

# Parent Council Update

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## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Join us for our next School Council meeting which takes place **Wednesday, May 13th at 7pm** in the school library. On the agenda, MPSC is looking for council members for 2015-2016, and upcoming events are the **Plant Sale & May Fair**.

All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

Interested in receiving updates from School Council? Send your email address to [manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca](mailto:manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca). Don't forget to check out the School Council website: [www.mpsc.info](http://www.mpsc.info).

## School Council Executive

We are very pleased to announce our volunteer executive members for the 2014-2015 school year:

Past Chair – Leigh Anne Richardson  
Chair – vacant; Vice-chair – vacant  
Secretary - Mary Ruth Endicott  
Communications Coordinator - Sharon Leslie  
Kindergarten Representative – vacant  
Primary Representative - Kathryn Pizana  
Junior Representative – Tami O'Dette  
OCASC Representative – vacant  
Members at Large - Suehila Elkatab & Aasha Logan  
Community Liaison - Christina Kaeser  
Treasurer / Home and School Representative – Erin Yoshida

Thank you to everyone who is taking on a role with Council this year!

Staff Representatives:  
Sue Massaad, Principal  
Mark Newton, Vice Principal  
Marie-France Jeaurond  
Susan Steele

**Home and School Association:**  
Past Chair – Leigh Ann Richardson  
Chair - vacant  
Secretary – Mary Ruth Endicott  
Treasurer – Erin Yoshida

## Council Meetings – Open Forum

The Manor Park School Council meets regularly throughout the school year. Typical agenda items include an update from the Principal and Vice Principal, updates on Council's financial matters as well as other items of interest throughout the year. Based on feedback from parents, we've also added a regular agenda item called "**Open Forum**" so that there is time reserved for parents who have specific questions or concerns to ask them at the meeting. If you have something you'd like to ask the staff or Council members, this is a perfect opportunity for you to do it.

**We welcome all parents to attend!**



## Join us for May Fair!

Manor Park's premier day of family fun

**Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>** is the **63<sup>rd</sup>** Annual May Fair at Manor Park Public School (MPPS)! Organized by parent volunteers with the Manor Park Home and School Association, May Fair is a major fundraiser for MPPS and great fun for kids, parents, relatives and friends alike.



We are urgently in need of volunteers to staff the following key convener roles:

- **Volunteer Coordinator** – finds and organizes the student and parent volunteers;
- **Face Painting Convener** – organizes the supplies and coordinates the stall volunteers;
- **Silent Auction Convener** – seeks out donations, supervises the table, and distributes the items to successful bidders.

We are also looking for volunteers before or on the day of the event to help out in lots of different ways, from sorting books, keeping track of drink donations, and making flyers, to set-up and take down. If you are able to help, we kindly ask you to **contact us as soon as possible**.



Donations are also key to the success of May Fair. Please donate gently used toys, books, games, puzzles or dvds (no stuffed animals or household items please) in the May Fair box located in the front hall of Manor Park Public School. Donations for drinks, cakes and other items will be requested in May.

### CONTACT US:

Stay tuned for information about the always fun Surprise Jars!

To donate, volunteer or for more information email Marie Blythe-Hallman or Mary Ruth Endicott at [manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca](mailto:manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca) or call 613 747 3618.



## Plant Sale - May 16th!

"We have scheduled a sunny day for Saturday, May 16th for Manor Park's annual Plant Sale. A large selection of spring annuals and hanging baskets will be available for purchase between 8am and 3pm in front of the school at the corner of Hemlock and Braemar. Volunteers are needed to help sell plants at this fundraiser run by the Home and School Association.

If you are available to help for a 2 hour shift, please contact the organizer, Emily Beedell, at [embeedell@hotmail.com](mailto:embeedell@hotmail.com) or [\(613\)744-3113](tel:6137443113)."



## PIZZA THURSDAYS!!



The fourth and final pizza session of this school year will begin on **April 30** and run for 9 weeks ending on the last day of school, Thursday, June 25.

Order forms will be sent home on Monday, April 20th and are **due back Monday, April 27th**. If you happen to misplace the form you can print a copy from our website at <http://www.mpsc.info/mpscblog/home/>.

Pizza Thursdays have run quite smoothly this year but I'd like to remind you once again that should your child come home with a pizza related problem, please contact me right away so that I can remedy the situation ASAP.

Thanks for your support with this delicious fundraiser!

Wendy Colthart

Volunteer Pizza Coordinator...and mum

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## **NEWS FROM CHRIS ELLIS, OCDSB Trustee - Zone 6**

### **“at the Board Highlights” - Budget**

The has Province released funding information for schools boards. After the analysis is done the OCDSB is looking at about \$1 million reduction over last year funding. The OCDSB had a surplus of \$32 million accumulated over a number of years as of Aug. 2014. Last year the board ran a deficit of \$18 million covered by the surplus. The board will again run a deficit, to be determined, which will be covered by the remaining surplus of \$15 million. Realizing that the surplus will run out over the next year or so and the province is sending strong signals that funding to education will at best be flat lined the board is looking to cut expenditures.

Academic staffing - primarily teachers - for 2015-16 was passed on March 31. Staff had recommended reductions of \$1.8 million dollars to this area. After trustees added some staffing back into the mix, mostly staffing supporting special needs students, the final dollar reductions came to just over \$1 million. The figures I'm using are approximate and rounded up or down.

The next budget item comes on April 14 with detailed information on the provincial funding. May 14, is when District Staff present the recommended budget and June 22, is when the budget is slated to be passed. Between those two dates will be opportunity for public input and trustee debate and questions.

Chris Ellis

Trustee Zone 6 Alta Vista & Rideau-Rockcliffe of the Ottawa-Carleton

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## **MANOR PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **Spring Sports for Kids**

Cricket, baseball, soccer, flag rugby, tennis and floorball (outdoor) take place May through June on the sports fields right next to Manor Park School! Run by the Manor Park Community Council (MPCC), each sport is recreational, co-ed – and no experience is necessary!

### **Summer Day Camps**

Half-day camps – as well as lunchtime and extended hours – are offered for children aged 3-5 and 6+. Themes include: ‘I love Camp’, ‘PanAm Sports & Games’, ‘Kids Create (great things)!’, ‘Make it with Wood’ and ‘Make it in the Kitchen’. New this summer are full-day drama camps -- ‘Annie: The Musical’, and ‘Shakespeare in the Park’ -- that will be big hits with 8-12 year olds!

Register for sports and camps: online at [manorpark.ca](http://manorpark.ca) or in person at the MPCC Office located inside the Manor Park School. For more information, please call the MPCC at 613-741-4776.

### **Before- and After-School Program**

Did you know that the Manor Park Community Council (MPCC) runs a licensed before- and after-school program right in the Manor Park Public School?

Registration is now open for the program, called 'Before- and After-School in Manor Park', for the September 2015 to June 2016 school year. Flexible options make this program the first choice for so many families. For registration information: [manorpark.ca](http://manorpark.ca) or 613-741-4776.

### **PA Day: June 5**

Did you know that the MPCC offers flexible part-day and full-day PA Day programming? Spaces are still available for the OCDSB PA Day scheduled for June 5. Parents, if you are looking for something fun, safe and engaging for your children, visit us at <http://www.manorpark.ca>. Please note that enrollment is limited.



**INTERESTED IN OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED?**

There are countless ways to make a difference at Manor Park!

Here are a few:

**May Fair volunteers**, Pizza volunteers, Grant writing, Fundraising, In-class support, Badminton Club, Shelving books in the library, School Council Website support.

To get involved, please drop us an email at [manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca](mailto:manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca)