



Newsletter Fall 2005

Greetings LABC Members

Hello Everyone!!

Hope this fall edition of our newsletter finds you rested and recovered from the fabulous summer we just had. Now that a new school year has us hopping we hope you all take some time to remember that collectively and collaboratively we can combat bullying!!

We (LABC) have had a busy, rewarding summer as we continue to strive to become a solid foundation on which to build the community support needed to ensure a safe a caring learning environment for our children.

We have had a great deal of positive media attention surrounding the first School Bus Bullying Information and Awareness Event recently held at the Market (Summary in this newsletter) and hope to make this an annual event. The speaker's panel could not have been more gracious and was pleased that the event had been organized to help bring awareness to this issue.

We continue to recruit for the Board of Directors, are establishing our sub-committees (advisory, fundraising) and continue to look to you, our members, for input as to what you feel is "missing" from the efforts to eliminate bullying. Our brochures are nearly completed, web site is launched, and we are looking forward to participating in the National Bullying Awareness Week, November 14-20, 2005.

Thank you, again, for helping us amplify our voice.

Many Voices – One Solution...
Kathryn Wilkins – co-founder

School Bus Safety Awareness Event

August 22, 2005

The LABC hosted a School Bus Bullying Awareness event at the Covent Market. Overall the event was successful. We had good media exposure and brought a lot of community interests to the table in a discussion forum on school bus bullying.

Media exposure included: Rogers, London Free Press, Kitchener Radio Station and the A Channel. We had political representation from Louise Harris - Executive Assistant to Frank Klees, representative from Deb Matthew's office, David Proudfoot represented Chris Bentley's office and Khalil Ramal."

Joe Rapai –LDCSB Director of Education spoke to the forum and fully supported the LABC initiative. Susan Dale, Safe School Co-ordinator from TVDSB said that ultimately the stories have to go back to the principals of the schools. Barrie Woodley from the TVDSB Transportation Dept. and Ryan Readings from the LCDSB Transportation Dept. A Spokesperson from the Ontario School Bus Association and representatives from Murphy Bus Lines, Langs Bus Lines and Elgie Bus Lines were present.

This public forum afforded all the opportunity to come together on common ground and discuss the school bus bullying issue. It brought awareness to the problem of school bus bullying and gave parents the information they needed

To Ponder

"The world is too dangerous to live in not because of the people who do evil; but because of the people who sit and let it happen."

Albert Einstein



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New Board Members

We would like to welcome a board member to the coalition.

Chelsea Wright is a Grade 12 student at South Secondary School. She has been a bystander on many occasions and decided to join the coalition because she was tired of watching victims be bullied and wanted to make a difference. Chelsea will be heading up the Student Advisory Committee and any students interested in being on the Committee please e-mail Chelsea at chelseaw87@hotmail.com.

Upcoming events

Nov 17 – Mary Gordon, founder of Roots of Empathy, will be speaking at Althouse College Faculty of Education Building at 7:30 pm.

She will be presenting her new book Changing the World Child By Child.

Free tickets are available by phoning 433-8996 ext 221 or by e-mailing info@investinginchildren.on.ca

Odds and Ends

Board Members Wanted

We are currently looking for people who have experience in the **area of law and fundraising**. If you or someone you know may be interested please let us know.

Website

Our web site is up and running at www.londonabc.ca
Let us know what you think.

Programming

We are in the process of putting programming together. What would you like to see to help children who have been bullied? Support groups? Workshops? Your thoughts would be greatly appreciated.

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