

## Invite "The Kids on the Block" to your School!



Do you have a child in your school that has Epilepsy? Would you like your students to be more accepting, more understanding and to know exactly what to do when they see their classmate having a seizure? Why not invite "The Kids on the Block" Program to your school?

The highly acclaimed "Kids on the Block" puppets are a troupe of life-sized puppets designed to teach children to understand and accept differences in one another. This educational program seeks to create an awareness that helps all children realize their full potential and deal positively with their misconceptions and concerns. Their empowering message is "We all belong!"

Using the ancient theatre form of Bunraku Japanese puppetry, the four-foot puppets come alive and share important information on seizures and epilepsy-the brain condition that 175,000 children (in Canada) live with every day. The puppeteers perform two delightful scripts followed by an interactive dialogue with Brian McDaniel, the puppet that has epilepsy.

Brian is a bright, active fifth grader. He knows about his condition and is not ashamed to share his personal experiences with his friends so that they will not be scared and will know what to do when he is having a seizure. He empowers all children living with seizures or any physical or medical disorder to feel safe, accepted and supported in their school.

Teachers and Kids who have watched the show have said:

"Lots of humour - kept kids interested - gave them lots of new information."  
(Wainwright Elementary School)

"Use of puppets made explaining and understanding epilepsy very easy to comprehend." (Mount Pleasant Elementary School)

"It was wonderful! Loved it!" (J.J. Nearing Elementary School)

And it's FREE! There is no cost to your school. The Kids on the Block are proudly sponsored by the Allard Foundation and The United Way of the Alberta Capital Region.

Each performance runs for thirty to forty-five minutes and is designed for children throughout the elementary grades. To book your performance, please fax the KOB Booking Form to 780-447-5486. For further inquiries, call Sharon Otto, Program Manager and Education Coordinator, at 780-488-9600.