

WINTER 2010



# Hamilton Reads



## HOLIDAY MESSAGES

### From the Desk of the President, Michael Scime:

Another year has come and gone, and once again we find that the holiday season is fast approaching and will soon be upon us.

During this hectic time, please remember to slow down and take time to appreciate the season, to reflect back upon your relationships with your families and friends, as well as to appreciate the successes that you have achieved at the Literacy Council this year. Finally, take time to look forward and envision what the future holds for you.

On behalf of the members of the Board, I would like to wish all of our staff, tutors, students and their families, a very happy Holiday Season and a New Year filled with peace and prosperity.

Michael Scime  
President of the Board

### From the Desk of our Executive Director, Rose Johnson:

## SLOW DOWN AND SMELL THE GREENS



Today in our busy, scheduled life we dare not slow down to smell the pine greens because we might be accused of not being able to multi-task or of not being able to finish projects that were requested this week over the e-mail. Today we have gotten so accustomed to this harried life that we feel anxious if there isn't a project for us to work on and finish. But we are now in the season of thinking about others and thinking about peace. It is the time for us to slow down and enjoy the important things in life. Let us not forget to thank those important people and to say how much we care.

So, I want to thank the Literacy Council family, the students, the tutors, the staff, the Board of Directors, the volunteers, all the members, our individual donors and our funders. We all make a contribution to this wonderful Hamilton Literacy Council family and I thank you. May you enjoy and have peace in your life during this holiday season.

Rose Johnson  
Executive Director

**Mark Your Calendar****Office Closed:**

December 22 - 12:00 noon

**Office Open:**January 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9:30 a.m.

Winter term starts

**Pot Luck Dinner**December 15<sup>th</sup>

7-9 p.m. in the Seniors'

Auditorium

**RSVP by December 9<sup>th</sup> please****Tutors Meeting:****"Share & Learn" sessions**Jan 19<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.Jan 21<sup>st</sup> - 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

**Please call to reserve a spot  
in the session that suits you  
best (905 529-9907 X221)**

**The holidays are coming!**

Delight your family and friends this year  
with a handmade holiday card!

Our cards will go on sale early in  
December. Each package of 10 cards  
contains 5 different designs (2 of each)/  
Cards will be sold for \$12.50 per package  
and \$10.00 from each purchase will go  
directly to the Hamilton Literacy Council to  
support the programs and activities of our  
students.

Donna Bennett  
Small Group Instructor



You are invited to our

**HOLIDAY POTLUCK DINNER**

Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Please join us for dinner in the Seniors'  
Auditorium, YWCA, and bring a salad or a  
dessert.

Please R.S.V.P. by December 9<sup>th</sup>, to  
Laurel at 905-529-9907 x221

**Students Making a Difference**

Congratulations to the following students who have completed their End of Level Test and Peer Tutor Training.

**End of Level 1 - Reading:**

Ian H.  
Marie T.  
Cesar M.  
Melissa L.  
Irene L.

**End of Level 1 - Writing**

Ian H.  
Marie T.  
Cesar M.  
Melissa L.  
Irene L.

**End of Level 2 - Reading:**

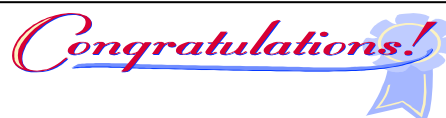
Elaine T.  
Jeff L.  
Maria R.  
Marie T.  
Melissa L.

**End of Level 2 - Writing:**

Elaine T.  
Jeff L.  
Maria R.  
Melissa L.

**Peer Tutoring Training :**

Donna F-D.  
Marilyn F.  
Kevin G.  
Jeremy K.  
Cathy P.  
Elaine T.

**To our new Student Council Representatives**

Class N - Deb M.  
Class E - Katrina F.  
Class W - Ian H.  
Class S - Elaine T.  
Evening class - Amanial

Present Chair- Kevin Gamble

**Student Council Says Greetings to Everyone:**

On November 23, 2010 the Student Council had a meeting and elected the following people:

Chair - Katrina F.  
Vice Chair - Amanial G.  
Treasurer - Jeremy K.  
Secretary - Elaine T.

The Student Council is helping out with the Holiday Potluck Dinner December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010. We would like some more volunteers to help out. Sign up sheets for this and more volunteering is posted on the Student Council bulletin board.

Another item the Student Council discussed was the issue with students making appointments during school hours. We want to remind everyone that it is important to try to make appointments during your off time.

Thank you  
Elaine T.  
Student Council Secretary

Are you interested in Small Group Classes?

The Winter session begins January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011  
Please register by December 16<sup>th</sup>

Thanks

**NEWS AND EVENTS FROM OUR TEACHERS:****A Visit to the Library**

The Family Literacy class went to the Hamilton Public Library this month. We had a great time browsing through books and materials. One mom obtained a library card and then was able to sign out books for her three year old daughter. This was her daughter's first visit to the library. We all realize how important it is to read to our preschoolers as often as time permits. We had so many language enriched books to choose from and left with a bag full of books.

Lynn Dejong  
Family Literacy Group Instructor

**Essential Skills for Personal Success**

This September, the Literacy Council decided to run a pilot class called "Essential Skills for Personal Success." The class is being held on Mondays from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The students have been working on a variety of subjects, skills and themes that are geared to their everyday lives.

A few weeks have been spent on the theme "money". We have reviewed and reinforced the identification of coins and their value. We spent time making change and studying our grocery bills. We worked briefly on a budget and how to spend money wisely. Another major theme of this class has been "nutrition". We have been learning how to read the labels on foods we buy. We have learned the significance of calories, fat and sodium to become more aware of healthy food choices when grocery shopping.

The students have been putting forth a great effort and are working hard to succeed at their own rate and ability.

Lynn Dejong  
Family Literacy Group Instructor

**Computer Class**

I would like to applaud the students in my Fall Computer Class for their very fine dedication and effort: Joshua S., Teresa L., Wayne E., Lumme Y., Judy W., Theresa S., Maria R., David S., Wayne P., and Eskarlin C. They have completed all assignments given to them with vigour and discipline – some assignments were more difficult than others but all were approached in the same remarkable manner!!

My sincere thanks also to Kevin G., a peer mentor, who assisted me with the classes. Well done Kevin!

Olga Wendlowski  
Computer Literacy Group Instructor

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- Integrity
- Excellence
- Serving
- Dignity
- Lifelong Learning

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# Word Mine



How many words can you find from the word **“REPRESENTATION?”**

Our student Donna found 280 word combinations - can you?

## Winter Word Search

F	S	N	O	W	M	A	N	Y	P	V	W	R	U	E
X	I	U	E	I	L	I	G	O	F	I	A	R	H	T
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chilly  
fireplace  
frost  
hibernate  
hot chocolate  
migrate

penguin  
polar bear  
snowflake  
snowman  
white  
winter