

Newsletter Autism Services of Windsor-Essex County

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**Do you know someone
that just received
Diagnosis of Autism?**

We are here to provide
them with important
information.

All About Autism

**Make a Difference,
Refer a Friend!**



**Getting Ready
for School**

**New
at ASI**

Look

Resources

Board Members

**Happy
Halloween**

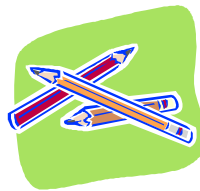
The Lending Library New Hours!!!!

Monday to Friday 8:00 to 4:00

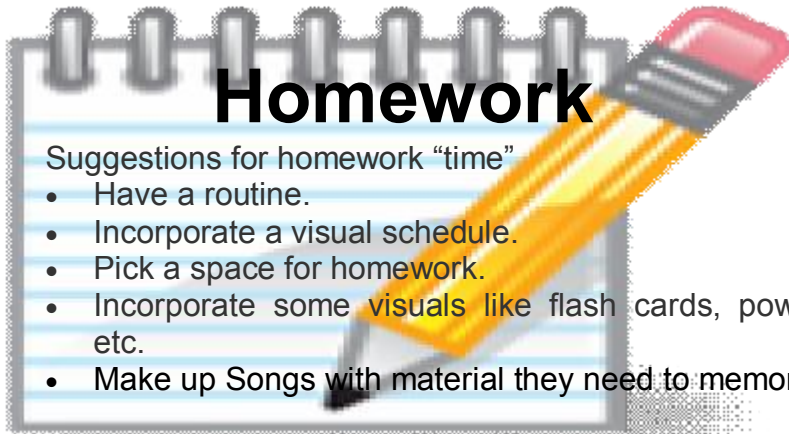
Back to school...

Are you ready?

Some tips to smooth it out:



- Prepare a night time routine with some days in advance.
- Create a social story or picture schedule for school routines.
- Mark it on the Calendar and count the days.
- Arrange a visit to the school and the classroom. He/she may have the chance to meet the teacher.
- Some kids like to have an "old school" supply with them, be sure to have that in his/her new backpack!.
- If you have some sensory issues with clothing try having the clothes washed several times before he/she has the chance to wear them.



Homework

Suggestions for homework "time"

- Have a routine.
- Incorporate a visual schedule.
- Pick a space for homework.
- Incorporate some visuals like flash cards, power cards, etc.
- Make up Songs with material they need to memorize.



Halloween is a "tricky" experience, the sensory input makes it "treaty" and the changes in routine makes it unpredictable. By the way, this happens just when "we" are getting used to school. Well, as

*we know the key word to make it a success is: **P R E P A R E** - **T I O N**, specially because persons with Autism would like to know what to expect and what they need to do during this special activity, like: "you don't need to eat all the candy that is in the bag" or "ringing the doorbell just once is enough" - yes, it happened to me!-. With some work in advance this events could be such a different and fun experience.*

To be prepared would depend on your child's needs. Maybe, for him/her a social story is the perfect match or to roll play would be fun, or making his/her own custom using softer fabrics or an old not favorite pajama would be the answer. If neither of this is suitable for your

News from our

Autism Ontario RCP Coordinator

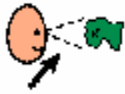
The Realize Community Potential (RCP) program just started two months ago, through Autism Ontario. It is funded by the Ministry of Child and Youth Services to provide short-term support to families who are affected by an Autism Spectrum Disorder, to create social learning opportunities for people on the spectrum, and to bring speakers to Windsor-Essex to do presentations and workshops on autism.

Catherine McKay, is the coordinator and can be reach at 519-250-9410.

Research Study for Adults in the Au- tism Spectrum Dis- order

The University of Windsor is looking for individuals between 13 and 50 years of age within the Autism Spectrum Disorder to participate in a research study on how "face-to-face" and "internet-based" self-help groups are useful for individuals with autism and their families. Contact **Dr. Irene Carter** at **519-551-0045** or at her e-mail : **icater@uwindsor.ca**. The interview would take 90 minutes and a small honorarium of \$30.00 dollars will be given to each individual with Autism who participates.

Places to go,
things to see!!



September



September to December 2008

[George F. Macdonald - A Champion of History](#)

Windsor Community Museum, Windsor

Phone: 519-253-1812 www.windsorpubliclibrary.com/museum

Sep 4 - 7, 2008

[Shores of Erie International Wine Festival](#)

Wine Festival Amherstburg

Phone: 519-730-1001 www.soewinefestival.com

Sep 6 to Oct 19, 2008

[Thiessen Pick Your Own Applies](#)

Thiessen Orchards, Leamington

Phone: 519-326-5873 www.thiessenorchards.com

Sep 6 to 28, 2008

[Family Migration Program *WKENDS ONLY*](#)

Point Pelee National Park, Leamington

Phone: 519-322-2365, www.pc.gc.ca/pointpelee

Sep 7, 2008

["Sounds of the Big Band Era" Outdoor Concert](#)

Reaume Park, Windsor

Phone: 519-726-6723 www.greaterwindsorconcertband.ca

Sep 12-14, 2008.

