

# 2024-2025



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Elementary Activities



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# JANUARY

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# FEBRUARY

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[Choral Workshop](#)

**Program Duration:** 3-6 months

**Class Length:** 60 mins

**Facilitator:** Jennifer Graham - Student-led

**Fee per student:** \$25 per month

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### **Program Rules**

- While basic tools for junk journaling will be provided, participants will be expected to bring their own keepsakes and other items to make their journals unique and meaningful.
- Sessions will be capped at 12 participants, so pre-registration is recommended.

### **Program Overview**

Adults are welcome to join.

Embark on a creative journey to document 2025 with our weekly Junk Journaling workshop! This program is designed to help you stay consistent in capturing memories, thoughts, and inspirations in a unique, artistic way. Each week, we'll gather to create a new page, sharing tips, tricks, and encouragement in a warm, supportive environment.

The class provides camaraderie, accountability, and all the basic tools you need, including glue, scissors, scrap paper, needles, and thread. Whether you're new to junk journaling or a seasoned creator, this workshop will inspire you to craft a one-of-a-kind keepsake for the year ahead.

We will run the workshop beginning January through March and will continue through June depending on demand.

To register, email: [jennifer.graham@thedandelioncafe.org](mailto:jennifer.graham@thedandelioncafe.org)

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**CHORAL SINGING WORKSHOP**

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**Program Duration:** 8 weeks, Wednesday evenings from 6:30  
-8:30pm

**Class Length:** 2 hours

**Facilitator:** Roland Graham, Choral Conductor, Pianist

**Fee per student:** \$200

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### **Program Overview**

Opportunity for the whole family: singers ages 12 to 99+ are encouraged to participate!

Join the Choral Singing Workshop and elevate your musical and vocal abilities under the expert guidance of talented choral pedagogue Roland Graham. In this dynamic program, singers will refine essential skills such as breath control, pitch accuracy, vocal blending, and musical interpretation through weekly rehearsals. Together, participants will explore a carefully curated repertoire from the classical choral tradition, tailored to the unique voice make-up of the group.

The workshop culminates in a live performance, giving participants the opportunity to showcase their growth and artistry before an audience.

Whether you're an experienced vocalist or looking to deepen your love for choral singing, this workshop offers an inspiring and rewarding experience.

To register, email: [jennifer.graham@thedandelioncafe.org](mailto:jennifer.graham@thedandelioncafe.org)

**Program Duration:** 10 Weeks, beginning January 5th

**Class Length:** 60 mins

**Facilitator:** Jaysen Batchelor, Illustrator & Designer

**Fee per student:** \$150

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### **Program Overview**

Start gaining the drawing skills you've always wanted!

Unlock your potential to create professional-grade artwork with The Ultimate Drawing Course. Designed to guide you step-by-step, this course will transform your drawing skills, taking you from beginner to advanced. Whether you want to bring your personal projects to life or create art for others, you'll gain a comprehensive understanding of essential drawing fundamentals. Master the techniques you've always aspired to and develop the skills to create art that truly stands out.

### **Course Outline:**

**Week 1:** Intro & Line Fundamentals

**Week 2-3:** Shape & Form Fundamentals

**Week 4:** Value & Contrast

**Weeks 5-6:** Space & Perspective

**Week 7:** Still Life Drawing

**Week 8:** Texture

**Week 9:** Drawing the Human Face

**Week 10:** The human body & Animation

**Program Duration:** 2 months

**Class Length:** 2.5 hours

**Facilitator:** Jennifer Graham - Student-led

**Fee per student:** \$60 per month

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### Program Overview

Explore the art of film while honing your critical and creative thinking skills in this engaging discussion-based program.

Each session begins with a curated film screening, followed by group discussions on its themes, messages, and relevance. Students will practice analytical thinking, respectful debating techniques, and active listening as they share perspectives and engage in meaningful dialogue. Perfect for those who love movies and are eager to develop their ability to think critically and collaborate effectively.

