

The Reader

People, Words & Change



Adult literacy,
one-on-one.

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The Reader is the quarterly newsletter of People, Words & Change. We welcome stories and articles by our members.

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PWC's Summer Hours

PWC's office will be closed from July 1 to Monday, August 1, 2011. Many of our matches continue through the summer, and some choose to take some time off. It's up to you and your tutor.

The PWC staff wishes you a safe and relaxing summer. See you in August!



You're invited to PWC's Second Annual Power of Words Breakfast



**Come and celebrate while enjoying
a full hot breakfast!**

Thursday, September 8, 2011

7:30 – 9:30 am

Tom Brown Arena

141 Bayview Road, Ottawa

Thursday, September 8th, 2011 is International Literacy Day. Please come out and celebrate your success.

CTV Sports Director Terry Marcotte will be our MC. There will be a number of special guest speakers including the City of Ottawa's Mayor Jim Watson, author Barbara Chapman, as well as a few PWC learners.

Last year the first *Power of Words Breakfast* was a tremendous success. Several PWC learners shared their success stories with a warm and receptive crowd of supporters. Over 70 people attended and we hope even more of you will come this year.

We will be sending out invitations with more details in August.

Hoppy Roy – 21 Years with People, Words and Change

“It’s not goodbye, it’s “Au revoir!”

After 21 years as an Education Counsellor at People, Words & Change, Hoppy Roy will retire at the end of June. It is hard to imagine coming into the meeting room and not seeing Hoppy working at one of the computers! Luckily, we don’t have to imagine that because Hoppy will do some part-time teaching in our ACE Online program.



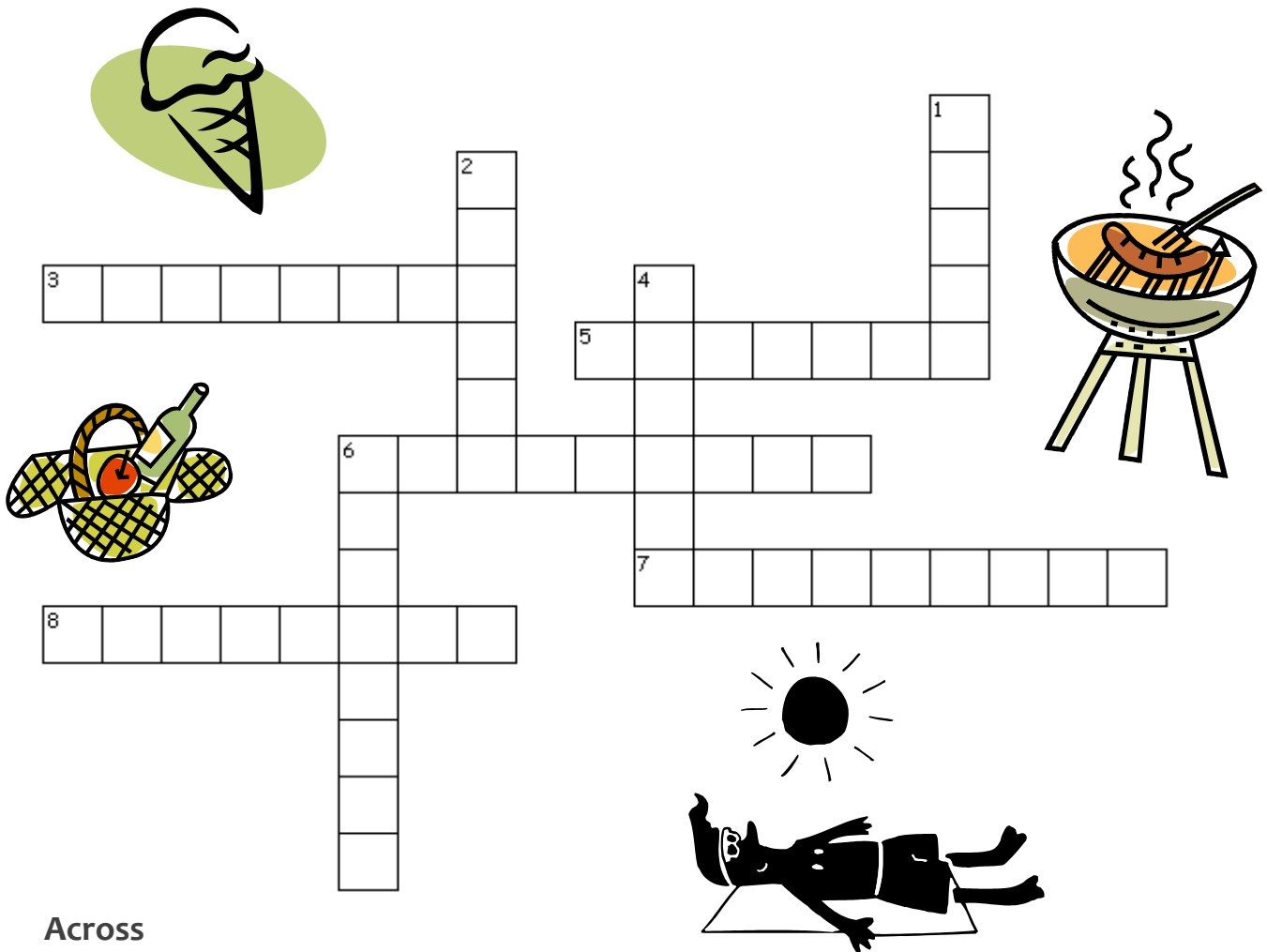
Hoppy started the computer lab six years ago and has since developed excellent modules for PWC learners who want to learn basic computer skills. She has helped many learners overcome their fear of computers and gain the confidence they needed to meet their learning goals. Hoppy is convinced that online learning is the way of the future for literacy and basic skills programs like PWC.

