



Your Child's Future is Bright!

Written by Chelsea Arns



Photo above: A math tutoring session between tutor-mentor and student

For Chelsea Arns, practical experience with tutoring started over ten years ago, as a high school student at St. Mary's Academy in Winnipeg. "Although I went to an excellent high school, I didn't have a lot of academic support from home. My parents, as great as they were, weren't able to help me with high school math or science. And so at the end of my grade 12 year when I found my science marks hovering around the 50's and 60's, I desperately sought myself a tutor." Tutoring started only 2 weeks prior to her science exam, and while Chelsea's tutor helped her pass the course, the limited time spent with her tutor was not enough to properly prepare her to conceptually understand the material or to take science at the university level.

"When I got into university and my goal was to complete a Bachelor of Science Degree, I knew that the marks on my transcript would stick with me forever, and I didn't want to just get by. I realized that to get the marks I wanted, I needed a tutor right away. When I met my tutor, Danielle, she changed my life! She wasn't just a tutor, but she was someone to look up to. Danielle's encouragement and guidance directly impacted my perception of myself and what I thought I was capable of."



Photo above: Chelsea & TutorBright at the Grant Park Soccer Fields



Photo above: Chelsea showing kids how to use the vegetable piano at the Children's Fun & Learning Fair in May

The incredible impact that a tutor can have on a student is the exact reason why TutorBright believes that mentorship is so important. "That's what I look for today when I recruit tutor-mentors for TutorBright. When considering an individual for the position, I always ask myself, 'Does this tutor have what it takes to change a student's life?'"

TutorBright's tutor-mentors are highly qualified individuals with the experience and passion to bring out the best in their students. Many of them are certified teachers in Manitoba, while others are university graduates, or university students in the final years of their university careers. They are all experts in their field, and they go through a tutor-mentor orientation course that focuses on one to one tutoring, positive reinforcement and instilling confidence in others.

Photo: Students completing Tan Gram puzzles at the South End United Soccer Jamboree



As the Director of Education, Chelsea meets each and every new student. At the first meeting, students complete a three-fold assessment based on academics, learning style and personality prior to being matched with their tutor-mentor. Everything takes place right out of the student's home so that the student is as comfortable as possible and to ensure convenience for the parents. The assessment is approximately one and a half hours in length and is completely free of charge. "It's our way of doing our homework so that we can figure out how best to help the student."

Throughout her career, Chelsea has worked with students of varying physical and cognitive abilities. "I have learnt that irrespective of how many students are given the same diagnosis, that no two children are exactly alike. This is why TutorBright works – we really get to know each student and our programs cater to their specific needs. We take the time to create new routines, set accurate expectations, and encourage our students and their families to tread new waters. Learning new things can be daunting, but as long as we offer the right support and encouragement, our students surprise themselves in how often they overcome challenges!"

Although students will see the best rate of success when they seek help at an earlier age, it is never too late to seek out a tutor. Building foundations and confidence starts from the ground up. "Our approach is different for every student and our goal is to show students that with the right work ethic, the right attitude and the right tools, they can achieve their goals."

TutorBright creates individualized academic and mentorship programs for all types of learning needs and for students of any age. Currently they work with students who are on the Autism spectrum, who have ADHD, who have problems with socialization, and who have various types of learning disabilities and exceptionalities.

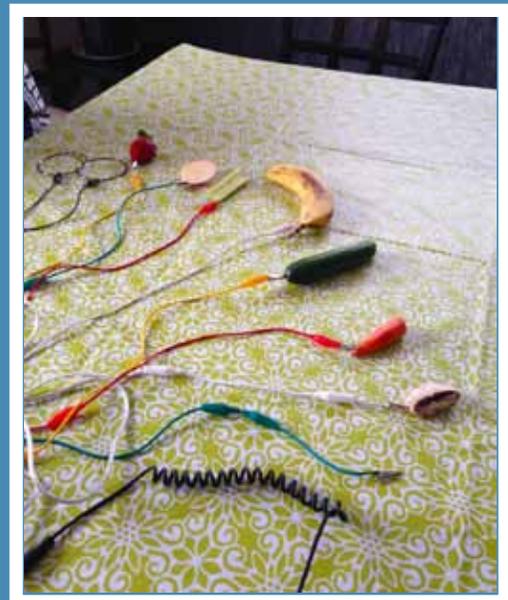


Photo above: The fruit and vegetable Piano that was featured at the TutorBright University Tent for Teddies at the Teddy Bear's Picnic in 2014

Photo: Line up to get into the TutorBright University Tent for Teddies at the Teddy Bear's Picnic in 2014

