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VANCOUVER, BC – If you're a parent that not only tries to do "what's best" for your children, but is also concerned about what your kids think, then a brand new after-school education centre, which opens its doors this January, is on your wavelength.

The brain child of Paul Romani and Alexis Birner, *Pear Tree Education's* learning centre is set to offer children and parents a brand new interactive method of after-school enrichment that turns tutoring into a thing of the past. With a vision of 'education for life', the two directors/educators are opening their new learning centre in Kitsilano for children in grades 2 through 9. They promise a 21st century education that helps children achieve success far and beyond the classroom.

"The great thing is that what your kids want and what they need are (thankfully) are the same!" says Paul Romani. "Your child says: 'I want to create', 'I want respect', 'I want technology', 'I want to create my own identity'; and that's just what we can offer them."

Creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship are among the core components at Pear Tree's learning centre. Children are encouraged to think 'outside-the-box', create new ideas, and form their own theories. Equipped with master's degrees, Pear Tree's teacher-mentors will help kids develop concepts that have value. They will also have the opportunity to use technology continuously to research, explore, create, calculate, design, present, and express themselves.

"We're offering something unique in Vancouver," comments Alexis Birner. "Not only will your kids have fun, but they will have the freedom and opportunity to experience different group roles, to be who they want to be, to push their abilities to the limits, and to have those limits extended by their teacher mentors. We've already had lots of interest from parents and we're looking forward to opening in January."

Located on the corner West Broadway / Stephens St. (near MacDonald St.) within close proximity of three local schools, the Pear Tree after-school learning centre will provide bi-weekly classes, either Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday. For more information visit the Pear Tree website pear-tree.ca, or contact paul@pear-tree.ca.

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