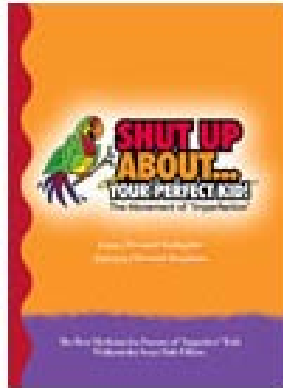


**SEACOM (Special Education Advisory Council of Marblehead)
announce the following workshop:**

Shut Up About...Your Perfect Kid! The Movement of Imperfection



Featured Speaker: Gina Gallagher and Patricia Konjoian, Authors of *Shut Up About... Your Perfect Kid! The Movement of Imperfection*

Date & Time: Monday, February 9, 2009 7:00 - 8:30pm

Location: **NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION**
Marblehead High School
2 Humphrey Street, Marblehead, MA
Library Conference Room, 2nd Floor
Free and open to the public

In the last 10 years, the number of U.S. children with bipolar disorder has increased a staggering 40%. Additionally, one in 150 children are diagnosed with autism each year, while ADHD remains one of the most common disorders that develop in children. Two sisters and mothers of children with autism and bipolar disorder have written a humorous, heartwarming book, *Shut Up About... Your Perfect Kid! The Movement of Imperfection*, and have also created a workshop that explores the joys of raising a special child in a world pre-occupied with perfection.

In this 90-minute workshop, sisters Gina Gallagher and Patricia Konjoian, along with a former teacher, counselor, and psychiatric nurse share humorous anecdotes and practical and real advice that will have the parent of any child – abled or challenged -- appreciating the gifts every child has to bear.

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.