We will run the club beginning January through February, and will continue through June depending on demand.

### Program Rules

- While we welcome all opinions, perspectives, and friendly debate, this is a judgment-free zone. There will be zero tolerance for disrespectful behaviour.
- No participants will be forced to speak until they are comfortable
- Sessions will be capped at 8 participants, so pre-registration is recommended.

### Films List:

#### **Week 1 - Living on One Dollar**

Documentary - Topic: Global Poverty

#### **Week 2 - The Breakfast Club**

Fiction - Topic: Stereotyping and Personal Bias

#### **Week 3 - Slumdog Millionaire**

Fiction - Topic: Destiny

#### **Week 4 - Bowling For Columbine**

Documentary - Topics: Fear and Inequality

#### **Week 5 - The Fundamentals of Caring**

Fiction - Topics: Disabilities and Friendship

#### **Week 6- We Were Children**

Documentary -Topic: Canadian Residential Schools

#### **Week 7 - The Fits**

Fiction - Topics: Gender Identity and Belonging

**Program Duration:** 6 weeks

**Class Length:** 90 mins

**Facilitator:** Venk w/ Let's Go Avocado!

**Fee per student:** \$240

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**Program Overview**

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**ESL CONVERSATION GROUP**

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**Program Duration:** 10 months

**Class Length:** 60 mins

**Facilitator:** Jennifer Graham

**Fee per student:** Free

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### **Program Overview**

This program runs from September through June on a weekly schedule, except for holidays, PD Days, and Elementary Activity Days ([see main calendar](#)).

The ESL Conversation Group is meant for anyone aged 12 to 99+ years old, who are English language learners, to come together and practice their English conversation skills in a relaxed and welcoming environment. Each week, we will discuss topics that are relevant to participants.

**We invite native English speakers to join the conversation as well to enrich the experience for the English learners, make friends, and broaden your horizons by gaining multicultural and intergenerational perspectives.**

### **Program Rules**

- While we welcome all opinions, perspectives, and friendly debate, this is a judgment-free zone. There will be zero tolerance for disrespectful behaviour.
- No participants will be forced to speak until they are comfortable
- Sessions will be capped at 12 participants, so pre-registration is recommended.

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**Dates:** Mondays 11am-12pm November through March

**Program Duration:** 5 months - continuous enrolment

**Rehearsal Length:** 1 hour

**Facilitator:** Jennifer Graham / Student-Led

**Fee per student:** \$90 fee

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### **Program Rules**

- While we welcome all opinions, perspectives, and friendly debate, this is a judgment-free zone. There will be zero tolerance for disrespectful behaviour.
- Students will be asked to work together to plan and host a fundraising event of their choice to help offset the costs of running the program and participating in the Regional Competition.
- Students may enrol anytime; however, spots on the competitive team are based on seniority.

### **Program Overview**

This program will run from November through to the Regional Competition of the Canadian Improv Games March 19-24.

Students may join as competing members or simply for fun! Improv is a great way for students to develop self-confidence, communication skills, as well as quick thinking and creative thinking. Participating in Improv groups has a reputation of creating strong bonds between participants.

Caution: May also cause intense fits of laughter.

**Program Duration:** 10 months

**Class Length:** undetermined

**Facilitator:** non-facilitated activity

**Fee per student:** Free for all members, \$5 drop-in fee for non-members

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### **Program Overview**

This program runs from September through June on a weekly schedule, except for holidays, PD Days, and Elementary Activity Days ([see main calendar](#)).

Students may bring their own games or use the many games we have at the centre. This is an opportunity for board game enthusiasts to meet and enjoy some social time!

While this is a non-facilitated club, there is always adult supervision in the cafe.

This club is suitable for students 12+

At this time, registration is not required.

