



Whitby-Brooklin Block Parent® Program

Building Safer Communities One Block at a Time

The Block Parent Program is proud to announce the launch of the new Block Parent® window sign. During the month of October, 2007 the Whitby-Brooklin Block Parent® Program will partner with the Whitby Public Library to distribute the new window sign to current Block Parents and to disseminate information to the community.

Block Parents are adults who provide a safe place for children and their family members to go to in times of distress. The red and white window sign lets children, teens, parents and grandparents know that there is a safe place where they can seek help if they are hurt, lost or frightened by a bully, stranger or animal. The sign also lets everyone know that the community is actively taking steps to protect its children and citizens.

The Whitby-Brooklin Block Parent® Program has been operating since 1976 and has approximately 120 Block Parent® homes. There are 14 Block Parent® homes in Brooklin. Block Parents are encouraged to hand in their Block Parent® window sign during the exchange events at their community library listed below. Only Block Parents who have met the criterion for the Safe Steps Screening Process and have submitted a Criminal Record Check for every member of their household over the age of 12 years will receive the new sign.

Children and their parents are invited to join Block Parent® Volunteers for a story time about Block Parent® or drop by the information table during the following times to learn more about this wonderful safety program.

Sat. October 13th - Central Library 12:00 am - 4:00 pm (story time @ 1:00 pm)
Sat October 20th - Rossland Branch 10:00 am - 2:00 pm (story time @ 10:30 am)
Thurs. October 25th - Brooklin Branch 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm (story time @ 6:30 pm)

Block Parents are at work every day helping to make our community safer. However, there is always a need for more Block Parent homes. If you can not see a Block Parent® window sign from your home, there is not enough in your neighbourhood. Please consider becoming a Block Parent® today.

For more information contact the Block Parent® Program at 905-430-0125 or visit the web site at www.blockparent.ca.