

Parent Council Update

February 2015

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SCHOOL COUNCIL

Join us for our next School Council meeting which takes place **Wednesday, March 4th at 7pm** in the school library. On the agenda, school council goals and a visit from the OCDSB Trustee, Chris Ellis. Chris will be available to hear your views and help answer questions.

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

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 – vacant
Members at Large - Suehila Elkatab & Aasha Logan
Community Liaison -
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:

Past Chair – Leigh Ann Richardson
Chair - vacant
Secretary – Mary Ruth Endicott
Treasurer – Erin Yoshida

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!

Dance-A-Thon

THIS WEEK - Thursday, February 12, 2015



Don't forget that the 4th annual Dance-A-Thon is this 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! These are the last few days to raise money for our school, so let's make it happen, and...

GET READY TO DANCE!!



PIZZA THURSDAYS!!



The third pizza session starts on **February 12 and will run until April 23** (10 weeks). Order forms have been sent home and are due back Monday February 9th. If you've misplaced the form you can print a copy from our website at <http://www.mpsc.info/mpscblog/home/>

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)

May Fair is Coming!....Saturday May 23rd 9:30am to 2pm

May Fair is a family fun fair organized by the Manor Park Home and School Association as a fundraising fun day with all proceeds supporting Manor Park Public School.

Parents/guardians are needed to make May Fair a success!

We need volunteers to fill the following key positions:

- Volunteer Coordinator - coordinate May Fair's all important volunteers (from last year's list, new contacts and high school students)
- Face painting Convenor - organize and coordinate the face painting stall

In addition to these key positions, we are also looking for help with:

- Surprise Jars - convene the Surprise Jars stall on the day
- Advertising - develop and organize signage, flyers, posters, etc.
- Drinks - keep track of donations, and make last minute purchases the evening before
- Volunteers before or on the day of the event

If you are interested in volunteering but would like to find out more about the commitment, please do not hesitate to contact Marie Blythe-Hallman or Mary Ruth Endicott at manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca.

Thank you for supporting this important fundraiser!

News from Chris Ellis, OCDSB Trustee

Zone 6, Alta Vista & Rideau-Rockcliffe of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board

Proposed Variable Transportation Policy

The Ottawa Student Transportation Authority (OSTA) is in the process of developing a distinct policy and procedure to provide clarity and easier access for students whose pickup and drop off points vary between two homes. In order to have the policy and procedures in place in time for the 2015-16 school year, OSTA aims to ratify the new policy at its March 30, 2015 meeting. Consultation information will be available soon on the OSTA website, <http://www.ottawaschoolbus.ca/>, and I will post the links on my website, www.SchoolZone6.org.

MANOR PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Community news!

The Manor Park Community Council (MPCC) **office has moved!** Drop by our new location at the main entrance of Manor Park School to register for Nutrition Break Arts programs, 'Before- and After-School in Manor Park', and PA Day programs. Office hours: 8:30am-3:00pm on school days; 613-741-4776.

Skating Rinks are open, with supervision on weekday evenings and mid-day on weekends. Come by for the **Skating Party** (Feb 7 2015 from 5-7pm) and **Hockey Day in Ottawa** (Feb 14th, 2015, 1-3pm). Visit <http://www.manorpark.ca> for details.

Nutrition Break Arts: March to May 2015

New! 'Money Basics: be a Saver, not a Spender!' – lessons in wants and needs and how money works, ideal for the grade 4-6 student. This program is designed by the Chartered Accountants of Ontario and taught by a local CA.

New! 'Art: Oceans Away!', and 'Art: Animal Kingdom' – taught by our specialist who brings her talents and Fine Arts degree to each class. .

Meccano, Cooking, Yoga, Origami, and Chess complete the program lineup. Registration opens on Monday, February 9th, 2015 – online registration www.programs.manorpark.ca. Please contact Principal Sue Massaad for subsidy opportunities. Questions? Call the MPCC 613-741-4776



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 drop us an email at manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca