



# BOY SMARTS ACTION TALK

It's better to  
build boys  
than to  
mend men!

9am - 1pm

**Surrey  
Langley**

**February 28, 2015**

Earlybird until February 13 at 6pm

**Victoria**

**March 7, 2015**

Earlybird until February 20 at 6pm

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**RATHER** than suppressing a boy's spirited physicality, aggression, or his sensitive 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 a boy's frustration or anger to connect with him and understand his deeper needs.

**LEARN** how to advocate for your son at school to ensure that he receives optimal support and guidance.

**Take advantage of earlybird rate!**

**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.

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# AGENDA

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



**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.

Depending on the needs of the group we will explore the following topics:

- Understand how boys' varied needs require differing positive responses.
- 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- Learn how to communicate with a boy who is withdrawn, angry, or distant.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.
- Learn how to respond to poor grades, excessive homework, and motivation problems.
- 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.

- The workshop format is interactive, with a combination of short presentations followed by 'how to apply' questions and discussion. While the agenda of topics addressed is similar for each workshop, each workshop varies depending on participant interest.
- Please note that this workshop is educational in nature and is not designed to replace individual or family counselling.



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3100 Foul Bay Road, Victoria  
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- **After March 7th, the next workshop will be in Vancouver, November 2015**

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- **Earlybird fee \$99 + tax**
- **Regular fee \$135 + tax**

Amazing Value! Fee includes 2 complimentary books.

- Boy Smarts - Mentoring Boys for Success at School
- Boys On Target - Raising Boys into Men of Courage & Compassion

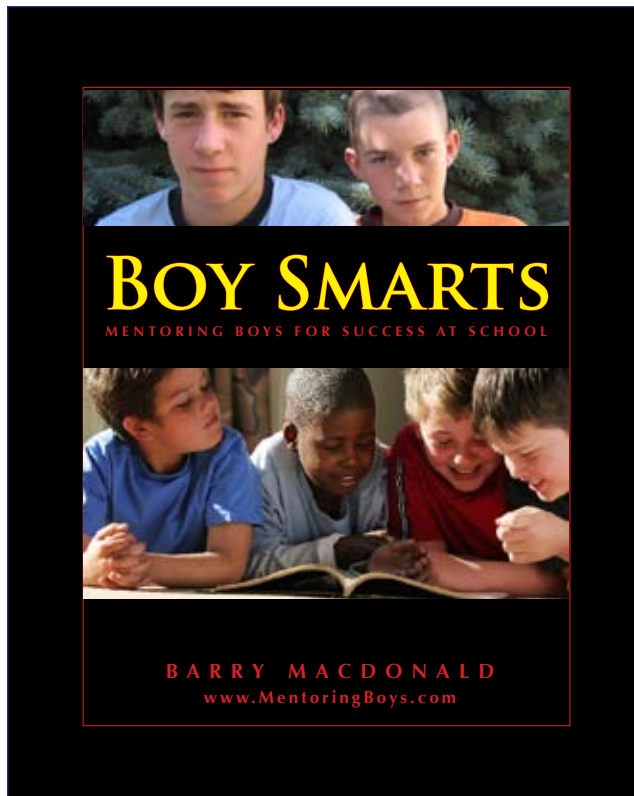
If ordered separately these books retail at \$67 online

- **Past participant fee \$49 + tax**  
(the \$49 fee does not include books)
- Until January 31, 2015 bring a guest for free (please note that guests do not receive books)
- 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 used to make PayPal payment with  
(please let us know if you prefer that we contact you via an alternative email address).
- No refunds. Transfer to another event is available before earlybird registration date.  
Please note that we retain the right to change venue. Questions? Email... [info@mentoringboys.com](mailto:info@mentoringboys.com)
- Register today! Workshops have consistently **SOLD OUT** before the earlybird date



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### ***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?*