



BOY SMARTS ACTION TALK

HOW TO TALK SO BOYS WILL LISTEN
& LISTEN SO BOYS WILL TALK



AFTERNOONS 1:30 - 5:30

VANCOUVER
OCTOBER 16, 2010

VICTORIA
OCTOBER 30, 2010

OAKVILLE
NOVEMBER 6, 2010

KELOWNA
NOVEMBER 20, 2010

BOYS are at greater risk than girls for most of the major learning and developmental disorders – as much as 4 times more likely to suffer from attention deficit disorder, dyslexia, and other learning disabilities.

RATHER than disapproving or suppressing boys' high-spirited physicality, aggression, or shy reluctance, how can parents respond to their varied needs and structure their environments so boys can express these drives in safe, respectful ways?

HOW can parents listen beyond a boy's frustration and anger to connect with him and to understand his deeper needs?

HOW can parents tune into the sensitivities of their son while also being careful not to do things for him that he can do for himself?

HOW can parents help a boy to settle himself at school, focus on the four R's, and complete important school assignments?

HOW can parents set loving limits as they mentor their son to be assertive while also respecting others?

HOW can parents work with school staff to ensure that their son receives optimal support and guidance?

BARRY MACDONALD is a skilled educator, author, and Registered Clinical Counsellor, who will expertly lead you through the corridors of boyhood. His highly practical and positive approach will inspire you to mentor your son to be successful at school, and develop his ingenuity and his integrity.



- This 4 hour workshop is based on developmental best practices for raising boys in Grades 1 - 12 , and is packed with down-to-earth, everyday examples and suggestions to optimally parent boys during their school years.

- Early-bird fee available & includes a copy of **BOY SMARTS** & Barry MacDonald's new book, **BOYS ON TARGET**.

- Mentor your son for lifelong success!

- Register today - space limited.



AGENDA

WHEN boys get stuck in their scholastic or emotional development and compensate with a show of hyper-masculinity they need parents and significant adults to mentor them on the road to a healthy and socially constructive manhood.

SELF-ESTEEM COMES FROM
THE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF
FEELING CAPABLE,
CONNECTED TO OTHERS,
AND KNOWING THAT YOU
HAVE SOMETHING TO OFFER.



- 1:30
 - Understanding boys' varied needs and seeking positive solutions.
 - Reframing adult attitudes to cultivate resiliency in boys.
- 2:00
 - How to respond to emotional melt-downs so boys will talk and listen.
 - How to communicate with a boy who is withdrawn, angry, or distant.
- 2:20
 - How to discipline constructively so that your son learns through the clarity of your actions.
 - How to encourage healthy independence so confidence will flourish.
- 2:40
 - Recess break
- 3:00
 - What is the trouble with traditional learning for boys in the electronic age?
 - How to help boys navigate today's cultural realities...video games, facebook.
- 3:30
 - How to foster peace with siblings/peers to nurture empathy and compassion.
 - How to teach your son effective conflict management.
- 4:00
 - How to respond to poor grades, homework, ADHD, bullying, excessive school assignments, anxiety, and other motivation concerns.
 - How low levels of literacy/numeracy contribute to increased chances of incarceration, compromised health, and often a sense of lifelong inadequacies.
- 5:00
 - How to support a boy's internal motivation and advocate for him at school.
 - Help your boy to develop a sense of community and global citizenship, healthy skepticism, respect for others, and appreciation for diversity.

- As academic expectations have intensified in recent years evidence shows that boys trail girls in graduation rates, academic performance, and extracurricular leadership positions.
- We know that boys can have a tougher time than girls sitting still, listening, writing, and negotiating with the peers. When learning needs are misunderstood and discouragement increases, boys are more likely to buck the system and rebel. How can parents support boys to navigate classroom learning so they can find their own pathway to success?



Mentor your son to become a caring, courageous and ethical man.

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Saturdays, 1:30 - 5:30pm



- **October 16, Vancouver** Unity of Vancouver, 5840 Oak Street (laneway entry)
- **October 30, Victoria** 4 Points by Sheraton (behind Costco) 829 McCallum Road
- **November 6, Oakville** Sheridan College - Trafalgar Campus, 1430 Trafalgar Road
- **November 20, Kelowna** Holiday Inn Express, 2429 Highway 97

Cost



- **Earlybird fee** • \$85.00 + HST \$10.02 = \$95.02 per person
Available until • Sept 30 for Vancouver • Oct 14 for Victoria • Oct 21 for Oakville • Nov 4 for Kelowna
 - **Regular fee** • \$115.00 + HST \$13.80 = \$128.80 per person
 - Fee includes 2 complimentary books: *Boy Smarts* & new book released in October, *Boys On Target*
 - Mailed registrations will be confirmed by email upon receipt of payment
Paypal will provide you with a receipt, which becomes your ticket and proof of purchase
 - Register today! Workshops have consistently **SOLD OUT** before the earlybird date
 - No refunds. Transfer to another event is not granted after earlybird date OR after event is sold out
- Questions? - info@mentoringboys.com