In addition to being a dedicated member of PWC’s staff, Hoppy has also played a major role in the development of Heartwood House, first as a founder, and now as the Chair of the Board of Directors.

Hoppy will be missed for her kindness and patience in helping tutors and learners plan the important steps they need to reach their goals. She has a special knack for helping people see and reach their potential. Hoppy will also be missed for her sense of humour and practical, common sense approach as an Educational Counsellor.

Hoppy, we wish you all the very best in your retirement. Thank you for your many years of dedication to the cause we all support. Now you will have time to read – one of your greatest joys!

Sizzling Summertime Crossword Puzzle



Across

3. a delicious cold dessert (two words)
5. an alternative form of transportation that requires human energy
6. an increasingly popular spring and summer hobby
(Clue: not a sport... some growing is involved)
7. Prince William and his new wife Kate will help us celebrate this day. (two words)
8. an activity that helps you to cool off

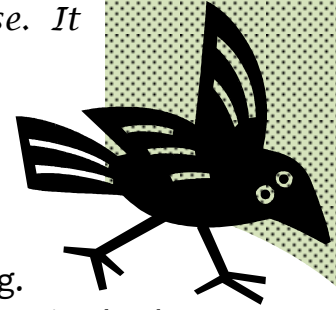
Down

1. a boat that the First Nations people introduced to the British and French settlers.
2. a season when "the living is easy"
4. when family or friends get together to share a meal in a park
6. a park in Quebec that's close to Ottawa, where people go to bike, swim and hike

PWC LEARNERS WRITE...

Here is a great way to get fit. Walking 8,000 steps over the course of a day has such great benefits. Here in Canada, the average person walks only 2,000 steps a day. For us, walking is not a means of survival but it can be a great way to get fit. Walking can reduce the risk of heart disease. It is something we are meant as humans to do naturally.

-Catherine



Now it is spring.
The birds are coming back.
The grass is turning green.
It is getting warm outside.
People wear t-shirts.
Children are playing outside.

