



October is Dyslexia Awareness Month 2022

October is Here!!! I'm sorry this letter is late....

October 8th is International Dyslexia Awareness Day! International Dyslexia Awareness week is October 3rd - October 10th.

These dates are new to Dyslexia BC, however the 8th was just voted in by OIEDA The International Dyslexia Council. They have submitted the date October the 8th, as a draft to the United Nations office in New York!. I have been invited to apply to be on the International Council! Next YEAR we will be ready for the 8th!

Many UN countries have already proclaimed October the 8th as their day of Dyslexia Celebration so I am hoping this is one of the things Dyslexia BC can advocate strongly for, starting now so that we can announce next October that this is the Official day for BC too!!

We have a few events coming up that we have partnered up with the Learning Disabilities Association Fraser South Chapter (LDAFS), and we hope that you participate in some of them!!

At the end of June, I was lucky to be asked to present to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services. Dyslexia BC was asked to present to the Committee by a couple of MLA/s and asked back by the Select Standing Committee.

The presentation went really well. Robyn Akehurst was there with me to support the presentation. One of the things Dyslexia BC asked for was that psychology fees be covered under MSP. We were only to have 3 asks, so the asks were the same....early screening legislation etc; however they were grouped into 3 categories. I am happy to report that the finance committee decided to fund this proposal. I don't know yet how

much, or when...or if it will include things like Psych Ed reports....but I am looking into that as we speak.

Here is a video of the presentation:

<https://youtu.be/E2P4O6V0Xko>

Dyslexia Awareness Month, October 2022

We are running our **Dyslexia Awareness Month in BC Contest again**. We stuck with the **Tortoise and the Hare** theme because it went so well last time (we may make it a permanent thing). Dyslexia is like being the Tortoise; with perseverance, knowing your strengths and weaknesses and some remediation (aka training), you can accomplish so much!! **All submissions must come to Dyslexia BC DyslexiaBC.cm@gmail.com** Dyslexia BC can make it social media friendly....so don't worry about how the projects come in.

Same rules as last year. You must live in BC. You can be of any age and submit anything that will help build dyslexia awareness. You can make more than one submission! Last year we gave out tons of prizes over the last couple of years!

We will accept videos, pictures, paintings, poems, speeches, almost anything you love doing! I have attached a few pictures to give you some ideas!

Here is the Video from Last Year's submissions (2021 for the #DyslexiaAwarenessMonthBC! <https://youtu.be/dzPN0XvgjzU>

The HashTag is the same as last year's **#DyslexiaAwarenessMonthBC** if you are posting on social media.

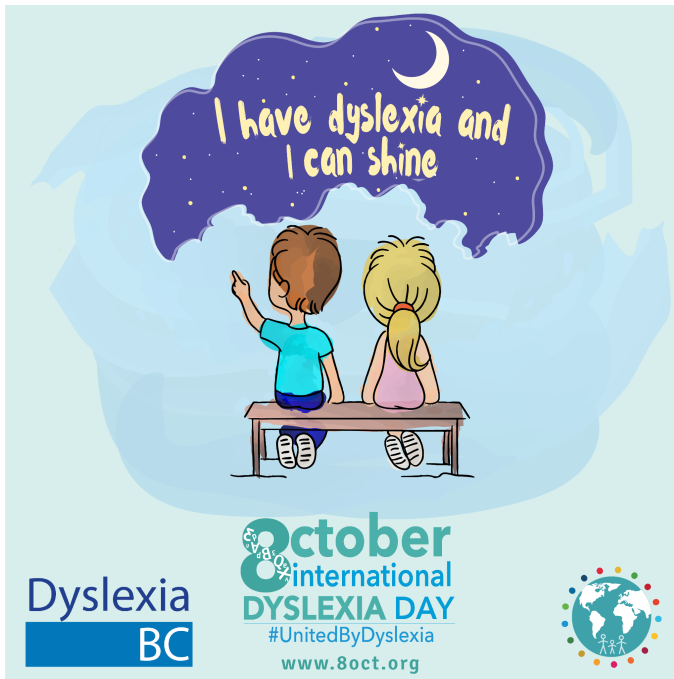
October Dyslexia Awareness Month Sessions

1) Applying for the DTC with LD

October 4th, 2021 - We had a session with T.J. Firenze about applying for the Disability Tax Credit with a learning disability like dyslexia. SORRY!

If you missed it we can do another one in November, just let us know if you would like this!!

2) October 8th 2022 International Dyslexia Awareness Day & T-Shirt Sales and Coffee Mugs (you can use these items all year or even for teachers gifts)



As I said from this year forward we will know that October 8th is the “Day”, for now we will celebrate all month long. Make it known that you support #DyslexiaAwarenessMonthBC! To create change, we need to be seen and heard. Make a sign, wear a special shirt that increases dyslexia awareness, Light it up Red, Light it up Turquoise (the official International Dyslexia Colour) take a picture with friends and family sharing awareness, take a picture at school, do whatever it takes so that we can show our government how many people want things to change in BC for people with dyslexia!