[Olde Sandwich Towne Festival](#)

Phone: 519-728-1103 www.ostf.ca

Sep 13-21, 2008.

[Festival of Hawks](#)

Holiday Beach Conservation Area, Amherstburg

Phone: 519-776-5209 Ext.308, www.erca.org

Sep 20 -21,2008

[Childrens Fest 2008](#)

Childrens Safety Village, Windsor

Phone: 519-253-6382, www.childrensfest.ca

Sep 27-28, 2008

[Ruthven Apple Festival](#)

Colasantis Tropical Gardens, Ruthven

Phone: 519-776-6486 Ext.246 www.communitylivingessex.org

Sep 27, 2008

[Kids Health Day](#)

Windsor Health Centre, Windsor

Phone: 519-252 5556, www.kidshealthday.com

October



Oct 3, 2008

[Health Fair](#)

Vollmer Culture and Recreation Complex, 2121Lauriel Parkway LaSalle. Phone: 519-969-7771, www.erca.org

Oct 5, 2008

[Harvest at the Homestead](#)

John R. Park Homestead and Conservation, 915 County Rd 50 east, Harrow

Phone: 519-738-2029 www.erca.org

Oct 10, 2008

[Colasantis Thanksgiving Monday Buffet](#)

Phone: 519-326-3287, www.colasanti.com

Oct 10-11,17-18, 24-25, 2008

[House of Fright and Haunted Graveyard](#)

AMA Sportsmen's Club 468 Lowes

Sideroad, Amherstburg

Phone: 519.258-, houseoffright.ca

Oct 13, 2008

[Colasanti's Goblin' Thanksgiving Celebrations](#)

Colasantis Tropical Gardens, Ruthven

Phone: 519-326-3287, www.colasanti.com

Oct 17-19, 2008

[39th Annual Migration Festival](#)

Various locations, Kingsville.

Phone: 519-733-2123, www.kingsville.ca

Oct 17-19, and 24-26, 2008

[Horror Hayride & Halloween Extravaganza](#)

Colasantis Tropical Gardens, Kingsville

Phone: 519-326-3287, www.colasanti.com

Oct 18-19, 2008

[Peanut Butter n' Jam: Fiddles n' Riddles](#)

Phone: 519-973-1238, www.windsorsymphony.com/season/pbnj08-09.html

Oct 23, 2008

[Harvest Moon](#)

John R. Park Homestead and Conservation Area, 915 County Rd 50 East, Harrow

Phone: 519-738-2029, www.erca.org

Oct 25, 2008

[Spookfestival](#)

Vollmer recreational complex.Lasalle .Phone: 519-738-2029, www.erca.org

NOTE Event information is always subject to change by the event holders. Always call ahead.

W O R K S H O P S

September

Wednesday, September 10
All About Autism "Community Resources" Location ASI Library 6:30 pm . Call 519-966-7283 to Register

Monday, September 15
High Functioning Support Group
St. Mathews Church Hall 1600 Norfolk
519-972-8381 or 519-972-9277

Monday, September 22
Summit Centre Parent Support Group "Coping with Stress" R.S.V.P Please contact Kristy at 255.1195. If you need our staff to supervise your child with autism, please let us know when your RSVP by Wednesday September 17, 2008.

Summit Centre Sibling Support Group
For kids 4 to 12 yrs..Come meet new friends, also activities, games, prizes, pizza and snacks! R.S.V.P Please contact Kristy at 255.1195

Tuesday September 23
"What is ASD?" Autism Program Education Series.
presented by Thames Valley Children's Centre . Location ASI Library 3600 Curry 7:00 pm—9:30pm . Please call Carrie Connell at 519-685-8700 ext 1-53367 or toll free at 1866-516-5368 ext 1-53367 , please leave your name, phone number and title(s) at least one week prior to the session.

October

Saturday, October 4 and Sunday October 5
Summit Centre "Autism and Applied Behavioural Analysis" "FREE R.S.V.P Please contact Kristy at 255.1195. Space is Limited

Wednesday, October 8
All About Autism " Could it be Autism ; Explaining autism to your Family" presented by Dr. Marcia Gragg. Location ASI Library 6:30 pm—9:00pm . Call 519-966-7283 to Register.

Monday, October 20
High Functioning Support Group
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Monday, October 27
Summit Centre Parent Support Group "Guess Speaker: to be confirmed-" R.S.V.P Please contact Kristy at 255.1195. If you need our staff to supervise your child with autism, please let us know when your RSVP by Wednesday October 22, 2008.

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New Look! New Resources! New hours!

Now open Monday to Friday 8 am to 4 pm.
Closed noon to 1 pm

New Resources from LinguSystems:

"Autism and PDD, Things I can say and do" by Michele Zucker Saunders
SLP:

- *People and Places
- *Weather, Seasons and Months
- *Body parts and Clothing
- *Staying clean and healthy
- *Feelings and Actions
- *Holidays

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