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~Helping Parents Find a Voice in Education ~

MAPC Annual General Meeting and Conference

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Special points of interest:

- MAPC AGM and Conference is May 6 and 7, 2011
- Upcoming Events
- Keeping up With Kids' Online Activities
- Chairperson's Breakfast was "Very Interesting" and "Informative"

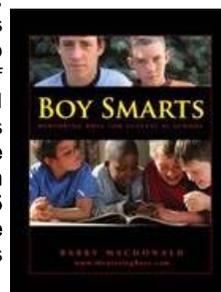
Manitoba Inclusive Education Week

Minister of Education, Nancy Allan, has proclaimed the week of **February 21 - 25, 2011** as **Manitoba Inclusive Education Week..**

Visit <http://www.inclusiveeducation.ca/engage/educationweek.asp> for events and ideas to celebrate the progress being made toward inclusive schooling for students with intellectual disabilities.

May 6 and 7, 2011 - MAPC is excited to bring to its members the Annual General Meeting and Conference. We're confident you will be pleased with the agenda that will provide you with opportunities to engage with other parents and attend meaningful workshops. MAPC is pleased to present a dynamic keynote speaker as part of Saturday's agenda. **Barry McDonald**, founder of **MentoringBoys.com** and best-selling author of **Boy Smarts**, is an educator,

counselor and champion for building strong learning communities. A sought-after speaker, Barry has presented to thousands of educators and parents and was featured by **The Vancouver Sun** as one of **25 Influential People to Watch** for his innovation work.



MAPC will also be celebrating the outstanding contributions of an individual as well as

recognizing achievements of a Parent Advisory Council by way of our annual awards.

Conference packages were mailed out to member schools in January. If you are currently a member and did not receive your information package, please visit our website

at www.mapc.mb.ca to download your registration or call 204-956-1770.

Upcoming Events

April 6 and 7, 2011 - Rotary Career Symposium at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. Visit www.career-symposium.org for further details.

April 12, 2011 - "No More Meltdowns"- *Handling Challenging Behaviors & Teaching Social Skills* - A workshop for parents and professionals. Contact Barb Ivans at 204-774-4525 or bivans@wsd1.org for more information.

April 28 - May 1, 2011 - Manitoba Schools Science Symposium. For registration information, visit www.msos.mb.ca.

May 2 and 3, 2011 - Winnipeg Narrative Therapy presents a 2-day workshop addressing children's socio-emotional issues using the latest in brain research. Visit www.winnipegnarrativetherapy.com for more information.

May 6 and 7, 2011 - MAPC's Annual General Meeting and Conference. This year's theme: "It's Our Time-Strengthening the Parental Voice in Education".

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Keeping up With Your Kids' Online Activities

The Media Awareness Network offers a tutorial entitled "e-Parenting: Keeping up With Your Kids On-line Activities". After completing the 5 modules of the tutorial, parents are then given a chance to work with their kids and talk openly about internet use and safety while establishing rules. To take the tutorial, visit <http://www.media-awareness.ca/english/parents/internet/eparenting.cfm>. "The Media Awareness Network promotes critical thinking in young people about the media."

MAPC'S Chairpersons' Breakfast Proves to be a Great Networking Event

Thanks for coming! On January 22, 2011 MAPC held a Chairpersons' Breakfast at the Victoria Inn and Conference Centre. It provided parents from various PACs from across the province with an opportunity to network and share ideas. A facilitated discussion on "Dealing with Conflict and Issues in Your Parent Groups" helped address some of the current challenges Advisory Councils are facing within their respective schools. Parents also got to share best practices and discuss some of the success they have had as well. **Alan Schroeder**, Council of School Leaders, was the special guest and reinforced to parents the importance of strengthening the relationships between parent groups and administrators.

All in all, the breakfast was a fun and informative session.

"This was an excellent event. I am glad I was able to attend. I am able to take away a lot of information from this session..."

Read more about what parents had to say about this annual MAPC event by visiting our website or clicking [here](#).

Valentine Fun For Kids!

- ♥ Make a paper heart wreath ([click here](#))
- ♥ A special "handprint" poem for someone special ([click here](#))
- ♥ Candy rings for all your classmates! ([click here](#))



What did the boy bat say to the girl bat on Valentine's Day?

You're fun to *hang* around with!

Did you know February 14th - 18th is "Teacher / Staff Appreciation Week"?



Manitoba Education

Visit <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/index.html> or click on the links below for the latest news and offerings from our provincial government!

The [Grade 12 Pre-Calculus Mathematics Standards Test: Local Marking Training Workbook \(January 2011\)](#) has been posted.

The document [Funding of Schools 2011/2012 School Year](#) has been posted

[Province Invests Over \\$1.1 Billion in Education Funding](#)

[Province Launches Latest Instalment of Youth Anti-smoking Program](#)

Conference: [French Immersion Students in Manitoba: Proud, Engaged, Global Citizens](#) is a conference for educators, administrators, superintendents, trustees, teacher candidates, parents and partners on March 18, 2011.