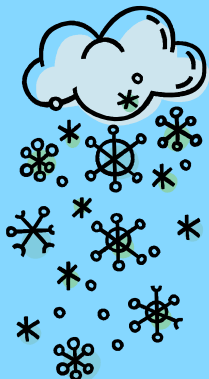


The GRIT Program
www.gritprogram.com
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Special Points of Interest:

- ☺ Evening Parent 2 Parent—January 11, 2012
- ☺ Understanding our Family's Value and Vision of Inclusion—GRIT Workshop—January 28 —offers opportunities for parents to further explore the meaning of "inclusion."



Christmas Greetings



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

As we relax and spend time with our family and friends over the next two weeks, I extend a warm wish to each of you as you enjoy the gifts of the Christmas Season - *Gifts of health, peace, joy and cheer.*

As our days are often busy and rushed, it helps to remember to slow down, long enough to look for these gifts in moments of each day. We see them in the simple moments of a child's touch, smile, laughter, or hug.

May these gifts be plentiful in your home this Christmas and well into the New Year!

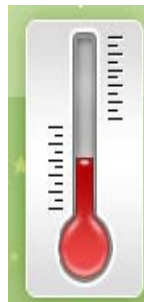


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"Including Samuel"

Presented by: INspired - Inclusion in Action

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Monday, January 16th

7:00—9:00 PM

**Edmonton Down Syndrome Assoc.
9135—39 Avenue**

For more information: ercinclusiveeducation@gmail.com
or phone Wendy at (780-490-0574)

"We are a collective and unified voice within the Edmonton region for inclusive education. Through education and advocacy, we promote access for students with special needs to receive the support they need to learn, academically and socially, as valued members of regular classrooms in their neighborhood schools or schools of choice."



Parent Workshop *Understanding our Family's Value and Vision of Inclusion*

This action packed Saturday is designed based on information from alumni families who tell us how important it was for them to be clear on the meaning of "inclusion" and to speak to inclusion in their own words.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2012

10:30 - 3:00 p.m. @ GRIT office

Lunch included *On Site Childcare Provided*



Facilitators: Barb Reid, Executive Director and an Alumni GRIT Parent

As a value, inclusion is much more than an educational placement for a child. Inclusion touches all aspects of family life and decision making.

This workshop will offer opportunities for parents to develop a written vision statement to serve as a tool to guide their priorities as they enter school. A vision statement has been known to open doors for creating a positive partnership between family and school, and ensures you move in the direction of your hopes and dreams.

Plan to attend this interactive session where parents will:

- Explore their personal value and meaning of "inclusion"
- Gain insight into how inclusion touches family, community and school experiences for your son or daughter
- Reflect on informed parent decision making about your child's future
- Write a vision statement to guide your child's experience of inclusion for kindergarten and beyond

For childcare purposes please register by January 24 to the GRIT office, 780-454-9910

Evening Parent 2 Parent!

We had such a great turn out last month that we are going to continue running P2P in January!



January 11, 2012

7:00 pm-8:30 pm

Childcare available!

Please RSVP to the office if you are coming or need childcare!



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