### **Program Rules**

- While we welcome all opinions, perspectives, and friendly debate, this is a judgment-free zone. There will be zero tolerance for disrespectful behaviour.
- Please treat the games with respect and care
- Please clean up after yourselves before leaving
- If a game part gets lost or broken, please own up to it. Accidents happen. We want to fix the issue so that the game is ready for the next players :)
- Most importantly:



**Program Duration:** 2 months

**Class Length:** 90 mins

**Facilitator:** non-facilitated activity, Dungeon Master TBD

**Fee per student:** \$15 per month fee to secure a spot

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### **Program Overview**

This program runs from January 7 through the end of February on a weekly schedule, except for holidays, PD Days, and Elementary Activity Days ([see main calendar](#)). We will continue the club beyond February if there is interest from students.

While this is a non-facilitated club, there is always adult supervision in the cafe.

This club is suitable for students 12+

Registration is required. The student's spot is secured once the \$15 payment is received. Funds will go towards stocking snacks and supporting the Centre.

**Program Duration:** 2 months

**Class Length:** 90 mins

**Facilitator:** Student-led

**Fee per student:** \$15 per month fee to secure a spot

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### **Program Overview**

This program runs from January 9 through the end of February on a weekly schedule, except for holidays, PD Days, and Elementary Activity Days ([see main calendar](#)). We will continue the club beyond February if there is interest from students.

While this is a non-facilitated club, there is always adult supervision in the cafe.

This club is suitable for students 12+

Registration is required. The student's spot is secured once the \$15 payment is received. Funds will go towards stocking snacks and supporting the Centre.

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**CREATIVE WRITING CLASS**

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**Dates:** 12 weeks / Tuesdays 1pm-2pm - continuous enrolment

**Class Length:** 1 hour

**Facilitator:** Jennifer Graham

**Fee per student:** \$120 fee

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### **Program Overview**

Do you have a student who dreams of writing a major work such as a novel, book of poems, or a screenplay?

Join us for an inspiring 12-week journey into the world of creative writing! This dynamic course invites teens to unleash their imaginations and develop their unique voices across a variety of genres.

Students will share their work in a supportive environment, allowing for constructive feedback and collaboration. By the end of the course, each participant will have created a portfolio of original pieces, along with the confidence to continue their writing journey beyond the classroom.

Whether you're a seasoned writer or just starting out, this class is designed to ignite your creativity and inspire you to express yourself in new and exciting ways. Come ready to write, share, and grow!

### **Course Outline:**

**Week 1 - 2 Foundations of Creative Writing:** P.A.C.T.S  
Plot, Atmosphere, Character, Theme, Setting

**Week 3-4 Literary Devices:** Learn about and practice using metaphor, imagery, symbolism, allusion, plot & character development strategies, and more!

**Week 5-9 The Writing Journey:** Students will work through their own creative process to produce written works of their choice

**Week 10-11 Edit, Edit, Edit:** Students will edit their work as well as share and collaborate, providing feedback on each other's works.

**Week 12 Coffee House:** Students will read excerpts from their completed works while we sip tea, coffee, hot chocolate and enjoy treats in celebration of the group's hard work!

To register, email: [jennifer.graham@thedandelioncafe.org](mailto:jennifer.graham@thedandelioncafe.org)

**Dates:** 12 weeks / Tuesdays 2:30-3:30

**Class Length:** 1 hour

**Facilitator:** Rotating Speakers

**Fee per student:** \$120 fee

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Students will be asked to access the course virtually from home. Once per week, the class will meet in-person to discuss and problem solve together.

### **Program Overview**

Discover the exciting world of investing in our 12-week Beginner's Guide to the Stock Market! Perfect for those with little to no experience, this course combines hands-on learning with expert guidance to help you build confidence in trading.

Throughout the course, you'll use a stock market simulator to practice trading from the comfort of your home. Each week, you'll apply concepts in real-time, making simulated trades to test your strategies without financial risk.

On Tuesdays, join your classmates in person at our Center to analyze the week's trades, discuss wins and losses, and learn from shared experiences. These collaborative sessions are designed to refine your skills and deepen your understanding of market dynamics.

