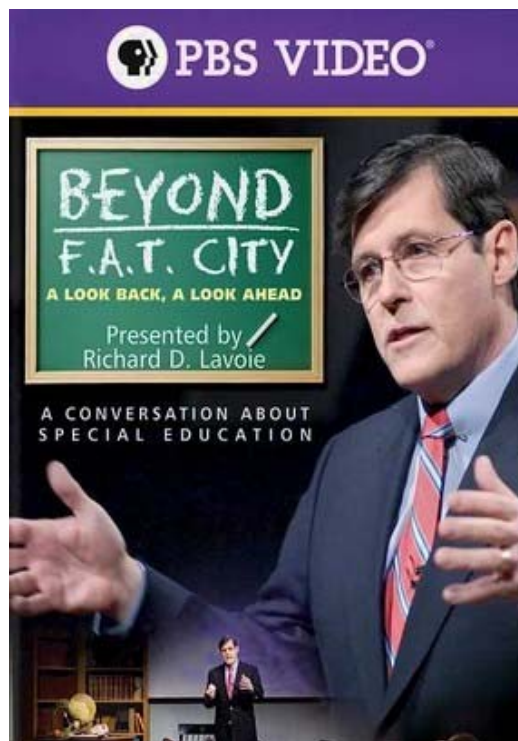
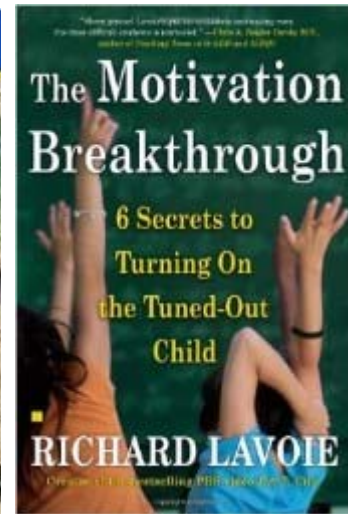
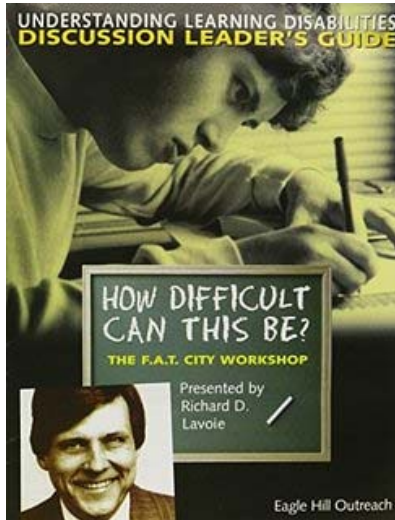
About Rick Lavoie:

Most parents and professionals know Rick through his videos "[How Difficult Can This Be? The F.A.T. City Workshop](#)", "[Last One Picked, First One Picked On: The Social Implications of Learning Disabilities](#)" and "When the Chips are Down: Learning Disabilities and Discipline". These classic, award-winning films have brought Rick's sensitive and compelling message to countless thousands throughout the world. After viewing the videos, former First Lady Barbara Bush stated, "You really wowed us! I only wish that every parent and teacher in the United States today could also see your program."

His recent videos "Beyond F.A.T. City: A Look Back, A Look Ahead" and "It's So Much Work to Be Your Friend: Helping the Child with Learning Disabilities Find Social Success" are among the most widely distributed films in the educational media.

His newest book and PBS DVD on student motivation "[The Motivation Breakthrough: 6 Secrets to Turning On the Tuned-Out Child](#)" (2007) were recently released and were

featured in USA Today.





Check out a clip from one of Rick Lavoie's presentations

More About Rick Lavoie:

Experience and Educational Background: Rick Lavoie served as an administrator of residential programs for children with special needs for 30 years. He holds three degrees in Special Education and two Honorary Doctorates in Education.

He has served as a consultant on Learning Disabilities to several agencies and organizations including Public Broadcasting Service, New York Times, National Center for Learning Disabilities, USA Today, Girl Scouts of America, Child Magazine, INSTRUCTOR Magazine and National Public Radio.

In 2009, Rick was the recipient of the Learning Disabilities Associations of America's Samuel Kirk award. He has delivered his message to over 500,000 parents and professionals throughout North America, Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong.

