

Manor Park School Council
March 5, 2014
Vice Principal's Report

Here's an update on our Anti-bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan.

1. We will be holding our Safe and Caring School Meeting on March 24th to discuss our school plan for dealing with school procedures for dealing with incidents of bullying.
2. At our last assembly on February 26, we presented the Truth Box to students where they could fill out a questionnaire to report incidents of bullying in an anonymous manner. Since the implementation of the box set outside the office, we have received 30 reports. The reports are coming from students grades 1-4. We when looked further at the kinds of incidents reported , they were mainly problems they were unable to resolve independently and not incidents of bullying. Students are given an option to write their names. Most students did and asked for help. To encourage Junior students to reports incidents of bullying, we have created a Monkey survey link where students can report online. The link will be shared with parents through school and classroom newsletters. The link is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/93TYP5C>

3. Mme. Albari and Mrs. Horton have been working with bus drivers to create seating plans on the bus and encouraging bus drivers to report incidents on the bus. We continue to work with bus drivers to use specific strategies for targeting inappropriate behaviors on the bus and report acts of bullying on the bus.

4. At our PD session on Friday, March 7th, teachers will be doing work on creating 10 statements about our commitment to student well-being. These statements will be formulated in student-friendly language and shared with students. Students will be given an opportunity to use their voice to choose the top five they feel best reflects our school community. We are hoping that these five statements will encompass what we are doing at Manor Park to make our school, safe, caring and welcoming.

5. As well, we will be reviewing with the school code of conduct with teachers to ensure we have reflected student well-being in our message. This will be shared with the safe and caring school committee when developing our school policy for dealing with bullying.

6. We will continue initiatives such as the Caring Adult program, Roots of Empathy, Friend's Zone, Game On, and Go Girls to support students in building healthy relationships and resiliency.

7. We also continue to work on making our washrooms feel like a clean and safe area for students. Sue spoke about the funding to get our washrooms painted.

8. TTFM survey Update

The OCDSB has decided to conduct the TTFM Survey again this year as a measure to determine the impact of the Anti-bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan implementation. This year schools have been given the opportunity to add their own questions to the TTFM. Some questions suggested are around the use of WITS and its' effectiveness in conflict resolution. Here are some examples:

The window for completing the survey will be February 1st to May 31st. The Safe and Caring School Team will decide on the date over the next few weeks.

9. WITS Update:

Joanna Harvey and the leadership team have been working hard to create a WITS Button for every child in the school. As mentioned previously, we would like to conduct WITS Wednesdays where students and teachers take the time to talk about WITS is working for them, read a WITS book to deal with an area of conflict and/or act out some WITS scenarios and the WITS strategies kids can use to solve that particular conflict.

Joanna will also be looking at entering Manor Park into a WITS video contest where the prize will be 1500\$ to be used for the school.