

Parent Council Update

May 2015

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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, the **Plant Sale** (May 16th), **May Fair** (May 23rd) and the position of a treasurer up for election. The coordinators of May Fair are still looking for volunteers. Please see the information in this newsletter and on the website <http://www.mpsc.info/mpscblog/home/> for details about May Fair!

Also, there is always an “Open Forum” during the MPSC 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!

All are 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

Thanks to all 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 Elections

All School Council / Home and School Association positions for the 2015-2016 school year will be advertised at the beginning of the next school year. The election for these positions will be held at the first Council meeting of the school year, which is usually in late September.

One exception to this is the Treasurer position, which is determined at the end of every school year. The purpose for this is to ensure appropriate handover of all financial matters between the out-going Treasurer and the new Treasurer.

If you are interested in being nominated for the position of Treasurer, please email the School Council (manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca) and we will be in touch with you to complete the nomination form. The specific duties of the Treasurer are outlined below.

The duties of the Treasurer include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 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
- 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
- obtain floats for fund-raising activities
- communicate with school staff regarding funds due to Manor Park School for Home and School approved expenses



Plant Sale is on May 16th, 8am-3pm!

“Come and find your annual flowers and hanging baskets! There will be a few extras this year as well. The sale takes place outside, on the corner of Hemlock and Braemar.

If you are interested in volunteering for an enjoyable 2 hours in the sunshine, please contact embeedell@hotmail.com.”



Come and Celebrate May Fair 2015, Saturday May 23rd, 9:30am to 2:00pm – Rain or Shine!

Only a few weeks left to go to May Fair! This fun-filled family event takes place on the grounds of Manor Park Public School.

The day will be filled with many fun activities, including the Cake Walk, Bean Bag toss to win Surprise Jars, Bouncy Castles, Balloon Animals, Silent Auction and much more!

Full Cycle will be out to provide mini tune-ups to kids' bikes. Kub Kars is back by popular demand! And the Magic Photo Booth returns for its second year. Browse the Book and Toy Table, and have a bite to eat at the BBQ.

In addition to a great family day, May Fair is also 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.

We are reaching out to you to help make May Fair a success. We are still looking for volunteers to help at May Fair. We especially need volunteers for the face painting table, the toy and book table, and set-up and clean up.

We are also seeking donations of cakes for the Cake Walk (please bring the day before or morning of May Fair and place in the school Staff Room), drinks (bottled water or cans of soft drink or juice), and books, toys & dvds (placed in the donation bin in the front hall of the school).

One of the things the kids love most about May Fair is the Surprise Jar competition. This is a great tradition at the School and the collection of Surprise Jars is going well! Please keep them coming!

Don't miss this fun day! We hope to see you at the Fair!

To volunteer or for more information please contact Marie or Mary Ruth: manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca or 613-747-3618.

NEWS FROM CHRIS ELLIS, OCDSB Trustee - Zone 6

“The Work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada and the Role We Can All Play in Reconciliation Moving Forward”

Rideau HS & Pleasant Park PS present a **free event**:

A lecture by Dr. Marie Wilson, Commissioner - Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada; **Thursday, May 21, 2015 6:00 pm**

Doors Open & Welcoming Ceremony (Aboriginal Refreshments will be served)

www.pleasantpark.ticketleap.com/trc/

Dr. Wilson is the recipient of a CBC North Award for Lifetime Achievement, the Northerner of the Year Award, and various awards and recognitions for journalism, writing excellence, and work-place safety initiatives. In May 2012, she was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree by St. Thomas University of Fredericton, New Brunswick, in recognition of a professional career "marked by public service and social justice."

Visit the mamawitgether Pleasant Park website to see project updates and photos.

www.pleasantpark.ca/2015/03/09/murals/

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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 email at manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca

MANOR PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community news!

It's not too late!

Spring sports for kids -- baseball, soccer, floorball (outdoors), flag rugby and tennis -- are just starting. It is not too late to register for programs running until the end of June. Online registration at <http://www.manorpark.ca>

Clean the Capital! -- May 9

Thanks to students in the before- and after-school program for helping clean the school grounds as part of the city's 'Clean the Capital' campaign. One more chance for everyone to help out on Saturday May 10 from 10am!

Ottawa Marathon – May 24 2015

The course for the Ottawa Marathon goes right through Manor Park! Community volunteers fill some 15,000 cups of water and Gatorade for the athletes! Anyone interested in volunteering – and being inspired should email mpcc@manorpark.ca.

Air Band Concert – May 26 2015

'Before- and After-School in Manor Park' students and instructors will be rocking out at our first Air Band Concert scheduled from 4 - 5 pm in the large gym. Fun, and free!

Garage Sale – June 6 2015

Rain or shine, the Manor Park Garage Sale takes place from 8:30am—noon on the streets surrounding the school.

PA Days – June 5 and June 26

Don't have plans for PA Day activities? A very few spots remain for kindergarten- or school-aged children in recreational programming from 8:30am-3pm, with optional extended hours. Please inquire at 613-741-4776 or mpcc@manorpark.ca

Babysitting Workshop – June 5

Kids aged 10+ can get babysitting training during the PA Day. Full day workshop includes manual, certificate – and pizza lunch. Details at manorpark.ca

Girls on the Run – June 11 2015

Girls in the Girls on the Run program end the season with a 5km race through the neighbourhood. Come and cheer them on! Start and finish are at the Manor Park Community Centre, 100 Thornwood Road beginning at 6:30pm.

'Before- and After-School in Manor Park'

Accepting applications for 'Before- and After-School in Manor Park' 2015-2016 school year. To register your child, please visit the Manor Park Community Council office located in Manor Pak Public School or visit our website (manorpark.ca) for the program registration package.

Summer Day Camps

Popular day camps take place in the Manor Park Community Centre which shares the grounds with the school. Half-day camps, themed weekly, and optional extended hours give families lots of variety! New this year are: drama camps 'Annie: the musical', and 'Shakespeare in the Park', and 'PanAm Sports & Games'. Popular returning camps include: 'Make it with wood'; 'I love camp'; 'Animal Cracker'. Act quickly -- these camps sell out! Manorpark.ca