



## South Western Ontario Family Weekend

### May 28 – 29, 2011

As part of our Resource Service and Outreach Program, we will be offering a short-term program in your area on May 28-29, 2011. This weekend program will provide learning opportunities for parents with children who are blind or have low vision. Concurrently, we will offer social and recreational programs for your children. Come and learn new skills by participating in workshops and discussion groups. Children’s programs will be engaging and interactive and will include siblings. Social and recreational skills will be woven into every session of the weekend activities.

Please complete the attached registration form. This form asks for input from you regarding the needs you see for your family. Based on the information provided to us, we will plan activities accordingly.

Our goal is to bring families together, build a network, and discuss supports and strategies available to us, as parents.

Saturday, May 28	
8:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Registration at Tecumseh Public School, 287 McNaughton Avenue, Chatham</li> </ul>
9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Program begins</li> <li>Workshops / Discussion Groups</li> </ul>
12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lunch is provided at the school</li> </ul>
1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Workshops / Discussion Groups continue</li> </ul>
5:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dinner is provided at the school</li> </ul>
After dinner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Check-in at Holiday Inn Express</li> <li>Relax &amp; meet other parents</li> </ul>
Sunday, May 29	
7:00 – 8:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complimentary breakfast at hotel in breakfast room</li> <li>Check-out</li> </ul>
9:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Program begins at the school</li> <li>Workshop / Discussion Groups</li> </ul>
12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bag lunches are provided at conclusion of program</li> </ul>

**There is no charge to parents for this program.**

**Deadline for registration is May 1, 2011.**



Accommodation will be provided at the Holiday Inn Express, 575 Richmond St., Chatham. Each room has 2 queen-size beds. Check-in will be Saturday, May 28th, after the program at Tecumseh School is completed. Sunday morning a complementary breakfast will be served in the hotel breakfast room. All other meals and snacks will be provided at the Tecumseh School. Families will be responsible for any additional charges to their room at check-out.

We look forward to meeting you.

### **Short Term Program Team**

*Elizabeth Dunton*

Principal – Resource Services & Short Term Programs

*Mary Martin*

Vice-Principal – Elementary & Short Term Programs

*Julie Spry*

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### REGISTRATION FORM

Family Members Attending					
Mother					
Father					
Brothers		Age		Grade	
		Age		Grade	
		Age		Grade	
Sisters		Age		Grade	
		Age		Grade	
		Age		Grade	
Name of the Child Who is blind or has Low vision		Age		Grade	
Eye Condition					
Braille User or Print			Font Size		

Medical Information
Does your child have any medical or behavioural challenges?
<p>Please include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of your child's vision report</li> <li>• Individual Education Plan (if in school)</li> <li>• IPRC decision letter (if in school)</li> </ul>
Does anyone in your family have allergies or any other medical conditions that we need to be aware of?
Epi-Pen    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Special Diet Request:

**What are the 3 greatest challenges or needs for your child who is blind or has low vision?**

1)

2)

3)

**What are your 3 greatest challenges or needs as a family caregiver?**

1)

2)

3)

**Deadline for registration is May 1, 2011**

Please send, e-mail or fax registration to:

Julie Spry  
Short Term Programs  
W. Ross Macdonald School  
350 Brant Avenue  
Brantford, ON N3T 3J9

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### What to Bring

Past experience has taught that we tend to forget the same things. We hope you will find the following list helpful:

- Any medication needed
- Sundries, such as, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo
- Seasonal clothing – Children may be involved in outside programming
- Bathing suit / fitness clothing - a pool and a fitness room are available at the hotel
- Music or child's favourite toy

Accommodations will be provided at the Holiday Inn Express. A block of rooms (2 queen-size beds) has been reserved. Each family is responsible for any additional charges.

We look forward to sharing this educational experience with you.

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