-Sozan

About Spring

I am very happy that spring is here. It is time to rake and clean indoors and outdoors. Last year, I helped my husband to plant tomatoes, green peppers, lettuce, strawberries, hot peppers and lots of flowers. We have apple trees, plum trees, an apricot tree, and a peach tree. Last year, our peach tree had over 300 peaches. We also had a good bunch of apples and plums. Our garden needs lots of work. Every day after supper, we have to water the garden and pull the weeds with a special tool.

Our water bill was very high last summer. This year, we are planning to plant more vegetables and take care of the fruit trees. I hope to have lots of rain in the spring so that my trees will bear lots of fruit and the local farmers will be happy too.

-Dahab



Got Lost

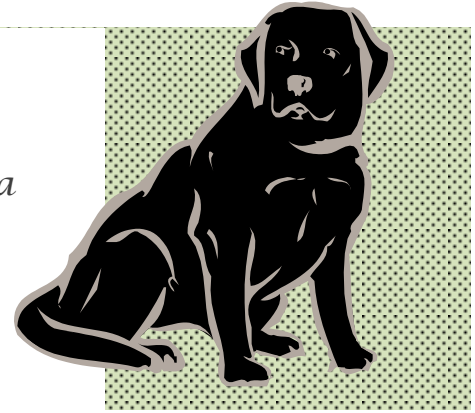
It was an early Saturday afternoon when I took a walk with my dog in the woods. After an hour and one half I realized that we were lost. I panicked a little because of my dog: he's a little noisy when he misses his dinner.

While walking through the forest I started hearing strange noises. That's when I got scared.

I didn't have anything to eat for me or my dog, so I started searching for a certain kind of white mushroom. I heard that they are delicious. I searched the forest floor and got some to eat.

My next move was to find a way to contact someone for help. I had a cell phone but there wasn't any signal until I climbed a tall tree. That was how I was able to contact someone for help.

- Conrad



From the past to now, security devices have changed the way we live. In the past, we were more relaxed with our security. Today, we have more security. Our security, to me, is through the roof and it will get worse. Yes, we do need our security devices to keep us safe from harm. These devices help us listen to and track terrorists around the world and at home. Devices such as access badges are used in top level companies. Some restricted areas in top level companies use eye scanners or fingerprint scanners for access.

I can't wait to see what other security devices the future will bring.

-Ed



Are You My Mother?

A mother teaches and cares for her children. You have been a special mother to me. For the last two years, you have been nothing else but a mother to me. You give me your time to lead me to freedom, and the ability to read and write better.

Your encouragement, patience and support show that you are a mother, something that I have not gotten from my birth mother. So on this special day, I just want to say that you are a mother to me.

Happy Mother's Day.

Catherine

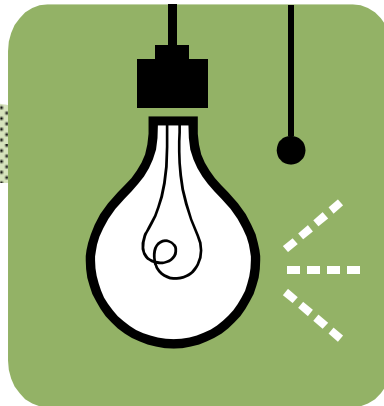


PWC LEARNERS WRITE...

For me, most inventions are very important but one of the most important inventions is the light bulb. When I see the day getting dark and there is no chance to see in the dark, I think the light bulb is very important. Also, when I turn on the switch and the room gets full of light, I feel I am blessed with something nice. I remember as a child, most of our nights were blacked out so, we got bored. Then we went to bed earlier.

I always compared my mom to a light bulb. When she was sick or out at night I felt there was a black out. And I strongly think the light bulb invention is very important. Thank you Thomas Edison, for your invention.

-Fareha



Learner Challenge

**What invention do you think is a very important one and why?
Write about it and send it to Jennifer for the September newsletter.**

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