National Television Appearances: The TODAY Show, CBS Morning Show, Good Morning America, ABC Evening News, and Walt Disney Presents

Visit www.ricklavoie.com to learn more!



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**A Seminar with World Renowned Special Education
Expert, Author, and Motivational Speaker**



As Seen On:

Good Morning America
CBS Morning Show
ABC Evening News
Disney Channel Presents

Strategies for:

- Social Success in Children
- Making and Keeping Friends
- Tackling Bullying



Saturday, May 7, 2016

1:00 - 5:00

Aldershot School

50 Fairwood Plaza West, Burlington, ON

Get Your Tickets Now!

Register Online

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Program Updates

New Program: Reading Rocks!

LDAH is excited to announce the commencement of our new program, Reading Rocks!

Reading Rocks is a reading program offered by the Learning Disabilities Association of Halton in partnership with the Research Institute for Learning Differences. Reading Rocks is an 8-week one-on-one literacy program for children and youth 6- 12 years old who require support with their literacy skills. Through this effective instructional program, children are matched up with a trained tutor who will adapt a workstation and literacy program according to the child's specific needs. Based on research, the program focuses on four essential literacy concepts, including phonics, sight words, fluency/comprehension and other literacy areas such as spelling, grammar and sentence structure. The tutors will develop and implement hands-on literacy activities to address these areas.

Next sessions are in the Spring and Fall. Stay tuned for program dates. Information will be added to our website soon.

Please join us in welcoming our new Reading Rocks Program Coordinator:

Krystal Clements. If you would like more information, would like to volunteer in this program, or register your child, please email her at:

readingrocks@ldahalton.ca

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● ● ● | Program Breakdown

Phonics:

Children will work on developing their phonemic awareness (i.e. word blending and segmenting).

Sight Words:

Children will work on expanding their sight word vocabulary through the use of hands-on games and activities.

Fluency:

During this time, children will learn about fluency and how to track it. The fluency block will consist of a combination of activities to improve each child's fluency. Children will read timed passages and be given the opportunity to discuss the words and sections causing them difficulty.

Self -Regulation:

Children will have the opportunity at the end of every instructional block to graph their success. They will track their sight words, fluency, phonics, concepts, and set future goals. This allows them to see their progress and motivates them towards accomplishing their future goals.



To register for this program contact:

Katie Jacobs Executive Director at
info@LDAHALTON.ca or by calling the
LDA office at **905.333.1977**.

**PLEASE NOTE: Priority will be given
to families who receive a referral**

8 Week Program ~ For Students Ages 6-12 years

**Sheridan College, Sam Sherratt Public School, Learning Disabilities Association of
Halton Resource Centre**

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Tuesday January 26th - Friday, March 25th, 2016

THERE IS NO FEE FOR THIS PROGRAM ~ STUDENTS MUST ATTEND ALL CLASSES

Days & Times subject to change based on room and volunteer availability

Community Events

Indira Naidoo-Harris

Member of Provincial Parliament for Halton



Celebrate Family Day with a special, FREE movie presentation of **Paddington** hosted by MPP for Halton, Indira Naidoo-Harris.

Saturday, February 13, 2016
Doors Open: 9:30am
FREE Film Starts: 10:00am

Galaxy Cinemas Milton
1175 Maple Avenue
Milton, ON L9T 0A5

Seats are limited.
First come, first served.
Everyone Welcome.



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Indira Naidoo-Harris
MPP Halton

Valuable Resources/Information



What Boys Need

A Newsletter from Michael Reist

www.michaelreist.ca

Latest Post: [Neurodiversity: The New Normal](#)



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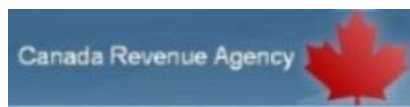
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Equals: Transforming math curriculum for special needs students

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Eye gaze in the classroom: "I have to completely rewrite the IEP"

Supporting Complex Instructional Needs in Googleland



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The disability tax credit (DTC) is a non-refundable tax credit that helps persons with disabilities or their supporting persons reduce the amount of income tax they may have to pay. For more information, go to www.cra.gc.ca/dtc

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