

Parent Council Update

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SCHOOL COUNCIL

Join us for our next School Council meeting. The meeting takes place **Wednesday March 5th, 2014, at 7 pm** in the school library.

All welcome. Hope to see you there!

Interested in receiving updates from School Council? Send your email address to manorparksschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca. Don't forget to check out the School Council website: www.mpvc.info.

Speaker Series Update

A sub-committee of the School Council is organizing two, possibly three, information nights for Manor Park's parent community. The first evening will be scheduled in late February and the second one will be in April. The two topics we will be presenting will focus on the following:

- Social media and how parents can engage and monitor activity on the internet. This session will include helpful tips parents can use to ensure they are aware of what their children are doing, who they are interacting with and how to safeguard their children with these types of technologies.

- How to develop a better understanding of child and youth mental health issues and how these issues present themselves in a school environment. This session will also provide a comprehensive overview of the resources available in our community.

Both sessions will be held at Manor Park School in the Library and will be scheduled in the evening. Look for more information about these sessions in the near future!



Dance-A-Thon



NEXT WEEK – Friday, February 7, 2014

Don't forget that the 3rd Annual Dance-A-Thon is next week! This is a major fundraiser involving the whole school. 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! Donation kits were sent home last week, so let's raise money for our school and have a great time doing it!!
LET'S DANCE!!



MAY FAIR 2014

As we are starting to turn our minds towards spring time, make sure to mark Saturday, May 24th, on your calendars. It is the day we are going to celebrate the 62nd annual May Fair! Organized by parent volunteers in conjunction with the Manor Park Home and School Association, May Fair raises funds for Manor Park Public School. This year's conveners are Jutta & Wesley Wark and Gael Italiano. The organizing team will be looking for volunteers to staff key convener positions, including: BBQ,

Silent Auction and Entertainment Coordinators. Donations are always key to the success of May Fair. Stay tuned for requests for gently used toys, books, games or other suitable items (no stuffed animals). Start collecting now! To volunteer, donate, or for more information, please contact: manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca or (613) 745-6270.

FREE SPORTS PROGRAMMING FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-6 DURING MORNING NUTRITION BREAK!



Children in Grades 3-6 are welcome to come out for sports during their morning nutrition break – for free!

Since 2003, the Home and School Association has offered the opportunity for all interested students in Grades 3-6 to play team sports, regardless of sports ability or financial means. We gratefully acknowledge the support of the administration and teachers of Manor Park Public School, and the partnership with the Manor Park Community Council. Students at MPPS can voluntarily sign up for sports such as soccer, handball, badminton, basketball, and volleyball.

What parents should know:

The program is not operated or supervised by the staff of Manor Park Public School or the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board.

- Any child in Grades 3-6 can participate – for FREE!
- All sports are played on school property
- Equipment provided. Running shoes required
- Instruction and supervision is provided by the Manor Park Community Council
- This program is paid for by the Manor Park Home and School Association

For more information, please consult the "Intramural Sports" section in the introductory white pages of this year's student agenda.

NUTRITION BREAK ART PROGRAMS



A new session of Nutrition Break programming began three weeks ago. Thank you to all who have signed up as there has been overwhelming support for the classes of Cooking, Chess, Yoga, Seven Wonders of the World Art, Outdoors Art and Science. Extra classes were added in several classes to try to accommodate all the children who registered. There will be a final spring session with new content beginning in April so please watch for the forms to be emailed home in

March. Information and registration forms can also be found on the school council website <http://www.mpsc.info/mpscblog/>.

Thank you to the volunteers who come to assist children in getting to their classes for the first couple of weeks. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact Christina at christina.kaeser@gmail.com.



PIZZA THURSDAY

PIZZA THURSDAYS are always a favorite with the children! Our next pizza session will begin February 13 and run until April 24 (10 weeks). Pizza forms will be sent home soon. You can also find forms on our website.

The pizza comes from our local pizzeria, St. Laurent Golden Crust. Pizza funds raised through the Manor Park Home and School

Association help provide resources and activities for all the students at Manor Park School.



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, Inclass support, Badminton Club, Shelving books in the library, and School Council Website support.

To get involved, please drop us an email at manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca