



The Friends and Neighbours Club

A School Based Approach to deal with Bullying
and other social issues

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FAN CLUB History

- The Friends and Neighbours Club, F.A.N. Club, was developed in 1995 by the Phoenix Centre for Children and Families, a children's mental health centre serving Renfrew County, Ontario, Canada. The F.A.N. Club is a unique, Canadian prevention program that was developed in response to the increasing need for dialogue with children about the myriad of social issues facing them today.



FAN CLUB Style

- The FAN Club uses a puppetry style called “Bunraku” or shadow puppetry, where the puppeteers work from behind the puppet, usually wearing black, and blending into the background.



FAN CLUB Goals

- Increase children's awareness of social issues
- Teach problem solving skills
- Increase overall self-esteem
- Increase self-awareness
- Increase awareness of others and the ability to empathize
- Sympathize with others



FAN CLUB Components

- Each show start with a script presentation which usually lasts from 10 to 15 minutes
- Following the script there is a Q&A for 10 to 20 minutes where children can ask or answer questions
- The teacher can use resources attached to each script to raise the issue with the class at a later date (questions, puzzles, crosswords, etc)



Bullying Script

Lisasaurus Rex

Goal: Widening definition of bullying and how to manage.

Recommended Audience Age: 9 - 11

Characters: Tara Mazumdar, age 9
Lise Garneau, age 9
Jason Bruder, age 8



Synopsis:

- Lise and Tara are working on a dinosaur project together. Lise doesn't have her part done and it needs to be handed in, so she tries to bully Tara into doing it for her. Jason shares his knowledge of dinosaurs with Lise and she compares herself to one. Tara and Lise discuss what it means to be a bully.



Bullying Script

Wayne Gretsky is My Hero

Goal: Coping with Bullies and Threats

Recommended Audience Age: 9 - 11

Characters: Marcus Taylor, age 11
Simon Lau, age 9
Tara Mazumdar, age 9



Synopsis:

- Marcus has just come back from the corner store, where he bought new hockey cards. Simon joins Marcus in examining the cards and then takes a card. Marcus and Simon fight over the card. Tara overhears the fighting and helps Marcus decide on how to cope with a bully.



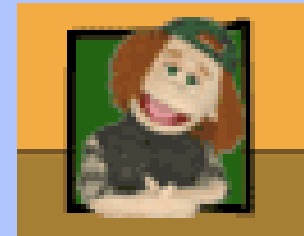
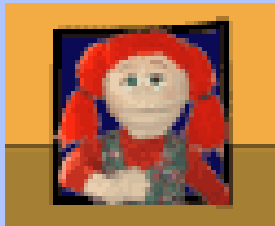
OTHER SCRIPTS

The FAN Club currently has the following scripts and is able to create new scripts to deal with any area which children face:

- Bullying
- Hemophilia
- Smoking
- Deployment
- Poverty
- Understanding Role of Police
- Friendship
- Secrets (Good vs Bad)
- Self Esteem
- Wellness
- Cancer
- Substance Abuse by a parent
- PTSD of parent
- Fire Safety
- Family Violence
- Good Manners
- Vandalism



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