Enhance your learning with guest speakers who are seasoned professionals in the finance industry. They'll share valuable insights and practical tips to enrich your trading knowledge. By the end of the course, you'll have a solid foundation in stock market basics, trading strategies, and the confidence to navigate the market effectively. Take the first step toward becoming a savvy investor—enroll today!

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**ENGLISH HELP**

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**Subjects:** English

**Program Duration:** 10 months

**Class Length:** 60 mins

**Fee per student:** \$10 for non-members, Free for Members

**Program Rules**

- A Maximum of 10 students will be allowed to join the session to ensure that everyone receives the help they need

*Should we continue to exceed 10 students per session, a second session will be added to the schedule to accommodate demand.*

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**Program Overview**

This program runs from September through June on a weekly schedule, except for holidays, PD Days, and Elementary Activity Days ([see main calendar](#)).

Each session is run by an OCT certified teacher. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions and receive help with their coursework. This is a group session. Students may engage or not as they wish with other students' questions, which could help reinforce previously studied material or act as an introduction to new concepts. Students will also be encouraged to work together or help each other when appropriate.

To register, email: [jennifer.graham@thedandelioncafe.org](mailto:jennifer.graham@thedandelioncafe.org)



**Dates:** 12 weeks / Wednesdays 11:15am-12:30pm beginning November 6th

**Class Length:** 75 mins

**Facilitator:** Jennifer Graham Feat. Guest speakers

**Fee per student:** \$360 fee

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### **Program Overview**

Unlock your potential and transform your passion into a thriving business! This dynamic course is designed for teens eager to embark on their entrepreneurial journey. Over the span of several weeks, you will explore the fundamentals of entrepreneurship, including idea generation, market research, business planning, and marketing strategies.

Students will develop essential skills such as problem-solving, critical thinking, and financial literacy. Learn how to identify opportunities, create a compelling business plan, and pitch your ideas confidently. Guest speakers—successful young entrepreneurs—will share their experiences and insights, inspiring you to overcome challenges and seize opportunities. Students will leave with a solid business plan and the tools and mindset necessary to launch their own venture!

### **Course Outline:**

#### **Weeks 1-2: Ideation and Mission Statement Development**

Dive into the creative process of brainstorming innovative business ideas while crafting a powerful mission statement that reflects your vision.

#### **Weeks 3-4: Market Research and Idea Refinement**

Conduct thorough market research to identify your target audience and refine your business concept, ensuring it meets real-world needs.

#### **Weeks 5-6: Financial Planning**

Learn the essentials of budgeting and forecasting as you develop a solid financial plan that outlines your funding needs and revenue projections.

#### **Weeks 7-8: Operations Planning**

Explore the logistics of running a business, including production, supply chain management, and day-to-day operations to ensure smooth functioning.

#### **Weeks 9-10: Crafting Your Marketing Strategy**

Discover effective marketing techniques and create a comprehensive marketing plan to attract and retain customers.

#### **Week 11: Sales Pitch Practice**

Hone your presentation skills as you prepare and practice delivering a compelling sales pitch that captivates your audience.

#### **Week 12: Dragon's Den Style Presentations**

Showcase your hard work in a final presentation, where you pitch your business idea to a panel of "investors" in a thrilling Dragon's Den-style experience.

To register, email: [jennifer.graham@thedandelioncafe.org](mailto:jennifer.graham@thedandelioncafe.org)

**Dates:** 12 weeks / Wednesdays 1pm-2pm beginning November 6th

**Class Length:** 1 hour

**Facilitator:** Jennifer Graham

**Fee per student:** \$360 fee

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### Program Overview

Step into the intriguing world of forensic science with this hands-on course designed for teens! Over 12 weeks, you will engage in practical activities and explore various forensic techniques used to solve crimes. Each week offers a new topic that builds your skills and knowledge, culminating in a thrilling case-solving project.

**Trigger Warning:** This course will touch on sensitive topics including violent crimes and murder.

### Course Outline:

#### **Week 1: Fingerprint Analysis**

Discover the uniqueness of fingerprints and learn how to collect and analyze them to identify suspects.

