



June 2012

Your News

Upcoming ELTOC AGM

Mark your Calendars!

The annual ELTOC AGM will be taking place during the evening on **Thursday, September 6th, 2012**. While ELTOC is moving in the fall of this year (exact date to be confirmed), we will still be holding this event at our Chapel street offices, as in past years. All ELTOC students and tutors are welcome and encouraged to come to this event. We will be sending out formal invitations to the AGM closer to the actual date. The event will review the past year at ELTOC, feature guest speakers and entertainment, and will of course have our usual delicious snacks and refreshments.

We hope to see you there!

Ottawa Centre MP Paul Dewar (NDP) dropped in for a surprise visit during last year's AGM/20th Anniversary celebration.



ELTOC is looking for new volunteers!

As all members of ELTOC already know, we are continuously trying to attract new volunteers to our program. Our waitlist is always growing, as the need for our services increases, and word spreads about us within the newcomer community. If you know someone who may be interested in doing some meaningful volunteer work, who can commit to 2-3 hours a week and a 6 month commitment to a match, please let them know about ELTOC. Our volunteers are absolutely vital to the success of our organization, and without them, we simply would not exist! Eltoc.ca has all the information interested tutors will need, and they can also apply from there. Our goal is to grow and serve as many newcomers as we can! Thanks from all of us at ELTOC.



Wanted: ELTOC Board Members

Our Annual General Meeting, (tentatively to be held on September 6, 2012) will mark the end of a successful year. As some board members choose to leave, some must come on board. We need 4 new board members, with various backgrounds, such as fundraising, legal, or financial. Many board members start as tutors, who already have an understanding and interest in ELTOC. If you, or someone you know, would like to shape ELTOC administratively please consider joining our board. It is a one year commitment and meetings are held once a month (mostly on the third Thursday of a month), plus optional meetings to deal with any current issue that might be of your interest and expertise. **For more information please talk to Mita at 613-232-8566.**

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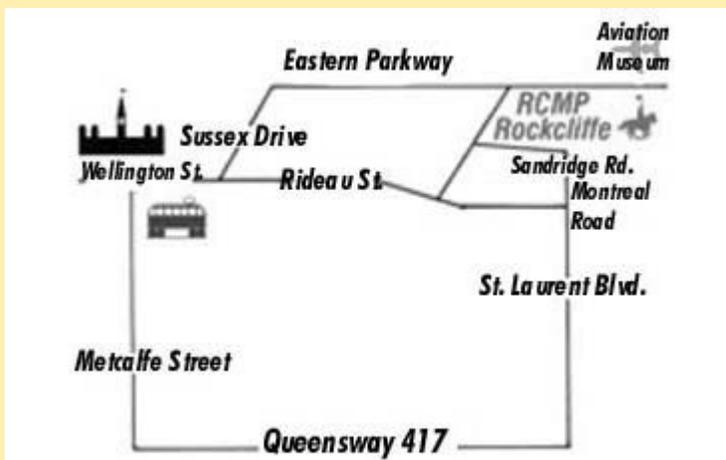
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RCMP Musical Ride Event!

Dear Students, Tutors and Friends of ELTOC,

To celebrate the start of summer in our beautiful city, we would like to invite you to join us at the RCMP Musical Ride on Wednesday June 27. The Musical Ride is from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. If you would like to bring a picnic supper for yourself and your family, we will be there from 6 p.m. onwards to welcome you.

The RCMP Stables are located on St. Laurent Blvd. at the Canadian Police College (OC Transpo route #7), or access free parking directly off the Rockcliffe Parkway.



- Admission is free!
- Bring a picnic for yourself and your family.
- Bring a chair or blanket to sit on, and warm clothes for later when it gets cool.
- Bring insect repellent!
- Look for the ELTOC banner and join us for a fun evening with your family and friends.

For more information about the RCMP Musical Ride:
[613-949-8133](tel:613-949-8133)

Tutors, please share this information with your students!

