



Surrey Parent Convention

- September 3, 2019

5741 176 St, Surrey, BC (Hawthorne Square)

Traditional Learning Academy welcomes you to a convention for parents and families involved in or interested in schooling children starting in the home. We believe Strong Families are the cornerstone of a strong society, and parents actively participating in a child's education helps keep families strong. And learning is not just for children; Lifelong Learners is the second part of our motto, so come on out and join us in some learning and activities focused on schooling at home.

While we are unable to provide childcare, we all are aware that children can make a bit of noise. A couple of workshops will be directly applicable to and motivational for children aged 5 and up. Bring small toys etc. We will bring a treasure chest of fun activities to also help keep little minds active. Don't stay away just because you couldn't find childcare.

Please fill out the [Provincial Parent Conventions Form](#).

Agenda:

8:30 am - Mugs and Muffins - join us for coffee, tea, juice, and muffins

9:00 am to 10:30 - Workshop 1 - [Feature Presentation: Screenagers](#) - how tech time impacts kids' development and how adults can empower kids to best navigate the digital world and find balance. (Mr. Gabe Linder)

10:45 - 11:30 Workshop 2

Option 1: Lynne Godfrey: Building Resilient Kids

Option 2: Virginia Hooper - Learning Support Services leading to the Evergreen or Dogwood Certificate

Option 3: Suzanne Uher - Surviving and Thriving in Blended Learning (a focus on grades 10-12, but likely applicable to younger students, too).

11:30 to 12:15 Snack/Lunch.

12:15 - 1:00 pm Workshop 3

Option 1: Steve Borley - Teaching Writing to Short-Winded Pencils - If your children hate writing and grammar, if "yes" or "no" seems like an essay to them, maybe you will get something out of this workshop to spice up the activity.

Option 2: Mary-Anne Vanderhorst - Thriving in TLA's Grad Program

Option 3: Gabe Linder - Ozobots! Robotics and programming at TLA.

Option 4: PJ Reimer - Outdoor Education Courses and Learning Opportunities at TLA

1:00 - 1:45 Workshop 4 (During this time, Gabe Linder will lead a juggling workshop for children and adults with free takeaways.)

Option 1: Pauline Bekesza - Growth Mindset

Option 2: Joyce Westereng (Learning Assistance Team Member) - My Child Needs Learning Assistance - Help!

Option 3: Cara Lee Buzza - Beyond the Textbook! Slow down and spice up your learning at home.

1:45-2:30 Workshop 5

Option 1: Bridge the Gap (Math Program designed for those who sense their struggles are because they “missed something in math” earlier on in their studies. This resource continues to grow in popularity and enjoys a great reputation as very useful for struggling students.

Option 2: Peggy Smart - Outdoor Education Opportunities in Our Concrete World.

Option 3: Maureen Krump - Learning Co-ops (Making Friends and Building Community). How do we get back to a more fulfilling and relaxed lifestyle of learning?
1:00 to 1:15 Coffee break

2:30 to 3:00 Closing Remarks/Wrap Up (Door prizes awarded)

3:30 - 4:30 Blended Orientation - if you have children taking part in any of our Blended programs (One-Day or Two-Day) or our Blended courses (humanities, phys ed, arts ed, STEM, computech, etc) please join us at this time for a review of what we do in Blended classrooms as well as to meet your children’s teachers for the upcoming year. Teachers will have details as to classroom supplies and such available to hand out at this time.

Cost For the convention:

TLA enrolled/registered families \$10 for the day.

Non-TLA families - \$30 for the day.

Please fill out the [Intent to Attend](#) form.