#### **Week 2: Handwriting Analysis**

Explore the science behind handwriting analysis and learn how to discern authentic writing from forgeries.

### Course Outline cont'd:

#### **Week 3: Arson Accelerants**

Investigate the characteristics of arson accelerants and their role in fire investigations.

#### **Week 4: Analysis and Reasoning**

Develop critical thinking skills as you analyze evidence and draw logical conclusions.

#### **Week 5: Photo and Video Analysis**

Learn how to analyze photographic and video evidence, including image enhancement techniques.

#### **Week 6: Witness Questioning and Memory**

Understand the psychology of memory and practice effective questioning techniques with mock witness interviews.

#### **Week 7: Weapon Analysis**

Examine various types of weapons and learn methods for analyzing ballistic evidence.

#### **Week 8: Blood Spatter Analysis**

Explore the principles of blood spatter analysis and its significance in crime scene investigations.

#### **Week 9: Blood Testing**

Learn the processes behind blood testing and the importance of blood type in forensic science.

#### **Weeks 10-12: Solve a Case**

Apply your forensic skills in a capstone project where you work collaboratively to solve a simulated case, integrating all the techniques learned throughout the course.

**Dates:** 8 weeks Fridays from 10:00am-12:30pm

**Class Length:** 2.5 hours

**Facilitator:** Cynthia Benjamin - Learn, Grow, Fly

**Fee per student:** \$130 fee

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### **Program Overview**

Discover the power of design thinking in this dynamic workshop! Learn how to tackle complex problems creatively and drive innovation through human-centered solutions. Explore key principles like empathy, ideation, prototyping, and testing, while engaging in hands-on activities. Perfect for anyone looking to enhance their problem-solving skills and foster innovative thinking in their personal or professional life.

Following this 8 week course, Learn Grow Fly will host a complimentary 6 week course on Bringing a Product to Market. Students may register for each section individually or register for both and receive a \$30 discount.

### **Course Outline:**

**Week 1: Introduction to Design Thinking**

**Week 2: Phase I - Empathize**

**Week 3: Empathy Mapping & Phase II (Define the Problem)**

**Week 4: Phase III – Ideate (Generate Ideas & Choose Solution to Prototype)**

**Week 5: Phase IV – Building Prototypes**

**Week 6: Phase V – Testing Prototypes**

**Week 7: Iterating on Prototypes**

**Week 8: Demonstration, Reflection and Next Steps**

**Dates:** 8 weeks / Wednesdays 10:00-11:30am beginning February 5

**Class Length:** 90 minutes

**Facilitator:** Emily Chen

**Fee per student:** \$360 fee - materials included

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### **Program Overview**

Unleash your creativity in our 8-week Artist's Maker Space Workshop! This hands-on program offers access to tools, materials, and expert guidance to bring your artistic visions to life. Explore new techniques, collaborate with fellow creators, and refine your craft in a supportive, inspiring environment. Perfect for artists of all levels looking to experiment, grow, and create!

### **Course Outline**

1. Drawing from observation (without erasers, without looking, upside down, gesture drawing, negative space, shading / highlights, etc)
2. Origami (basics, simple to intermediate, modularity, and a box to take things home in; time permitting, a complicated dragon model)
3. Interactive and pop-up cards (a mix of folding, gluing, cutting, and drawing)
4. Colour theory (wheel, mixing paints, understanding shade / tint, colour harmony, CMYK vs RGB, creating a canvas using what we've talked about)
5. Creating an accordion book + watercolour basics
6. Illustrating your imagination, character design using elements from nature - with different hardnesses of pencils, coloured pencils, watercolours.
7. Automata - animated machines with control mechanisms, featuring figures – using cardboard, dowels, hot glue, paper, wire.
8. Polymer clay + wire - basics, mixing colours, effects, making 'canes' to create tiles, jewelry & keychains, wrapping polymer gems.