



A MEANINGFUL AND STAISFYING LIFE FOR ALL

ASSOCIATION REPORT FOR SEAC – JUNE 2009

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1. *Walk and Wheel for Inclusion*

In May schools were invited to participate in Community Living Month and promote Inclusion in their school. In support of promoting Inclusion, they were invited to attend the 3rd Annual WALK AND WHEEL FOR INCLUSION on May 7th, 2009 or support by organizing an activity at their school.

Two new suggested activities were added to the INCLUSION KITS that were given to all of the Kenora schools in May 2008. Originally they included:

- suggested activities, books and videos;
- information on composition and posters and
- colouring pages that can be posted in your schools.

We were very pleased to see groups from Lakewood and King George walk at the Recreation Centre for the event.

2. *Inclusive Activities/Workshops*

Many of our consultants have been in the schools running activities/workshops to promote cooperation, respect, problem solving, and inclusion as well as the Zone In and How Does Your Engine Run programs. The teacher's involved have given very positive feedback regarding what their students are learning from these workshops and can continue to promote these themes of 'Character Education' and supportive teaching strategies in their classrooms.

3. *Job Development*

The Child and Youth Program is currently doing an Action Research project around developing the areas of employment competencies with youth. Many students will be in one of the three phases working toward Task competence, Social Competence, Habits of Responsibility and Personal Power. This program will be geared to students 15-17 years of age interested in employment.

Over the year we have had students at the Safeway bakeshop, the Kenora Public Library, the LOW District Hospital, Kids Zone Lakeside and Kids Zone SMB.

4. *Augmentative Education Program*

Families continue to request 1:1 services offered in the Augmentative Education Program to meet the individual goals of their children. Students range from 3- 17 years of age and goals could be pre-school readiness, communication, social, Fine and Gross Motor, job development and exploring technology. Currently there are 32 students in the program.

5. *McDonald's Kids Galore Camp 2009*

McDonald's McHappy Day has sponsored the McDonald's Kids Galore Camp 2009. This camp is an inclusive camp for students 10-15 years of age where everyone participates together in some

favourite and some new experiences while exploring what Kenora has to offer. Students will participate in five themed weeks exploring Kenora's Recreation, Culture and Wonders! The camp uses strategies to support kids of ALL abilities to participate, experience and learn from each other.

Lead by Consultants from the KACL Children's program along with some invited guests, the students get a daily dose of fun, learning and real experiential participation. The students will participate in activities to develop community awareness, new skills, entrepreneurship, social consciousness and friendship. Some of the fun activities include kayaking, swimming, miniature golfing, orienteering and camping.

The benefits of this camp are extraordinary where all the students grow by practicing respect, cooperation and acceptance of differences. Our intention is to break down barriers by offering supported participation where students are learning together.

A brochure is included for more information.

6. *Parent Education and Networking*

KACL has hosted many Lunch and Learns this year. We continue to offer a Networking/Support session for parents at these sessions. Parents have an opportunity to meet to gain information about a particular topic area and share their experiences and expertise with other families. These sessions are open to parents of KACL clients. Lunch and Learn topics have included Setting Boundaries, Sharing Stories, and Special Education Funding.

7. *'Art Attack'*

We have recently completed an 'Art Attack' inclusive group for 12-15 students in partnership with the NeeChee Centre at BBSS. The session ran for four weeks and provided an opportunity for all students to learn and practice social skills while developing their interest in art.

Electronic Attachments:

- McDonald's Kids Galore Camp Brochure
- Community Living Month School Newsletter 2009
- IAI EDU Indicator Planning and Feedback Tool

School personnel are invited to contact our SEAC representatives or Consultants for more information regarding this report.

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