

# Parent Council Update

June 2016

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## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next School Council meeting will take place **on Wednesday, September 21st, 2016 at 7:00pm** in the library. All parents or guardians of children attending Manor Park School are welcome to attend all meetings of the School Council. Meetings are held on a monthly basis, with a few exceptions, and they take place on Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the school library. There is always an “Open Forum” where parents who have specific concerns can ask questions. Please note that we are looking for a **new treasurer for 2016-2017**. We encourage you to contact us if this position interests you. Please also come to the meeting in September to see how you can be involved! We 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).

**“On the calendar” - Friday, June 24th, 2016 - Freezie Friday**  
**- Thursday, June 30th, 2016, Last Day of School**

## School Council Executive

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

Co-Chairs – Sue Noble & Wendy Colthart  
Vice-Chair - Kathryn Pizana  
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

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

Many thanks to all who have taken on these volunteer positions. Please see details about the position of **treasurer** for the 2016-2017 year. This position starts in June 2016 to make the transition for the coming year. If this interests you, please contact us.

**Home and School Association:**  
Past Chair – Leigh Ann Richardson  
Chair - Sue Noble & Wendy Colthart  
Secretary – Andrea Genereaux  
Treasurer – Erin Yoshida



## INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED AT SCHOOL IN 2016-2017?

There are countless ways to make a difference at Manor Park Public School! Here are a few: School Council Treasurer, May Fair volunteers, Pizza volunteers, Grant writing, Fundraising, In-class support, Badminton Club, Shelving books in the library, School Council Website support. To volunteer for May Fair or other activities, please contact: [manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca](mailto:manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca) .

### POSITION OF TREASURER FOR THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

**Treasurer:** (For the 2016 - 2017 school year.) The role of the Treasurer is key to the running of the Home and School Association. Duties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- member of the budget committee
- write cheques for Home and School expenditures and obtain a 2nd signature for the cheques
- make deposits for fund-raising activities (pizza lunches, chocolates, May Fair, etc)
- investment of excess funds
- maintain a record of the Home and School financial activities, including balancing the bank account
- provide a report of financial activities at monthly Home and School meetings
- obtain floats for fund-raising activities
- communicate with school staff regarding funds due to Manor Park School for Home and School approved expenses

### “UNDERSTANDING THE SPECTRUM OF GENDER IDENTITY AND GENDER EXPRESSION”

A workshop was held on June 14th moderated by Beck Hood from Family Services Ottawa [www.familyservicesottawa.org](http://www.familyservicesottawa.org) . Beck is a trans identified Trainer and Public Educator and he provides community development, education, advocacy and workshops regarding gender identity, gender expression and sexual orientation. Beck works closely with families, school boards, resource and health centres to provide education and support around social transitioning, gender diversity and sexual orientation. This workshop was available with funding provided by the Parents Reaching Out (PRO) Grant and was open to all parents or guardians. Information about these topics and services, and contact information, will be available on the School Council website [www.mpssc.info](http://www.mpssc.info). Thanks to all who attended and thanks to Beck for an informative discussion.

# FREEEIE FRIDAY!!!

**Where:** School yard

**When:** Second recess on Friday June 24<sup>th</sup>

**Why:** Final school council fundraiser of the year.  
And freezies are yummy especially on a hot day.

**Who:** All Manor Park kids

**How:** **Grades 1-6:** Bring \$1 for 1 giant Mr. Freeze during second recess

**JK/SK:** Bring \$1 for 2 small freezies in the kindie yard during second recess



## **Another Amazing Mayfair!!**

Thank you to all of those people who helped to make our 64<sup>th</sup> May Fair a huge success! Despite the incredibly warm weather, by all accounts, May Fair was a big success raising over \$9,500 for the school! We were so fortunate to have so many staff volunteers from Manor Park, as well as parent and student volunteers to face paint, tie balloon animals, sell freezies and donuts, flip burgers, give away cakes, lead the parade, sell books and toys, help with inflatables, run various games and ensure a fun day for all!

In addition to people volunteering their time, many organizations were kind enough to donate gift certificates or items to our silent auction – their support of our school fundraiser is very much appreciated! We also want to thank Bridgehead for donating coffee, as well as Sail, for donating two large tents for the day!

Thank you to all Mayfair sponsors for their generous support. This year's sponsors were Christopher Barker, Coldwell Barker Rhodes & Co (BBQ); Natalie Belovic, Re/Max Metro–City Realty Ltd (coffee and donuts); Manor Park Community Council (freezies); Manor Park Community Association (balloon tying); Shafali (entertainment); and St. Laurent Golden Crust Pizza (music).

A big thank you to Mary Devenny (Mrs D!!) for stepping up and convening this year's May Fair – the event would not have been possible without her leadership!