Register online or by mail

- **Pay by credit card online**  at www.MentoringBoys.com
- When registering by mail first check website to ensure that the event is not **Sold Out**
Issue cheque (not postdated) to **Sagepoint Consulting Inc.**
& mail registration form below (ensure date stamp for earlybird date) & payment to:

Boy Smarts Action Talk (Date of event)
Ocean Park Box 45053
Surrey, BC V4A 9L1

ONLY for mailed registrations Circle event city • **Vancouver** 1:30 - 5:30 • **Victoria** 1:30 - 5:30 • **Oakville** 1:30 - 5:30 • **Kelowna** 1:30 - 5:30

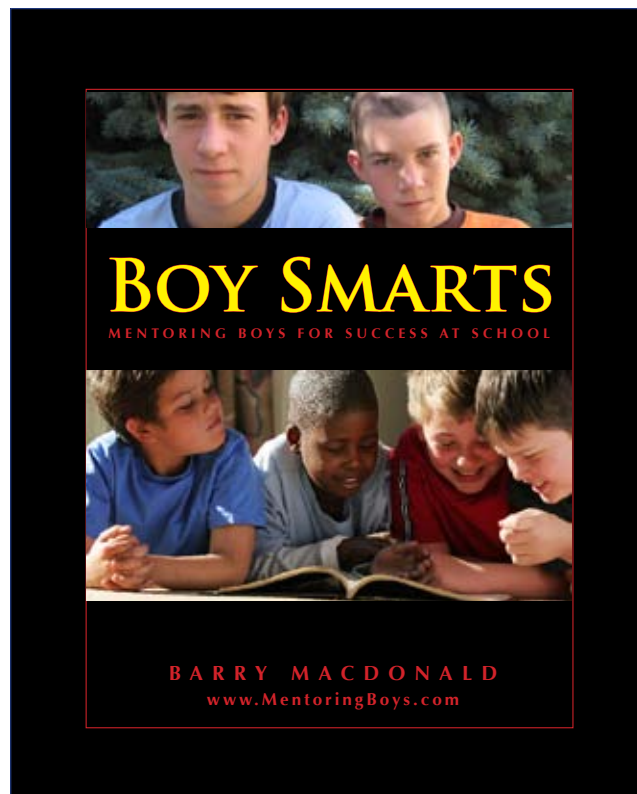
Name(s): _____

Gender & ages of children: _____

Email (please print clearly) _____

Telephone: _____ City: _____

You will receive 2 fabulous books!
Boys on Target to be released in Oct.



Boys on Target contents...

Foreword by Dr. Sue Ann Cairns
 Preface: What You Can Expect From Reading This Book
 The Plight of Boys

Gender Identities & Cultural Expectations

- 1 *The Uniqueness of Boys*
- 2 *Why is My Boy So Rambunctious?*
- 3 *How Can I stop My Young Son from Hitting?*

Boys in the Family Matrix

- 4 *Initiating Conversation with Boys*
- 5 *Sibling Rivalry Beyond Cain & Abel*
- 6 *Sibling Rivalry—Finding a Point of Balance*
- 7 *Fostering Peace on the Home Front*
- 8 *Father Hunger*

Parents, Boys, & the Culture of Schools

- 9 *Should We Delay Kindergarten Entry for Boys?*
- 10 *How Can I Get My Boy to Read?*
- 11 *What if Your Boy Is Being Bullied?*
- 12 *Freeing Boys from Anxiety*
- 13 *Should I Reward My Son With Cash for Grades?*
- 14 *Hooked on Video Games!*

Questions About Boys & Schools

- 16 *Concerns About ADHD*
 - 17 *Auditory Processing Challenges*
 - 18 *Parent-Teacher Conferences*
 - 19 *Recess Matters*
 - 20 *Should Recess be Withdrawn for Incomplete Schoolwork?*
 - 21 *Questioning Zero Tolerance & School Suspension*
 - 22 *When Sitting Still Is Not Enough*
 - 23 *Reframing Attitudes Toward Active Learners*
 - 24 *Appreciating Visual-Spatial Learners*
 - 25 *Questioning Single-Gender Education*
- ### **Boys & School Success**
- 26 *Flexible & Creative Educators Help Turn Failure Into Success*
 - 27 *The Curveball of Learning*
 - 28 *Responding Creatively to Masked Anxiety*
 - 29 *Cultivating Capability*
 - 30 *Developing Independence*
 - 31 *Fostering Resiliency*
- Collaborating to Generate Positive Solutions
 So What Can We Do?*