Parent Council Update December 2014

Website: <u>www.mpsc.info</u> E-mail: <u>manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca</u>



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Join us for our next School Council meeting. On the agenda, intramural sports and playground equipment. The meeting takes place Wednesday January 14th, 2015, 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.

Happy Holidays!

The holiday season is upon us. The School Council extends its warmest wishes to all the Manor Park School families. May you have a safe and relaxing holiday break. See you in the New Year!

MAY FAIR 2015 - We're looking for your help!

"The Home and School Association still seeks an overall coordinator as well as a volunteer coordinator for Mayfair. For more information about these positions, please email manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca"

EXTRA, EXTRA – READ ALL ABOUT IT!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR WAS A HUGE SUCCESS!!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Scholastic Book Fair last month. There were contests that were won as well as a school-wide draw, but the most impressive part of the Book Fair was that over \$4,500 was raised to put towards new books for the school library. Way to go Manor Park and we look forward to seeing you again next fall!



The second pizza session started on November 27th and will run until February 5th.

Once again I'd like to remind you that 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 your child comes home with a pizza related problem, please contact me right away so that I can remedy the situation.

Thanks for your support with this delicious fundraiser!

Wendy Colthart
Volunteer Pizza Coordinator...and mum!
(wendycolthart@gmail.com)!

NUTRITION BREAK ARTS

Since 2005, students at Manor Park School have been enjoying a variety of arts programs during their lunch (nutrition) breaks. Art, origami, chess, yoga, science – and other classes! – have been offered through a successful collaboration between the School (Parent) Council and Manor Park Community Council (MPCC). The Nutrition Break Arts program is possible because of the support of the administration and teachers of Manor Park School and thoughtful volunteers.

In 2015, we hope to offer a mix of your child's favourite Nutrition Break programs as well as new additions. We have programming ideas – watch for 'Building with Meccano Sets' in January – but want to hear from you.

Please tell us what programs you would like to see, and how we can do things better by completing the survey found here:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Nutrition_Break_Arts_survey or by following the link at www.manorpark.ca. You will soon have the option to register and pay for Nutrition Break Arts programs online!

As the Manor Park Community Council (MPCC) becomes more active in Nutrition Break Arts programming, we offer a commitment to continue providing quality and affordable arts programming, subsidized registration when possible, and to working with the families of Manor Park School.

Happy holidays, Lana Burpee Executive Director Manor Park Community Council

MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER - DEADLINE EXTENDED



The Manor Park Home & School Association has decided to extend deadline for the annual magazine fundraising program for the balance of the year as an online service only.

This program was highly successful in 2012 and 2013 raising much needed funds for the school - over \$3300! Due to lower sales this year the online portal will remain open for the balance of the year in hopes of raising much needed funds.

RENEWALS - If you are a 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.

Online purchases – Purchase magazines 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. Paper based orders are no longer accepted as this deadline has passed.

FROM TRUSTEE CHRIS ELLIS

I'm honoured to be the new Public School Trustee for Zone 6 Alta Vista & Rideau-Rockcliffe.

I'd like to thank all who voted for me and give a heartfelt thank you to supporters who took lawn signs, delivered flyers, talked to their neighbours and supported me financially. I am very grateful for their help and touched by their faith in me.

At the Board

It is time once again to renew the 4 year Ottawa-Carleton District School Board Strategic Plan. During December parents, students, employees and the community will be able to give their insight and advice in regard to the direction the school board should take for the next 4 years. More information at www.SchoolZone6.org

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 wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy holiday!