

Autism Resources Miramichi Inc.

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Upcoming **ARM** Events and Important Dates

February 10 (Wednesday) 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Parent Support Meeting Everyone welcome!
It is up to you to network with other families, find out what is available for your child, what programs exist, etc. The only way this can happen is that parents get together and share information and ideas.

February 13 (Friday) 6:00 PM to 9:00PM

First teen drop in night! Movie and pizza 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.
Space is limited!

February 17, 2008 7:00PM

Fundraising Committee Meeting- new members welcome!



You can find us at our new location at 139 Duke St. (Former Chatham). We are located beside Marjorie's China and Gifts. Please drop by and check out our new location. Our phone number is still 622-8137.

A **HUGE** thank you to all who showed up to help us move, we had about 15 people show up to move boxes, load the truck. and clean our old centre which was wonderful. Your kindness is soooo appreciated!

Hours of Operation

11:30 am – 4:30 pm

*Or by appointment as necessary.

Thank you to Natasha Williston our JMH co-op student. It was a pleasure to have her and we wish her all the best after graduation this year as she heads to Mount St. Vincent in the fall. Natasha will stay on as a volunteer though in our teen drop in program!

We will welcome a new co-op student from JMH this month!

Summer Program Planning....

We are also in the process of planning for this summer's program. Once again, we would like to do some social skills training. If this is something your child may be interested in, you can call to add their name to list for end of June, or drop us an email. We will keep you posted as to the details.

Some Thank You's....

To **Mary Jane Donahue** for the donation of a Christmas Basket. Tickets were sold on this and the lucky winner was Abbey Traer.

To **St. James and St. John United Church** for their generous donation of \$785.00. The proceeds were raised from their Christmas Concert.

To **Dr. Theresa MacKenzie and her family** for their donation to our centre at Christmas.

To **Patrick MacGregor** of JMH and **Greg McDonald** of MVHS for volunteering their time to assemble our new furniture. Thank you guys- awesome job! You have lots of patience!

Dalhousie/IWK Research team requesting participants....

We have been contacted by the Dalhousie/IWK Research team as they are looking for participants for a study. The individuals must have Asperger's and be at least 8 years old.

You can check out Dr. Johnson's information at:

<http://johnsonlab.psychology.dal.ca/>

If you are interested in your family member participating, please call the centre at 622-8137 or email us at arm@nb.aibn.com for more information. You may also contact Alison Murton (research co-ordinator) directly at

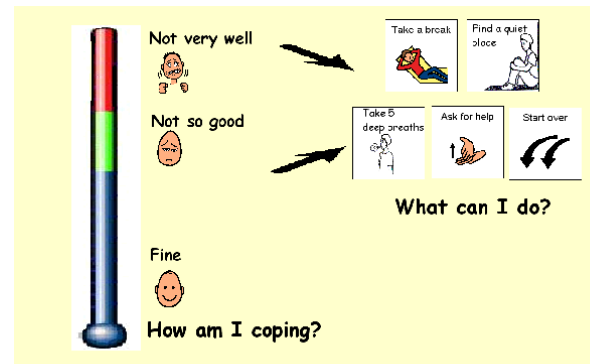
alison.murton@dal.ca

Lab #: (902) 494-4819

Dr. Johnson will make a visit specifically to the area if there are enough participants, so this may be a great opportunity.

Visual Supports

Here is an example of a visual support for your child/student, this one is for keeping calm. Don't forget, we can customize these for the individual.



***Each month for the next few months, we will be showing examples of visual supports.