

Autism Resources Miramichi Inc.

Newsletter 7

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Social Skills Program Update

Our Social Skills Program has been a huge success this summer. We have had 19 children involved on a weekly basis aging in ranges from 5-16 years old. Thank you to Lindsay Jardine for a job well done. We were truly very fortunate to have Lindsay as our summer student. Lindsay heads back to Dalhousie University to continue her studies in Speech Language Pathology. Good luck Lindsay!

Our program will end on August 22 with a barbecue for everyone involved! The barbecue will take place from 1-3 pm. Parents welcome! A reminder note will go home with your child.



Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday, August 2nd and August 16th
1:00pm – 3:00 pm

*Or by appointment as necessary.

During the week of August 25th – August 29th please call ahead to verify whether the centre is open, as we may be closed to accommodate staff vacations.

Upcoming ARM Events and Important Dates

August 4	Closed for NB Day
August 5th	Parent Support Meeting 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
August 11th	Fundraising Committee meeting. 7:00pm – 9:00 pm New members always welcome.

Parent Support Meeting August 5th

The next parent support meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 5th, 2008 at 7:00 pm here at the centre. These meetings give parents a chance to get out and meet with other parents to discuss anything and everything! For those that are regularly coming

Fundraising Committee News



Thank you

To Country Charm Bakery for selling a 50/50 board for us and raising \$100.00. The winner of \$100.00 was Brian Matheson.

Merchandise

We are going to preorder some merchandise, specifically sweatshirts, keychains and more magnets. If you would like to pre-order, please check out the merchandise on our website www.autismmiramichi.com and let us know what you would like.

We are currently selling tickets on a Gift Card Bouquet, and the draw for this will be on August 29, 2008. The bouquet has approximately \$750.00 worth of gift certificates/cards including a \$100.00 bill. For purchase of tickets or to sell, please drop by the centre .

Featured Book of the Month



Dooley's Fundraising Pool Tournament

Date : August 15, 2008

Registration Fee: \$5.00

Registration Time: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

***All proceeds from Registration fees and 50/50 boards to be donated to ARM.

If you are looking for a fun night out and want to support the centre at the same time, this would be a great time!

If anyone can offer any time, please call Belinda Shaddick at 622-0249 or by email at dbshad@nb.sympatico.ca

Fitting In and Having Fun. Social Skills Training Video Series, Volume 1. DVD

In order to be socially successful, children must learn to notice and "read" the social cues and messages that people use to communicate. Fitting In and Having Fun aims to stimulate a child's perception of social situations by visually showing them how to decode and interpret information from others. It also helps them to be more aware of their own body language and the messages they are sending. The target viewer is an elementary school-aged child who is ready to learn about the intricacies of social interactions. Social interactions are broken down, showing both the negative and positive consequences of how a child interacts and responds in social settings. As the child becomes aware of other people's perspectives, they can learn what to do differently to affect a better outcome.

Petro Points

We now have petro Points cards at all locations in Miramichi. If you are getting gas and want to donate your points, please ask them to swipe Autism Resources Miramichi's (ARM) card and as we accumulate points, we can trade them in on merchandise, etc.

Cookbook Recipes

Don't forget to email in your recipes to the centre as we are still trying to get our cookbook done in order to put that out this fall in time for Christmas giving.