



BOY SMARTS ACTION TALK

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



9am - 1pm

- **VANCOUVER**
SEPTEMBER 28, 2013
- **CALGARY**
OCTOBER 5, 2013
- **TORONTO (AJAX)**
NOVEMBER 16, 2013
- **VANCOUVER**
FEBRUARY 1, 2014

...BECAUSE IT'S BETTER TO BUILD
BOYS THAN TO MEND MEN!

Register Early!
Consistently sells out across the country...

- VICTORIA
- VANCOUVER
- KELOWNA
- CALGARY
- EDMONTON
- SASKATOON
- WINNIPEG
- TORONTO
- OTTAWA
- MONTREAL
- ST. JOHN'S

RATHER than suppressing a boy's high-spirited physicality and aggression, or his sensitive and shy reluctance, learn constructive ways to respond to his varied needs so he can express himself in safe and respectful ways.

LEARN how to listen beyond your son's frustration and anger to connect with him, and to understand his deeper needs.

LEARN how to tune into the sensitivities of your son while also being careful not to do things for him that he can do for himself.

LEARN how to support your son to settle himself at school and complete important school assignments.

LEARN how to set loving limits as you mentor your son to be assertive while also respecting others.

LEARN how to work with school staff to ensure that your 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 become a man of courage and compassion.





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.

AUTHENTIC CONFIDENCE
& SELF-ESTEEM COMES
FROM THE LIVED EXPERI-
ENCE OF FEELING CAPABLE,
CONNECTED TO OTHERS,
AND KNOWING THAT YOU
HAVE SOMETHING TO OFFER.



- Understand boys' varied needs and seeking positive solutions.
- Reframe adult attitudes to cultivate resiliency in boys.
- Learn how to respond to emotional melt-downs so boys will talk and listen.
- Learn how to communicate with a boy who is withdrawn, angry, or distant.
- Learn how to discipline constructively and say what you mean and mean what you say.
- Learn how to encourage healthy independence so confidence will flourish.
- What is the trouble with traditional learning for boys in the electronic age?
- Learn how to help boys navigate video games, facebook, and other technology.
- Learn how to foster peace with siblings to nurture empathy and compassion.
- Learn how to teach your son to manage stress and to regulate his emotions.
- Depending on the needs of the group we will explore how to respond to poor grades, homework, ADHD, bullying, anxiety, and motivation problems.
- Learn how low levels of literacy/numeracy contribute to increased chances of incarceration, compromised health, and often a sense of lifelong inadequacies, and what to do about it.
- Learn how to support a boy's internal motivation and advocate for him at school.
- Learn how to help your son develop a sense of community, respect for others, healthy skepticism, 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 man of courage and compassion.

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Saturdays, 9am - 1pm



- September 28 **Vancouver**
Unity of Vancouver, 5840 Oak Street, Vancouver, BC
- October 5 **Calgary**
Cardel Theatre, 180 Quarry Park Blvd., SE Calgary, AB
- November 16 **Ajax**
St. Bernadette Catholic School, 41 Bayly Street E, Ajax, ON
- February 1 **Vancouver**
2014
Unity of Vancouver, 5840 Oak Street, Vancouver, BC

Register online • Pay by credit card online  at www.MentoringBoys.com

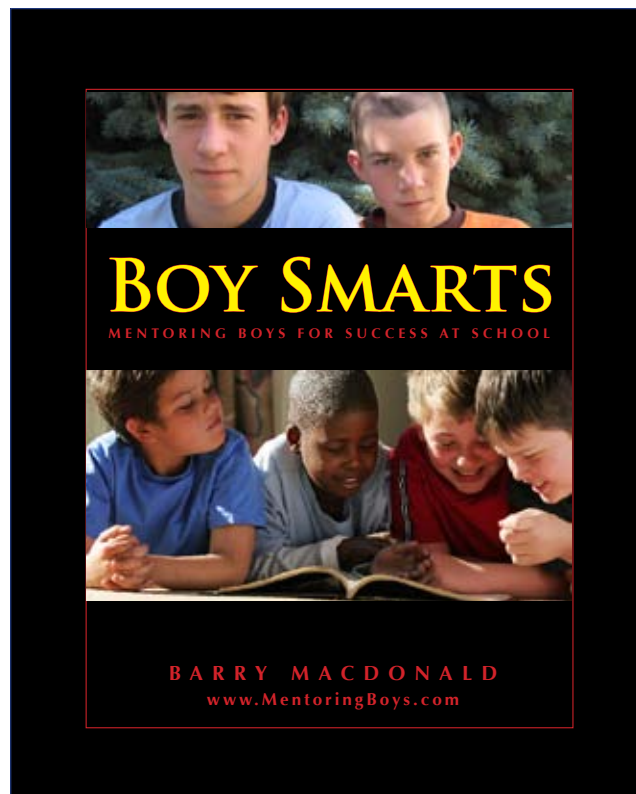
Cost

- **Earlybird fee** • **\$99 + tax** (Revenue Canada Tax #846859320)
Available until 6pm on
 - September 19, 2013 for October 5th workshop in Calgary
 - November 1, 2013 for November 16th workshop in Ajax
 - January 17, 2014 for February 1, 2014 workshop in Vancouver
 - For a limited time register **4 people for the price of 3** ...details on website
 - **Regular fee** • **\$135 + tax** (Revenue Canada Tax #846859320)
 - Fee includes 2 complimentary books (if ordered separately these books are \$67 to order online):
 - *Boy Smarts - Mentoring Boys for Success at School*
 - *Boys On Target - Raising Boys into Men of Courage and Compassion*
 - Paypal will provide you with a receipt, which becomes your ticket and proof of purchase
 - A reminder email will be sent to the email address you made PayPal payment with (please let us know if you prefer us to email to an alternative email address).
 - No refunds. Transfer to another event is not granted after earlybird date OR after event is sold out
- Questions? Email... info@mentoringboys.com



- Register today! Workshops have consistently **SOLD OUT** before the earlybird date

2 Great complementary books are included!



Boys on Target contents...

Foreword by Dr. Sue Ann Cairns

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!*

15 *Are Boys Spending Enough Time Outdoors?*



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?*