

Autism Resources Miramichi Inc.

Newsletter 13

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April 2009

Upcoming **ARM** Events and Important Dates

April 21, 2009 (Tuesday) NOON

Parent Support meeting- this month we will host a noon meeting with lunch provided! Stop by for half an hour or the whole hour, and meet others. If you have little ones at home, bring them along. Please RSVP at 622-8137 so we know how many to prepare for.

April 24, 2009 (Friday) 6:00 PM to 9:00PM

Teen drop in night. Drop in for half an hour or for the whole evening! You **must pre-register** though by calling the centre (622-8137) so we know how many to prepare for. Tonight we will watch a movie.

May 13, 2009 ARM Board of Directors Meeting 7:00 PM

Disability Tax Information

Don't forget, you may be eligible for the Disability Tax Credit for your child. Please see the following links for information:

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/disability/>
<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pbg/tf/t2201/>

As well this year there is the new Registered Disability Savings Plan. For more information, see.....

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/E/pub/tg/rc4460/rc4460-07e.pdf>

New Hours of Operation

9:00 am – 4:30 pm

*Or by appointment as necessary.

Please note- these hours will be in effect until June 30/09.

Welcome ...

to Katie Sherrard, our new James M. Hill Co-Op student who will be with us until June.

Upcoming workshops..... (Please see our website for more information)

Restigouche Autism Centre presents
Kevin Baskerville B.Ed, A.C.E.(autism)
April 7th and 8th, 2009 Campbellton, NB

Day 1) Getting Stressed! Anxiety Issues with Individuals with ASD
Day 2) "Autism Spectrum Disorders(ASD) : Inclusion in the Classroom

Autism Awareness Centre Inc. presents
Dr. Kathleen Quill
Dr. Rita Jordan-
April 17 & 18, 2009, Halifax, NS

Dr. Kathleen Quill- "Social Intervention- Planning for Success"
Dr. Rita Jordan- "Understanding, Avoiding and Managing Behaviors and Interventions in Autism Spectrum Disorders"

M&M Workshops
Marlene Breitenbach, M.S.Ed, BCBA
May 13, 2009, Miramichi, NB

"Effective and Practical Tools for Inclusion"

Fundraising Committee News

Our fundraising committee is back to work again this year. Some of the planned events for this year are:

- Gift card Bouquet Basket
- Bangor Shopping Trip
- Pizza Coupon Sales
- Penny Sale

There will also be others. If you would be interested in helping out with any of these activities, or if you have any great ideas, please call the chair of our committee, Belinda Shaddick at 622-0249



We are currently involved in preparation for the Miramichi Fusion Festival. The Festival will be held on Saturday May 30th, 2009 at the Golden Hawk Recreation Centre and surrounding areas. There will be many youth related activities that kids can watch and participate in. A newsletter on this event will follow soon. Please mark your calendars as this will be a great day for everyone. ARM will be the recipients of all funds raised on this day.

We will be looking for volunteers as well to help in 2 hour shifts at various events. Please call Debby at 622-8137 if you can donate a couple of hours.

Tim Horton's Gift Basket



We have tickets for sale on a Tim Horton's Coffee Basket draw. The package was generously donated by Tim Horton's and includes:

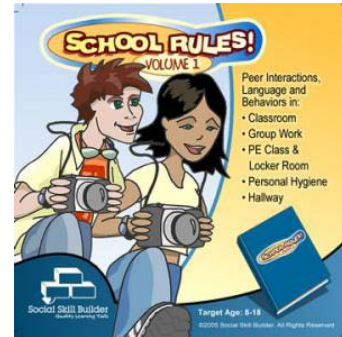
- Tim Horton's Coffee Maker
- Filters
- 1 can of coffee
- Travel mug
- Teapot
- Teacup
- Box of tea

Tickets are available at the centre and the draw will be held on May 30th at the Fusion Festival.

If you can sell a book of tickets, that would be great! Just call or drop by to get a book!

Featured Book (CD)

School Rules Vol. 1



Suitable for ages 8-18 years

This CD teaches acceptable behaviors during structured activities related to the classroom, group work and physical education.

**We have placed another order of new books/dvd's. Please watch our website as we will add the new arrivals to our booklist.

Welcome to Holland

I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability – to try to help people who have not shared that unique experience to understand it, to imagine how it would feel. It's like this...

When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a fabulous vacation trip – to Italy. You buy a bunch of guidebooks and make your wonderful plans. The Coliseum, the Michelangelo David, the gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It's all very exciting.

After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives. You pack your bags and off you go. Several hours later, the plane lands. The stewardess comes in and says, "Welcome to Holland."

"Holland?!" you say. "What do you mean, Holland?" I signed up for Italy! I'm supposed to be in Italy. All my life I've dreamed of going to Italy.

But there's been a change in the flight plan. They've landed in Holland and there you must stay.

The important thing is that they haven't taken you to some horrible, disgusting, filthy place, full of pestilence, famine and disease. It's just a different place.

So you must go out and buy a new guidebook. And you must learn a whole new language. And you will meet a whole new group of people you would never have met.

It's just a different place. It's slower paced than Italy, less flashy than Italy. But after you've been there for a while and you catch your breath, you look around, and you begin to notice that Holland has windmills, Holland has tulips, Holland even has Rembrandts.

But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy, and they're all bragging about what a wonderful time they had there. And for the rest of your life you will say, "Yes, that's where I was supposed to go. That's what I had planned."

The pain of that will never, ever, go away, because the loss of that dream is a very significant loss.

But if you spend your life mourning the fact that you didn't get to Italy, you may never be free to enjoy the very special, the very lovely things about Holland.

Written by Emily Perl Kingsley