

Toronto Newsletter

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Winter in Toronto



Happy Holidays! My name is Emma and I feel privileged to now be a member of the Centre Linguista group as Director of Studies in Toronto. I was attracted to Centre Linguista Toronto's warm and friendly atmosphere, dedicated and caring staff and the knowledge that our school offers a unique study experience.



Emma Otsuki – Director of Studies

My teaching career spans eight years and I have taught in New Zealand, Australia, Japan and now Canada. I have taught Business English, IELTS preparation courses, Young Learners and General

English courses among others, therefore the needs of students are covered when they choose our school.

One of my biggest aims as Director of Studies is to encourage students in all aspects of their life in Toronto to ensure they have a positive learning experience. I am happy to speak with students about cultural adjustment, help them to organize activities and of course advise them on the best possible course of study to reach their goals. This includes encouraging students to learn more about themselves, others and Canada, as well as encouraging them to take ownership of their learning so that they make progress as quickly as possible.

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone that you could learn more about Centre Linguista Toronto by joining our online community at www.facebook.com



December can be a chilly month for many of our students. To keep a warm atmosphere at the school we have been adding little touches to keep smiles on students' faces. In addition to the fresh complimentary coffee and tea that is available for students every day, we have started offering hot chocolate to help warm our students up as they come in from the cold each morning. Students have also started using their own mugs which they wash at the end of the day, so that we don't have to pollute the environment with Styrofoam cups. Thank you to all the students who are making the effort to be more environmentally friendly!

It is always wonderful to see smiles on students' faces, and even more so at this time of year. Both students and teachers put a lot of effort into the Christmas party last month, and their efforts paid off! A "Secret Santa" event was organized, and excitement built up over the week as more and more presents arrived under the Christmas tree at school. After the presents had been torn open in a frenzy of giving and receiving, students enjoyed Canadian food while talking to each other about their plans for

We were very proud to see Elizabeth's class teach everyone how to sing Christmas carols. It was a great way to practise English pronunciation and rhythm! Also, a special thank you to Elizabeth for organizing the Christmas Bingo activity at the Christmas party. It was fantastic fun!



About to enjoy some hot chocolate!

the holiday season. Emma gave out Christmas greetings to each student in personalized cards, and then the excitement built again as students tried tugging Christmas crackers apart. It was more than a little competitive!

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