



# Cluster B3 Parent Academy Meeting Offering Free Training, Workshops & Leadership Opportunities

Building on the many successes of the past three years, Cluster Parent Academy Committees are ready to begin again! Parent Academy will be offering a variety of free workshops, trainings and leadership opportunities for all parents. The workshops will support the three goals of Parent Academy. Please come out and network with other parents, learn and have discussions together. Find out what other parents are doing in their schools. Share success stories and challenges. Transportation, dinner and childcare will be provided. Please fill out the bottom section or call the number below to register and organize transportation.

**Parent Academies are created by parents for parents with these three goals in mind:**

1. Supporting children's learning and development
2. Becoming familiar with, and learning to navigate the education system
3. Workforce development

**Meeting Date and Time:** Tuesday December 16th, 2014

**From:** 5:30pm- 8:00 pm

**Meeting Location:** D.A. Morrison Middle School 271 Gledhill Ave

**Workshop Focus For This Meeting :** Holiday Celebration - Enjoy a evening of fun for the whole family celebrating all cultural holidays.. Giveaways along with a holiday dinner and more....

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**Please complete and return to your child's school office or call Duane Spencer 416 884 2941**

Parent / Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate whether you need the following supports to attend the meeting:**

Childminding: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Transportation: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

*Your Community Support Worker will contact you to finalize these arrangements.*

# Parent Academy Information

## What do MSIC Parent Academies look like?

MSIC Parent Academies are located in the seven Model school “Clusters”, each with a lead school and approximately 22 Cluster schools working together, including middle and secondary schools. **Each Cluster school** will select MSIC Parent Academy representatives to work with parents at their school to decide what programs will be offered within their Cluster. Each MSIC Parent Academy program will have TDSB staff designated to support the Parent Academy, but not run it. A Parent Academy is developed **by parents, for parents**.

Once parents within a Cluster school have decided the programs they want, their parent representatives take this information to a *Cluster Parent Academy Committee, or “CPAC”*, where they will work with other parent representatives from schools within the Cluster to collaboratively build their Cluster’s unique Parent Academy Program.

## Who can volunteer to be on the ‘CPAC’ Cluster Parent Academy Committee?

Any parent can volunteer. Each Cluster school is required to send 1 parent representative and 1 alternative representative. All Cluster schools need CPAC representatives.

## Who decides which programs will take place in the MSIC Parent Academies?

Parents in consultation with other parents decide which programs are wanted, the best location for the programs, and the resources needed to support parents taking the program (for example, childcare, transportation, interpretation, food etc.) School and board staff working with the MSIC Parent Academies will help parents locate and manage these services.

## How much will these programs cost parents?

By working through community and public partners, post secondary institutions, and TDSB’s Continuing Education Department, all programming will be **free** of cost or minimal cost unless otherwise specified. (For example, there might be a minimal cost for materials)

## Where Can I Get More Information?

[www.tdsb.on.ca/modelschools](http://www.tdsb.on.ca/modelschools) and click on “Parent Academy.”

## How do I volunteer to be a CPAC Representative?

Fill in the cut off portion and return to your school or Community Support Worker