

**SEACOM (Special Education Advisory Council of Marblehead)
announces the following workshop and event:**

Transition; Planning the Next Steps for Youth 14-22

Featured Speaker: Jennifer Perlitch, Federation for Children With Special Needs

Date & Time: Monday, December 8, 2008 7:00 - 9:00pm

Location: Marblehead Veterans Middle School Library Resource Room, 2nd
Floor, 217 Pleasant Street, Marblehead, MA
Free and open to the public

This workshop addresses the issues related to designing the right curriculum and supports throughout high school so that the student will be on the right track for becoming self-sufficient and living independently after graduation. Information and strategies will be provided to help parents and students translate individual preferences and dreams into meaningful goals in the IEP.

Labeled Disabled*

A documentary film by Maggie Doben

**In partnership with The Swampscott Special Education Advisory Board and The Swampscott Task Force for Human Differences*

Date & Time: Wednesday, December 10, 2008 7:00 - 9:00pm

Location: Swampscott High School
200 Essex St, Swampscott, MA
Free and open to the public

During the last decade, classroom teacher, Maggie Doben, has worked with early childhood students, helping them to explore and understand physical disabilities. The transformation of perception is an amazing process. Each year as the lessons begin, they reveal the stereotypes and discriminatory behaviors that are imposed by society. *LABELED DISABLED* addresses curriculum that challenges those biases and demonstrates, through first hand experience that they are stereotypes, not reality. Watch what actually happens in the classroom as children discuss and challenge prejudice. In conjunction with anti-bias education and the idea that knowledge is best acquired through concrete experience, the viewer witnesses the inspirational progress of children; from what they perceive to be true, to what is true.

In addition to her teaching, she is a professional photographer and photo-documents events throughout New England. Maggie earned her B.A. in Studio Arts at Bates College and Glasgow School of Art, Scotland and earned her Masters Degree in education at Lesley College. She is currently employed by the Cambridge Friends School as a first grade teacher, and also maintains her own business, Mdoben Photography.

SEACOM is a state mandated parent volunteer organization that acts as a resource and advisor to parents of children with special needs and the Marblehead Public Schools. We are committed to forming a fun, supportive, and educational group. For more information about SEACOM, visit our website at www.seacomonline.org.