



Regional PRO grant used for annual Parent event **Keynote – Barbara Coloroso**

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The Catholic School Parents' Association (CSPA) has received a regional PRO grant from the Ministry of Education to spend on parent engagement.

The Association is pleased to announce its 5th annual Parent Engagement Symposium “Parenting Now.” The event will be held Saturday, April 10th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Patrick’s High School located at 2525 Alta Vista.

The keynote speech is by renowned parenting expert, Barbara Coloroso. Her topic - Just Because it’s Not Wrong, Doesn’t Make It Right: Teaching kids to think and act ethically.

From Barbara’s website www.kidsareworthit.com : “Barbara Coloroso is an internationally recognized speaker and author in the areas of parenting, teaching, school discipline, non-violent conflict resolution and reconciliatory justice. She is an educational consultant for school districts, the medial and business community, the criminal justice system and other educational associations around the world. Barbara has served as a classroom teacher....and a university instructor. She is the author of five international bestsellers.”

The keynote speech is preceded by workshops on various topics of interest to parents and designed to help parents help their children be better students and better people. There will also be displays by community partners. This event is open to all parents and guardians. Look for more details coming soon to our Board website.

What is a PRO grant:

The Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grants is a grassroots initiative from the Ministry of Education to support parents in identifying barriers to parent engagement in their own community, and finding local solutions to help more parents get involved.

There are two components to the PRO Grants – school council grants and regional/provincial grants.

PRO Grants for School Councils support school-based projects that focus on engaging parents who may experience challenges in becoming involved in their children’s education. These challenges may include recent settlement to Canada, level of language proficiency in English/French, socio-economic difficulties, physical challenges, or difficulty in getting transportation to the school. The Ottawa Catholic School Board schools and school councils also received 41 individual PRO grants totaling \$33,473.

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