Please send your pictures to DyslexiaBC.cm@gmail.com and tag #DyslexiaBC & #DyslexiaAwarenessMonthBC on Social Media

Katherine Smith and Gitxsan Artist Bo Smith (both dyslexic) designed our Logos for our Dyslexia BC T-Shirts! (Katherines Logo is being phased out but is still available in the on-line store only)

Here is the Dyslexia BC T-Shirt Store -

https://stores.coastalreign.com/dyslexia_bc/shop/home

The Coffee Mugs are only available by emailing DyslexiaBC.cm@gmail.com

3) The Big Picture Rethinking Dyslexia, by James Redford

October 12, 2022 - We will be hosting an online showing of **The Big Picture Rethinking Dyslexia, by the late James Redford (yes, this is Robert Redford’s**

Family) and having some discussion after the film. If you haven't seen this award-winning film yet, it is a must-see for students, parents and teachers! If you have seen it...forward a ticket or this link to your teachers or DPAC...Help us spread Dyslexia Awareness!

Here is a link to The Big Picture Rethinking Dyslexia:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/430587407527>

4) Dysgraphia with Ashley Roberts from The Dyslexia Initiative

October 19, 2022 - What do you want to know about Dysgraphia? In this Q&A style session you will learn from a very experienced advocate Ashley Roberts all about Dysgraphia/writing disorder. Dysgraphia usually goes hand and hand with dyslexia, but in BC doesn't get diagnosed very often.

Hope to see you at the on-line session for Dysgraphia!

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/431508332037>

5) Advocacy for Parents of students with Learning Disabilities like Dyslexia

October 25th, 2022 - A Q&A style session with Cathy McMillan from Dyslexia BC. We will cover IEP's, Accommodations, Transition to College and more!

Link to Register - <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/436153876987>

Libraries/Schools or Classrooms in BC

Show you support Dyslexia Awareness by displaying books about dyslexics or encourage dyslexia awareness on display. Last year we gave out about 5 prizes to library's, schools or teachers! (examples Hank Zipzer, Percy Jackson, Dr. Linda Siegels Book)

I encourage all of you to ask your local library, teacher or school to participate in this, and if they do end up participating.....please send Dyslexia BC pictures! Or purchase Dr. Linda Siegels Book or Dr. Sally Shawitz's book and donate it to your local library. Feel free to call me if you need some more ideas!

Donations

If you want to donate to help support the prizes for the Dyslexia Awareness Contest, you can do that on Eventbrite for all of our sessions in October or you can contact Vicki Nelson at LDAFS Vickin@ldafs.org.

If you want to make a corporate donation we would be happy to give you a plug on social media, you can contact Cathy McMillan DyslexiaBC.cm@gmail.com or Donate through go fund me <https://ca.gofundme.com/f/DyslexiaAwarenessMonthBC>

Dyslexia Awareness All Year Round

Dyslexia BC would love to make it official across the province to have October 8th and the entire Month of October made to be Dyslexia Awareness Month...and the week of October 3 to October 7 to be Dyslexia Awareness Week.

I am going to need some help. I plan on sending letters to MLA's, it would be better coming from their own constituents. The letters that will get sent will look a little like this one that was made to send to Trustee Candidates.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BilqxcQgxxvLVYb2Y_5NeBaeGo8-BSvGKyCHxKZr8w/edit?usp=sharing

Thank you for supporting Dyslexia Awareness Month in British Columbia!

Looking forward to seeing the submissions for #DyslexiaAwarenessMonthBC and seeing you at the upcoming events!

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October International Dyslexia Awareness Month 2023

**We Need to work together to build Dyslexia Awareness in BC!
This year and every year from now on we are going to make
the First Wednesday in the Month of October
#DyslexiaAwarenessDay in BC.**

**This year the first Wednesday is October 5th 2022.
Dyslexia BC is hosting another contest. We will be celebrating
all month long with the contest.**

**Hashtags are #DyslexiaAwarenessMonthBC #DyslexiaBC
Submission prizes will be given and 3 grand prizes for the most
creative or well thought out submissions.**



Don't worry; spelling won't count!

Rules

**Dyslexia
BC**

- 1. You must live in BC**
- 2. You must have dyslexia (adult or child) (or suspected of having a reading disability), or a parent of a dyslexic**
- 3. Your submission can be a poem, picture, photograph, picture of a display you inspired at school, a family picture with everyone wearing something dyslexia inspired- Like a Dyslexia BC Tortoise and Hare T-Shirt.....a piece of artwork, a video, a song, a story, horseback ride, play an instrument. Be as creative as you like!**
- 4. Submissions start any time after today....until October 26th, 2021.**
- 5. Submissions must be in good taste and must be shareable on social media (we will not share sensitive information).**
- 6. You can make two submissions!**

**Feel Free to email: Dyslexia.BC.cm@gmail.com
or call 778-839-1540**