New Students

The staff at ELTOC would like to extend a most heartfelt welcome to our students who joined us for the first time between April 2012 and June 2012:

Elizabeth Agbassa
Suad Ahmed
Shatha Al-Khateeb
Hanaa Al-Kubaisi
El Hassania Chahim
Saria Elhag
Jun Hua Feng
Bu Gay
Yuanzhang Hu
Kadijo Hussein
Abeir Hussein
Hameeda Issaky
Hamdiah Jaseem
Laddia Jean-Baptiste
Djinnny Levy
Maria Mpundu
Rachel Mujinga Wa Diakaleng
Lisette Nasrallah
No Ah
Pa Htoo
Badria Razi
Labib Razzouk
Ethar Shaybob
Remma Soulah
Marta Tansadine -
Csuhran

Student Submission - A Letter to a Friend

Hi Samo,

How are you my dear friend? I am writing to you to tell you about my application to go to Canada. When it was completed, the embassy called me to tell me what time I should be ready.

New Tutors

The staff at ELTOC would like to extend a most heartfelt welcome to our tutors who joined us for the first time between April 2012 and June 2012.

Barbara Miles
Debbie Fournier
Ian Stewart
Jean Durr
Jennifer Adams
Katherine Eastwood
Lynne McHale
David Nozick
Sherry Oomen
Susan Taylor-Clapp
Nancy Therrien
Sheila Paterson



*****And a very BIG thank you to all returning tutors who've taken on a new student!*****

They gave me two months to get ready to travel. At that time, I really didn't know whether I should be happy because finally I will be with my husband and start my own life, or be unhappy because I will be far away from my parents and my siblings.

I didn't know at all how my new life will be far away from my family. Really it was hard. I wanted to cry a lot but felt I should be strong because it was too hard on my family. And I cried by myself at night when my family slept. When my husband called me, it was happy for us. I know many people who left their family to make a new life for themselves. When I came to Canada, I cried all the time, especially when I saw a big family together. I have been in Canada two years but still my family is in my heart and in front of my eyes. I hope I will see my family soon. Dear friend, I hope you are okay.

Bye.

I love you, take care.

Ayan

Love



Congratulations!



Our Administrator, Jeff, had a Baby girl, Elliana!

Thi Ngoc Bich Nguyen got her driver's license

Congratulations to No Ah and Pa Htoo on their 45th wedding anniversary.

Nawal on her new grandson! His name is Ahmed and he was born on June 15

Giti Abbasi was sworn in as a Canadian citizen on May 31



Student Submission - What is my Little Baby Thinking?

My name is Nabil. I am 7 months and 9 days old. I am still a baby. I cannot read or write but my mom wrote this letter for me because my mom understands me a lot but sometimes she doesn't understand me. For example, when she wanted to feed me, she didn't know that my stomach is small and she continued to feed me until I vomited. My dad told her that I am still a baby. She didn't want to hurt me. She loves me and wants to help me to become a big boy but too much food was the wrong way. And she did another thing. In the winter, she dressed me in heavy clothes all the time, especially when I slept. She put on blankets until I felt too warm. It was bad. Now it is summer time and she is still afraid I'll get cold. But she is my mom and I know she loves me and I do love her too.

Written By: Ayan

Featured Recipe - Guacamole

Guacamole is a perfect recipe for almost any event, especially in the summer! You can make this avocado salad smooth or chunky depending on your tastes. This recipe makes 4 servings.

Ingredients

- 3 avocados - peeled, pitted, and mashed
- 1 lime, juiced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 roma (plum) tomatoes, diced
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 pinch ground cayenne pepper (optional)



Directions

In a medium bowl, mash together the avocados, lime juice, and salt. Mix in onion, cilantro, tomatoes, and garlic. Stir in cayenne pepper. Refrigerate 1 hour for best flavor, or serve immediately.

ELTOC would like to give special thanks to all those students and tutors who contributed to this newsletter!

We need student submissions!

Our Next Issue will be published in September 2012

ELTOC's NEXT ISSUE : Tell us about your summer, or your kids going back to school!

We'd love to hear all about the summer, or about your kids and back to school time.

We are also always looking for more yummy recipes!

Please send us your submissions by September 05, 2012

THANK YOU

Is it true every shoe has a story? I am going to write three stories about three pairs of shoes. We have read or heard many stories about different things in our lives. Do you believe that your emotions about each one depend on your attitude about your life? What is your reaction to these shoes' stories?