We look forward to our 65<sup>th</sup> May Fair next year!

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

Starting Sept. 2016 - Eastern Secondary Review (Rideau, Gloucester, Colonel By)  
Area: Phase 1

This review involves 3 secondary schools: Gloucester HS, Colonel By SS, and Rideau HS

The decision to begin with a secondary review in the east is linked to urgent learning issues. Two of the three schools in this area have utilization factors of less than 42% and the third has a utilization factor of 113%. The decision to close at least one of the three schools will be made January 2017. Between Sept. and January the community will have opportunities to give input on the District Staff recommendation.

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# PLANT SALE



## Plant Sale - May 21st!

"Thanks to all of the customers, volunteers and visitors who helped make this year's Plant Sale, in May, a success. The weather was perfect and the flowers were spectacular. See you next year on the May long weekend!"

## PIZZA THURSDAYS!

Just a reminder that pizza runs right through to the last day of school, Thursday, June 30th.

"Pizza Thursdays" have been a big success this year thanks to all those who participated in this delicious fundraiser! I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all the parent volunteers, staff and student helpers who have worked hard all year to ensure that the program has run smoothly.

We'll be starting up again on Thursday, September 15th, 2016 so keep an eye out for the purple pizza forms that will be coming home during the first week of school.

I look forward to serving you again next year!

Wendy Colthart  
Volunteer Pizza Coordinator...and mum  
([wendycolthart@gmail.com](mailto:wendycolthart@gmail.com))

# MANOR PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

<http://www.manorpark.ca>

## **We're moving!**

The Manor Park Community Council (MPCC) office relocates to the community centre (100 Thornwood Road) from July 4 to August 29 inclusive. The Manor Park Community Centre is the hub for summer day camps – and our new office keeps us close to the action.

## **Summer Day Camps**

We have a camp for everyone – aged 4-10 years that is! Themes change with each camp but campers are always guaranteed terrific counselors, sports and games, and time in the splash pad. Families enjoy the flexibility of bridging a morning and afternoon half-day camp with free supervised lunchtimes, and optional extended hours. [Manorpark.ca](http://manorpark.ca) for more info.

## **Free Tennis Lessons for Kids!**

Together with Capital Kids Tennis, we are offering free tennis lessons all summer! Some spaces remain in July and in August. Start with [manorpark.ca](http://manorpark.ca).

## **Save the Date: Friday September 9 2016!**

Get ready to 'Rock the Block' with a Friday evening of food, demonstrations and activities – plus an outdoor movie complete with cotton candy and popcorn! This is real family fun.

## **Claymation Film Fest**

We've posted some of the claymation creations! Get the links on the After-School page at [manorpark.ca](http://manorpark.ca)

## **Get ready for September with 'Before- and After-School in Manor Park'!**

Registration for 'Before- and After-School in Manor Park' 2016 – 2017 is open!!! This fun and engaging extended day program offers flexibility, reliability and ample opportunity for creativity!! With a staff primarily comprised of early childhood educators and teachers, activities are developmentally appropriate and geared towards the interests of the children. Growing each year, this program offers your children the opportunity to foster new friendships, and engage in physical and gross motor play. Our specialized art and drama instructor develop programming that allows children the opportunity expression.

[Spaces for the very popular licensed child care program are limited.](http://manorpark.ca)[manorpark.ca](http://manorpark.ca).

This licensed child care program offers optional programming on PA Days according to the OCDSB calendar. A list of themed activities for the next school year has been posted at [manorpark.ca](http://manorpark.ca)

## **Manor Park Playschool**

The Manor Park Playschool welcomes children aged 18 months to 5 years in a fun, relaxed and engaging environment from September to June. Children benefit from qualified instructors, exciting themes, and fun toys. Toddlers (ages 18-30 months) can join us Monday mornings from 8:30-11:00, while Playschoolers have the option of Tuesday- Friday, 8:30-11:00 or 8:30-11:30. Limited spaces available. Information on the 'Kids' page of [manorpark.ca](http://manorpark.ca) or by emailing [mpcc@manorpark.ca](mailto:mpcc@manorpark.ca).

## **Check out (the all new) manorpark.ca!**

Our community website has a new look and format. We hope that it provides you with the news and information you want to know about. Please let us know what you think: [mpcc@manorpark.ca](mailto:mpcc@manorpark.ca)

## **Thank you - Merci!**

Thank you to the teaching staff, administration and custodians for all their work over the past school year, and for supporting School Council initiatives.

Thanks to all the fundraising coordinators and the many parent volunteers whose efforts have helped the MPSC raise funds to help the school and the students in so many ways.

***Have a wonderful summer!***