

Parent Council Update

November 2014

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SCHOOL COUNCIL



Join us for our next School Council meeting. On the agenda, intramural sports and playground equipment. The meeting takes place **Wednesday November 12th, 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 manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca. Don't forget to check out the School Council website: 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 – Marie Blythe-Hallman

Members at Large - Suehila Elkatab & Aasha Logan

Community Liaison Delegate – 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

Donna Muldoon

Marie-France Jeurond

Susan Steele

Home and School Association:

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Council's Proposed Goals

At our Council meetings this fall, we've been discussing a variety of initiatives we are interested in pursuing this year. What we've proposed is outlined below and will be discussed and put to motion at our upcoming meeting in November.

- 1. Continue to nurture a positive working relationship between the Manor Park staff and School Council.** This will be achieved by:
 - Regular meetings between the Chair/Vice Chair and the Principal
 - Efforts to communicate with the staff regarding Council objectives and activities
 - Soliciting input from Staff on Council matters, specifically how to best invest our finances to support the school

2. Complement the school's efforts to increase volunteerism and parent engagement by planning initiatives to help parents become more involved in their child's education.

This will be achieved by:

- Communicating volunteer opportunities to parents
- Reaching out to new parents at the school
- Coordinating and implementing a speaker series for parents throughout the school year

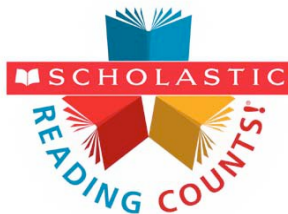
Council Meetings – Open Forum

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 that are 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!

**MAY FAIR 2015
COORDINATOR NEEDED - PLEASE!**

We are looking for a May Fair Coordinator and need your help. If you are interested in coordinating - or co-coordinating - the 2015 May Fair, please email us at manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca. The May Fair has been a tradition of Manor Park for many years and we hope to be able to continue this great community event. We have some volunteers for various roles but need a coordinator, or two, to step forward. This is an event for the whole community and if we don't have a coordinator then we will have to look at other fundraising events throughout the year. We would like to continue with the May Fair as it is an event that brings the whole community of Manor Park together, as well as being a significant contribution to much needed funds for the School Council - and the students of Manor Park Public School. Without you, we cannot make this happen. Please contact us for more information. Thanks!



EXTRA, EXTRA – READ ALL ABOUT IT!

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO
MANOR PARK SCHOOL!**

We invite you to share in this celebration of books and reading with us! Mark your calendars! Tuesday, November 18th until Friday, November 21st, Scholastic Book Fair will be in the small gym. All the details will be sent home in the coming weeks along with a flyer so that you can have a sneak peek at a few of the books that will be available for purchase. By supporting our Book Fair fundraiser, you enable our school to obtain new resources for our library! Get ready to read!!

NEW SCHOOL TRUSTEE

Chris Ellis was elected as the School Trustee for the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, Zone 6. For information or to contact Chris, please visit <http://www.schoolzone6.org> The following information is from his website: “ As trustee, Chris will consult widely and take leadership on issues of importance for the students and parents of Alta Vista & Rideau-Rockcliffe. He will work hard to increase student success and enhance the vital contributing factors of strong schools, parent engagement and community connections.”



PIZZA THURSDAYS!!



The first pizza session is coming to an end (last day being Thurs., Nov. 20) but don't worry, the **second session starts on Thursday, November 27th!!**

The purple pizza forms will be sent home on Monday, November 17th and are due back **Monday, November 24th**. The sooner you get the forms back, the easier it is for the volunteers to sort, count and compile new lists without having to miss a week of pizza Thursdays. Don't forget that should you misplace your order form, you can print one off from our website: www.mpssc.info (please be sure to add your child's homeroom teacher's name to the form)!

Please have your forms back by the due date with the exact payment included as we cannot make change. **Although we do accept late orders, we cannot guarantee that those orders will be fulfilled for that first week of the pizza session.** To avoid having a hungry and unhappy child, please be sure to get your orders in on time!

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 so that I can remedy the situation. !

Thanks again for your support!!
Wendy Colthart, Volunteer Pizza Coordinator...and mum!
(wendycolthart@gmail.com)!



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

To get involved, please drop us an email at manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca
We look forward to hearing from you! *Many thanks to all our volunteers!*****



MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER-DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Manor Park Home & School Association has decided to extend deadline for the annual magazine fundraising program. This program was highly successful in 2012 and 2013 raising much needed funds for the school - over \$3300! In 2014 the program has had a 25% drop off in the number of subscriptions purchased this year. As a result we have decided to leave the online portal open for the balance of the year in the hopes that we can meet last year's numbers, raising much needed funds!

RENEWALS-If you are past user of the program or subscribe to any of the titles offered don't forget magazines can also be renewed via the QSP site. If you are currently a subscriber to one of the titles offered please think about renewing it through QSP.

As we all plow through homework with our children we are reminded daily that reading is essential, this program allows us both to promote reading and raise much needed funds. QSP returns a very large dollar amount back to the Association. The school retains an average of \$10 for every subscription purchased, so every order counts.

Please DO NOT send in any more paper based orders as that deadline has passed but the online portal will remain open for the balance of the year.

Online - using a credit card. To order, go to www.qsp.ca and click on "Shop Now" and search either by typing in Manor Park Home & School Association or group number 3727898 .

** We ask that students do not go door-to-door**

MANOR PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Visit the MPCC website for the latest news and registration: <http://www.manorpark.ca/index.php>

On November 7th, under the direction of our Drama Instructor, Lia Marie Talia, the students of 'Before- and After-School in Manor Park' performed an Improv Showcase for their peers and families. The children were terrific and witty making the show a huge success!! A warm thank you goes out to all of the students and instructors. We would also like to thank parents for their comments and support.

The MPCC would like to inform families that we host full day programming on all OCDSB PA Days. Registration forms are at <http://www.manorpark.ca/pages/programs/asp/index.php>. If you wish to register for the upcoming November 21st PA Day, please return the completed registration and payment to the MPCC office by November 14th.

The MPCC's November 21st Babysitting Course is currently full. Due to a high volume of interest, an additional session has been scheduled for February 13th, 2015.

Registration is currently open for the November 13 – January 15 session of Indoor Soccer. We regret to inform you that the MPCC Movie Night set for November 14th has been cancelled due to a lack of space availability. Please stay tuned for other upcoming MPCC events.
