



Engaging Parents: Our Collective Journeys

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- Annual Action Plan & Priorities
- Commitment to Parent Engagement
- Partnerships (PIC, Other Organizations)
- Advertising (211)
- Feedback Forms



Specific Topic Presentations

Highlights SEAC priorities and Board priorities



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Orientation Session



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ORIENTATION

SEAC is pleased to host an ORIENTATION Session for all interested parents, guardians, and community members who wish to explore the potential and possibilities of serving children with special needs and school communities in a leadership/advisory role. This session will also benefit those who are interested in more information about our Special Education Advisory Committee.

**Wednesday, September 17, 2014
7:00 p.m.
Sir Winston Churchill CVI Library**

The evening's agenda will include:

An Introduction by Laura Sylvestre, Chair

Breakout Sessions (15 minutes) on:

SEAC - Roles, Organizations, Recruitment, and Advocacy;

Individual Education Plan (IEP) and Identification, Placement, and Review Committee (IPRC);

Special Education Supports - Roles and Responsibilities.

Snacks, refreshments and draw prizes for those in attendance.

Registration

Email Eileen Haven at ehaven@lakeheadschoos.ca
on or before Monday, September 15, 2014.

Questions? Contact Eileen at 625-5126





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The Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) of
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Bruce Schenk, Director

International Institute of Restorative Practices - Canada
as he guides attendees in

EFFECTIVE PARENTING

THROUGH RESTORATIVE PRACTICE

Restorative Practice seeks to foster healthy behaviours and stronger relationships. This presentation will focus on how parents/guardians can use restorative thinking and practices in dealing with children.

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

7:00 p.m.

Superior CVI Cafetorium

333 N. High Street



Registration - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RestorativePracticesApril>
or contact Eileen Haven at 625-5126 on or before **Monday, April 15, 2013**

Benefits for Parents/Guardians:

- Likely to experience consistent and fair interactions with school;
- More involvement in your children's school lives and connection with school community;
- Restorative strategies that can help you have a better relationship with your child/children;
- Greater capacity to deal with relationship issues between children and others;
- Opportunity for learning and personal growth.

**Open to all parents, guardians, educators, mental health professionals,
interested community partners and the general public.**



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STRENGTHS-BASED PARENTING @ HOME AND SCHOOL

**Strategies to Enhance Psychological Well-Being
in Children and Adolescents**

Dr. Edward Rawana

Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, Lakehead University
Director, Centre of Education and Research on Positive Youth
Development (CERPYPD), Lakehead University

Wednesday, March 19, 2014

7:00 p.m.

Superior CVI Cafetorium

333 N. High Street

**This presentation is open to all parents, guardians, educators,
mental health professionals, interested community partners and
the general public.**

Research is showing that children are encountering many more challenges in their daily lives now when compared to past generations; both at home and at school. Parents have a unique opportunity to help their children develop resilient coping skills to meet and overcome these challenges. In this presentation, Dr. Rawana will discuss the use of "strengths-based" strategies that parents can use to support their children to interact with their environment and the people within it in a manner that nurtures autonomy, competence, and abilities to manage emotions and relate well to others.

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**Registration - Visit www.lakeheadschoools.ca/seac/register
on or before Monday, March 17th.**

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CARING FOR YOUR CHILDREN CARING FOR YOURSELF

Dr. David Tranter, PhD
Mental Health Leader | Lakehead Public Schools

Wednesday, April 15, 2015
7:00 p.m.
Oliver Road Community Centre

Main Hall | Upstairs 563 Oliver Road

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mental health professionals, interested community partners
and the general public.**

School can be challenging - not just for children - but for parents too. Whether it's navigating social relationships, understanding the curriculum, completing homework, preparing for EQAO testing, communicating with teachers and principals, getting ready for the world of work, college, or university, or just understanding the education system and how all of the pieces fit together, school can be stressful for the whole family. This presentation will provide parents/guardians with helpful strategies to support their child's education, while making sure that both child and parent/guardian don't get overwhelmed. A panel of learning support specialists will also talk about their role within education, the resources available to students, and how to help your child manage stress and succeed in school.

**Free Admission - A Donation of Canned Goods for Shelter House or Silver Collection for
The Lakehead Learning Foundation, greatly appreciated**

**Registration - Visit www.lakeheadschoools.ca/seac_register
on or before Monday, April 13.**

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What we have discovered:



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- Parents appreciate an orientation session. Parents especially appreciated knowing the staff at both school-level and central.
- Many staff members & community members attended our sessions.
- Helpful to do a bit of research regarding the scheduling of other events to prevent conflicts.
- Advertising is important (211, posters, newsletter ads).
- Feedback forms are helpful with communication and improvement.
- Sessions are good PD for SEAC members.
- Door prizes are important!
- Entrance fee (food and/or Learning Foundation donation).