First, I was born in a big family. I was the sixth child. My mother was a homemaker. My father worked for the government. My father was the breadwinner. For this reason, my parents provided only necessary things for us. When I was 13 years old, I saw a very shiny pair of pink shoes at the store. I loved them. I told my mother, "Please buy the shoes for me." She said, "I bought a new pair of shoes for you last year, and I can't buy shoes again for you." I got sad. Some days I passed in front of the shop window on my way from school. I saw the shiny pink shoes, and I would speak to the shoes. Every time, I was happy when I saw the shoes were still there. One day, when I was looking at and talking to my shoes, my eldest brother saw me at the shop front. He asked me, "Are you talking to yourself?" I said, "No, I am talking to those shoes." He laughed and said, "Are you crazy?" I said nothing. The next week, my brother bought the pink shoes for me. He took the money from his piggy bank. At the time, I was so excited, I felt on top of the world. However, I could not wear the shoes, because I did not want my shiny shoes to be dusty. I kept them in my cupboard. After two days, when I came back from school, my ideal shoes were on my bed. They were scrap. They had been cut up with scissors. Finally, I understood my little sister, who was 10 years old, had torn up my shoes. I thought I would never forget what she had done.

Then, six years later, when I was leaving home, my little sister who was sixteen years old, gave me a very nice gift. I couldn't believe it. She bought a pair of shiny pink shoes with nice heels. She put a very important note in the shoes' box. She wrote: "When I tore up your shoes, I was a little girl, and honestly I didn't know, why did I do that? But now I bought these shoes with love." The note had good impact on me. I wished I could be given such opportunities to atone for my mistakes.

Last but not at least, I am going to talk about a pair of army boots that saved a life. War is hateful. The Iran-Iraq war happened from September 1980 to August 1988. The war began when Iraq invaded Iran. That was the longest conventional war of the 20th century. Iranians were defending themselves for eight years. Every day many important parts of cities were destroyed by bombs and rockets. Many soldiers died or were injured. At the time, my brother was a soldier. His name is Fary. On a cold winter night he was shot in his leg, and he was arrested by one of Iraq's soldiers. Fary was bleeding and he could not walk. It was very scary for him. However, the Iraqi soldier did not have good boots. Fary took off his boots with great difficulty and gave them to the soldier, and told him, "You have to walk in much ice and snow." The soldier took the boots, very surprised. It had a very good impact on him. He was sorry that he had shot Fary. He bandaged my brother's leg, and he carried Fary to a safe place and left. Next day, the Iranian army found my brother, and transferred him to hospital. Fortunately, he escaped death.

In conclusion, I have written three stories about three pairs of shoes. I want to say, each one of them taught me many things. I learned to forgive the people who made me sad or angry; I need people to forgive me too. I believe everybody makes mistakes! I learned about atonement (making things right). Sometimes good people do bad things. This does not mean they are bad people. I believe everything may be changed. I learned to have hope all the time. I learned that we can be kind and generous even at times when we are in danger. In my opinion, every story gives readers some benefits maybe even a lesson. Therefore, I hope you as the reader of my shoe stories have learned something.



A Tip from our Counsellors!

Looking for ideas for practicing 911 calls with your student?

One tutor wrote a very basic script to role play a 911 phone call in which the student mainly had to give her address and describe the problem. They practiced for 15 minutes for several sessions, then the tutor went in another room and the student called her on her cell phone. After making the call, they again practiced face to face focusing on words that were mumbled on the phone. Later they made a date for the student to call the tutor at home to role play. The tutor was able to be more objective in judging how well someone could understand the student when she was on the other end of the phone line since she could hear which words and phrases needed more practice. The student was motivated because she saw the value of being prepared in an emergency.



Coming Soon: Literacy Training Videos and the Literacy Best Practices Videos!

We are almost finished filming and finalizing our Literacy Training Video Series! There will be three different videos, which showcase and provide instructions on how to tutor students at three different levels of literacy. We are very excited about these videos, as we really feel they can be a helpful resource to our tutors that are working with a literacy level student. Also, We will also be making copies of the Literacy Best Practices Workshop which took place in February, which will complement the new training videos well. Please inquire to Jane, Diane or Kelly if you are interested in these resources.

<http://worksheets.theteacherscorner.net/make-your-own/crossword/>

A great website for making your own crossword puzzles

<http://www.nald.ca/library/learning/handson/handson.pdf>

Excellent resource for working with ESL literacy level students.

http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/Canadian_Geography.htm

A website filled with resources to help your student learn about Canadian Geography!

Featured websites

Remember, the eltoc.ca/resources page has many links to useful ESL related websites!

ELTOC Inspirational Quarterly Quote:

“In a completely rational society, the best of us would be teachers and the rest of us would have to settle for something less, because passing civilization along from one generation to the next ought to be the highest honor and the highest responsibility anyone could have.”

-Lee Iacocca