

# September 2012 **Bulletin**

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## **This Month's Parents' Night:**

### **Meet & Greet**

Time:

Sept. 20, 2012 Date: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Location: Inglewood Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, HJA Brown Education Centre, 5650

Hurontario St. (at Matheson), Mississauga.

Members of ABC Peel's executive will be on hand as well as our SEAC reps. Meet other parents of gifted children. Light refreshments will be served.

We're always looking for help so if you're interested in helping with the newsletter, children's programs committee, SEAC, family games day or anything else please attend or contact us at activities@abcpeel.org



Next month's meeting will be on Wednesday, October 24. The topic will be IPRC's. Watch our website for more information.

#### **IEP - Individual Education Plan**

In accordance with Regulation 181/98, an IEP must be developed for every student who has been identified as an "exceptional pupil" by an Identification, Placement, and Review Committee (IPRC), within thirty (30) school days of the first day of the new school year.

Need help with your child's IEP, try these links/websites:

- Ontario Ministry of Education, IEP Resource Guide www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/speced/guide/resource/index.html
- ABC Ontario, Developing Individual Education Plans for Gifted Students http://www.abcontario.ca/support/advocating-for-change/iep-information

#### **Discussion groups**

Both ABC Peel and ABC Ontario have discussion groups.

ABC Peel's yahoo group has articles and links to information about Identification, IPRC, IEP and much more. You can also communicate with other parents of gifted children.



To join ABC Peel's discussion group click on the *Join this group* icon on the left.

To join ABC Ontario's message board go to www.abcontario.ca and click on **ABC Message Board** in the menu on the left or go to CentralBoard@abcontario.ca

#### **Volunteer**

#### Volunteers are essential to the success and strength of our organization

At ABC Peel we're all volunteers - we have no paid staff.

We're always looking for help so if you're interested in joining a sub-committee, the Children's Programs committee, Parent Night Committee or helping with the newsletter, SEAC, Family games day or anything else please attend one of our meetings or contact us at activities@abcpeel.org

High school students looking to complete their community hours are also welcome to contact us.

We are also looking for members to join the following Subcommittees:

- Adult Programs/Parents Night committee
- Youth Programs committee
- o Publications, Marketing and Communications committee
- Grants, Fundraising committee



If you don't come to the table who will?

#### **Get Involved In Your Child's Education**

One way to become more involved with your child's education is to join the school council.

School councils can make recommendations to their principals and school boards on <u>any</u> matter. You will have the opportunity to voice your opinions on school issues and make decisions on behalf of parents and community members in your school community. The purpose of school councils, as stated by the Ministry of Education, is to improve student achievement and enhance the accountability of the education system to parents.

If you're a member of the school council or if you join please let us know. We want to know what's happening at your child's school.

For information about school councils and how they work go to www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/general/elemsec/council/council02.pdf

#### **Support our Fundraiser!!**

As a way to target the problem of lost belongings and a large lost and found bin, ABC Peel is fundraising with **Mabel's Labels**, a company with all types of labels that are colourful, indestructible, easy-to-use and fun! Iron-Ons, Stickies, Bag Tags, Allergy Alert labels & more! Personalize your labels with names, nicknames, initials - whatever you choose. Cool icons help even little ones identify their own belongings. Dishwasher, microwave, laundry & kid tested!

To order your labels go to <a href="http://www.abcpeel.mabel.ca">http://www.abcpeel.mabel.ca</a>



Please keep in mind that ALL orders MUST be placed at this web address in order for ABC Peel to receive credit!

So order now at http://www.abcpeel.mabel.ca to support ABC Peel



#### **ABC Peel Contact Information:**

Telephone support: 905-782-0055 Support: support@abcpeel.org

Website address: www.abcpeel.org

Membership Information: membership@abcpeel.org

Parent's Night Information & Children Programs: activities@abcpeel.org

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Communication Team (Newsletter): news@abcpeel.org

<u>Reminder</u>: All donations to **ABC Ontario** are tax deductable. ABC Peel receives 50%. Donations made directly to ABC Peel are not tax deductable. You can make a donation at www.canadahelps.org/CharityProfilePage.aspx?CharityID=s12709 or www.abcontario.ca or

Bring a cheque with you to one of our Parents' Nights, or mail your cheque to ABC Peel at P.O. Box 10010, Watline Postal Outlet, Mississauga, Ontario, L4Z 4G5.

To receive a tax receipt, cheques must be made payable to **ABC Ontario**.

Association for Bright Children of Ontario has the registered Charitable No. 11877 7275 RR0001

**Membership** at ABC is currently free. Go to www.abcontario.ca and click on membership item in the menu on the left for information on how to become a member.