

# Parent Council Update

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## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Join us for our next School Council meeting which takes place **Wednesday, January 20th, 2016 at 7pm** in the school library. The **agenda** for the meeting is available on the MPSC website at: <http://www.mpsc.info/mpscblog/agendas/>. We look forward to having **Chris Ellis attend the January meeting** so please feel free to come to hear his news as well as to ask him questions. All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

The School Council would like to wish all of you and your families a happy and healthy 2016!

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

## School Council Executive

The volunteer School Council executive members for the 2015-2016 school year are:

- Co-Chairs – Sue Noble & Wendy Colthart
- Secretary – Andrea Genereaux
- Communications Coordinator – Sharon Leslie
- Kindergarten Representative – Steve Bezanson
- Primary Representative – Caroline Sullivan
- Junior Representative – Suehila Elkateb
- OCASC Representative – PJ O'Neil
- Community Liaison – Mary Ruth Endicott
- Member at large – Edith Post
- Member at large – Renata Saucedo
- Past-Chair – Leigh-Anne Richardson
- Treasurer - Erin Yoshida

Many thanks to all who have taken on these volunteer positions and to all who attended the meeting!

### Home and School Association:

- Past Chair – Leigh Ann Richardson
- Chair - Sue Noble & Wendy Colthart
- Secretary – Andrea Genereaux
- Treasurer – Erin Yoshida

Staff Representatives – Bruce Devenny & Marie-France Jeurond  
Sue Massaad, Principal  
Dan Martin, Vice Principal

Please note that we are looking for volunteers for this year's May Fair. We encourage you to come to the meeting to see how you can be involved! To volunteer, for May Fair or other activities, or for more information please contact: [manorparksschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca](mailto:manorparksschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca)

# Dance-A-Thon

COMING SOON – Friday, February 5, 2016



The Manor Park Home & School Association is pleased to be hosting the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Dance-A-Thon on Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This is a major fundraiser supporting the school's Healthy Active School initiative as well as to show our school spirit!

All students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be participating. In addition to collecting donations, each student will be dancing between 30 to 50 minutes with their classmates. There will be disco balls, great music and prizes to be won! Additional information and donation envelopes will be sent home in the coming days.

Let's dance!!

## PIZZA THURSDAYS!

Thanks to all the parent volunteers, it has been a very smooth start to pizza Thursdays. We do our best to ensure that each student gets exactly what they ordered but it is quite the undertaking to provide pizza for the hundreds of students that place orders. If for some reason something is missed and your child comes home with a pizza related problem, please contact me right away at [wendycolthart@gmail.com](mailto:wendycolthart@gmail.com) so that I can remedy the situation.

Thanks again for your support!

Wendy Colthart

Volunteer Pizza Coordinator...and mum

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

There is further consultation on [French Instruction in Kindergarten and Primary Early French Immersion](#) delivery changes. If approved implementation to take place for September 2016

- Communication materials updated November 27th
- Backpack letter distribution - November 30th – Dec. 4th
- Synrevoice email - December 1st
- School council meetings - December, January
- Surveys (Public and Staff) - December 1st – January 11th
- Trustee meetings - December, January
- Committee of the Whole - February 2nd
- Board - Special Board called to deal only with the vote on the changes (February 9th 7pm to 8pm prior to the Budget meeting)

Thank you,

Chris Ellis, [Chris.Ellis@ocdsb.ca](mailto:Chris.Ellis@ocdsb.ca)

Trustee Zone 6 Alta Vista & Rideau-Rockcliffe of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, [www.SchoolZone6.org](http://www.SchoolZone6.org)  
613-818-7350

### INTERESTED IN OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED?

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



# Calling all May Fair fans!

May Fair is a family fun fair organized by the Manor Park Home and School Association. In addition to being a great family day, May Fair is an important fundraiser for our school, helping to bring much needed resources into the classroom, including books, sports equipment, and workshops, to name just a few.

Volunteers are needed to make May Fair a success. We hope to have a May Fair team put together by the next Council Meeting - Wednesday, January 20th, 2016. If you are interested in volunteering and would like to find out more about the event, please do not hesitate to contact us through the school council email at [manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca](mailto:manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca).

A summary of the job descriptions for all members of the "May Fair team" will be posted on the MPSC website.

**Thank you for supporting this important fundraiser!**

## **MANOR PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL** <http://www.manorpark.ca>

### **Does your New Year's resolution include fitness?**

The Manor Park Community Council (MPCC) offers a variety of adult fitness classes that can be mixed and matched using a fitness pass. And if you are a new mom, why not try Mom and Baby Yoga. If sports are more your game, check out our new community league – volleyball or floorball. Play – for adults! [manorpark.ca](http://manorpark.ca); [programs.manorpark.ca](http://programs.manorpark.ca)

### **Manor Park Rinks are open!**

The night-lit boarded hockey rink, skating oval and pleasure puddle are open. The outdoor rinks are located next to the Manor Park Community Centre (100 Thornwood Road) which share the grounds with the school. Rinks are supervised on weeknights (3-9pm) and on weekends (noon-4pm) – weather permitting of course. Please pick up a shovel to help clear snow or scrape the ice. It's a great way to give to your community – and improve your fitness too!

### **Skating Party: February 6**

The annual community Skating Party includes family skate, games, chili cook-off, bonfire and music! Gather with friends and neighbours from 5-7pm. Come early to watch Manor Park's own 'Winter Classic' – an exhibition hockey game.

### **Hockey Day in Ottawa: February 6**

The whole city laces on skates from 1-3pm! Come out to the Manor Park rinks for shinny play.

### **Nutrition Break Programs**

What is your child doing during their nutrition breaks? If they are traveling through the universe, visiting a desert island, cooking, dancing it up, playing chess....their classes begin the week of January 18. (Sorry all classes are sold out.)

The next session of Nutrition Break Programs begins following March Break. Watch for the preview flyer during the week of January 25. Registration opens on February 1. For a fee subsidy, please call (613-741-4776) or email us ([mpcc@manorpark.ca](mailto:mpcc@manorpark.ca))

### **After-School Child Care for 2016-17 school year: Registration begins March 1!**

Registration for 'Before- and After-School in Manor Park', for the school year beginning September 2016 opens on March 1. For information about this licensed child care program, visit [manorpark.ca](http://manorpark.ca). For families new to Manor Park Public School, program details will be shared at the school's Kindergarten Information Night.

### **Mark your calendars! NEW PA Day is April 15.**

The Ottawa-Carleton District School Board (OCDSB) has added a new PA Day to the school calendar. On Friday, April 15 2016, 'Before- and After-School in Manor Park' will be offering fun and active programming for families requiring care. Licensed child care spaces are limited, so register today. ([manorpark.ca](http://manorpark.ca), of course!)

### **Kids Keep Active**

Indoor Soccer, Floorball, Outdoor Soccer, Baseball, Flag Rugby and Outdoor Floorball are all taking registration for the next session. Sessions either start in January or the Spring, check [manorpark.ca](http://manorpark.ca) for dates and details.