

Autism Resources Miramichi Inc.

Newsletter 4

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May 2008

Successful Grand Opening

On April 5, 2008 we had our official Grand Opening. For those that missed the Rogers airing of the event, it was very well attended by our MP Charles Hubbard, some of our local MLA's John Foran and Bill Fraser, Deputy Mayor Rupert Bernard, board members, and many wonderful parents and children. Thank you to all who came. We look forward to a long partnership with everyone in the Miramichi area!

Kevin Baskerville, an autism speaker from the UK, who was in the area also dropped by and gave a donation of a gift card from the Books Inn. Thank you Kevin.



The above is a picture of our official ribbon cutting with Zachary Robichaud doing the honours.



Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

1st and 3rd Saturday of the Month
1:00 – 3:00 pm

*Or by appointment as necessary.

Welcome to Andrea Trevors

Andrea will be working at ARM for the next 12 weeks and we are very appreciative to have her on our staff. Andrea is the parent of a child with ASD and can assist you in many of your questions, or help with preparation of any visual materials you may need.

We look forward to having Andrea and also being able to offer extended hours to you for the next few months!

Yard Sale Items

We will hold our 1st Annual Yard Sale and Bar-b-Q on Saturday May the 31st from 8:00-1:00pm. It will be held at our centre. Anyone who has donations for the yard sale, please drop them off any time during our regular hours.



Lila Barry receives NB Community Volunteer Award

Congratulations to Lila who has been chosen as one of the recipients of the NB Community Volunteer Awards. The presentation will be held in Bathurst on April 23rd at 6:30pm. Lila has been a strong advocate for individuals with Autism and their families. She has spent countless hours lobbying for preschool services, the UNB Training program, trained TA's in the education system and is now active on a national level. She is also past president of Autism Society New Brunswick. We are also very fortunate to have Lila as the President of our Board of Directors.

Lila has chosen Autism Resources Miramichi Inc. to be the recipient of a \$1000.00 cash prize that goes along with the reward to be given to a charity of the winner's choice. Thank you Lila!

Father's Day Draw

Don't forget to get your tickets for a Stainless Steel barbecue to be drawn on Friday June 13, 2008.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets, or would like to help sell some, please contact us or drop in at the centre, as we will have tickets available here. Call 622-8137

New Teen Room

We have recently opened our teen room upstairs that has Wii, an air hockey table and various board games. Drop by anytime, and check it out. Bring a friend with you and try the Wii!



Upcoming ARM Events

May 6 th	7:00 pm Parent Support Meeting with special guest speaker, Dr. Theresa MacKenzie, Psychologist.
May 31 st	8:00am-1:00pm YARD SALE & Barbeque

Parent Support Meetings

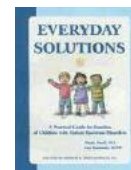
The next parent support meeting will be held on Tuesday May 6th, 2008 at 7:00pm here at the centre. **Dr. Theresa MacKenzie**, a local psychologist that specializes in Autism Spectrum Disorders will be here to address behavioural issues.

Dr. MacKenzie has also requested that you email or call in (to the centre) certain issues/behaviours that you would like to see talked about. These can be general in nature, or specific to your situation.

This information night is open to anyone interested- including parents, grandparents and professionals.

Also, please take a few minutes to fill out our **Workshop Interest Survey** which can be found on our website www.autismmiramichi.com This survey will enable us to provide you with the type of speakers you are specifically looking for.

Feature Book of the Month



True to its title, this comprehensive resource offers parents and other caregivers practical and effective approaches to solving the many puzzles of daily living with a child with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) - from dressing, toileting, and eating, to going to the playground, visiting the dentist, getting used to a new baby, and many, many more. Each of the everyday scenarios presented is broken down into four components for ease of use:

- The presenting problem is defined
- Its possible relevance to ASD is explained
- Recommendations and strategies are offered
- A summary conclusion is provided

The authors first-hand experiences working with a wide range of families show in this invaluable manual for novice as well as experienced parents.

Registration

Our membership is growing, but if you are not a member yet, just call the centre at 622-8137 or e-mail your contact information to arm@nb.aibn.com. We will send you our monthly newsletter and any other relevant information we receive, such as upcoming conferences and workshops

A Special Thank You For Donations Received from:

Kevin Baskerville