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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 20th, 2013, 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 2013-2014 school year:

Chair – Leigh Anne Richardson

Vice Chair – Wendy Colthart

Secretary - Mary Ruth Endicott

Communications Coordinator - Tami O'Dette (newsletter); Sharon Leslie (website)

Kindergarten Representative – Nikolaus Jakubinek

Primary Representative - Kathryn Pizana

Junior Representative - Tammy Moffatt

OCASC Representative – Nancy Grinberg

Members at Large Melissa Gomes, Ray O'Flaherty

Community Liaison - Christina Kaeser

Past Chair - Marie Blythe-Hallman

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

Laura Frappier, Vice Principal

Donna Muldoon

Maha Albari

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
 3. **Establish and implement guidelines for Council administrative functions, with specific emphasis on timely communication and updates of standardized documents.** This includes agendas, minutes, newsletters, website, email account and Council by-laws.

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!

Speaker Series Update

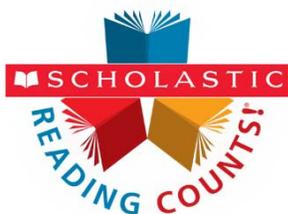
As part of our efforts to reach out to parents, the Council is organizing a speaker series for parents this year. We've taken the first critical step of asking for your feedback about which topics are of interest to you. We'd like to thank you for taking the time to participate in the survey we issued back in October. The responses have been extremely helpful and will guide our focus for organizing these events. We hope to be able to bring 3-4 speakers in throughout the months of January-May. Stay tuned for more information!

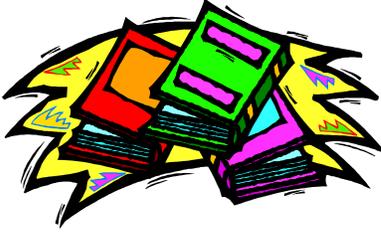
SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – THIS WEEK!

Looking for a holiday gift, birthday gift or a fantastic book for your child? The Scholastic Book Fair is here at our school this week! We invite you to share in this celebration of books and reading with us. The Book Fair takes place on **November 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th** in the small gym. All are welcome!

There will be brand new exciting books for all ages from pre-school to teens, as well as all-time favourites.

All proceeds go to providing new books for our library. Teachers will also have wish lists of books posted that parents can choose to purchase and donate to their classrooms.





MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER! DEADLINE EXTENDED

The Manor Park Home & School Association has decided to run the magazine fundraising program again in 2013. This program was highly successful in 2012 raising much needed funds for the school - \$2300! The reason we chose this program is that it offers an incredible amount of Canadian content and expands upon the theme of reading in both English and French. The program also 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.

If you are looking for Christmas gift ideas for friends or relatives (there are only 5 weeks left to shop!) Or for magazines for the family the QSP's magazine program is ideal. You can cover off your gift needs and raise much needed funds for the school at the same time. Each magazine subscription sold will raise much needed funds for our programs and activities that benefit our students. **Note that you can renew the magazines you ordered last year and help the fundraiser as well.**

This fundraiser will run from Monday October 25th until Friday November 29th **Please do not send in late orders**, as we only have a few volunteers who can come in and collect the forms.

There are two ways to order:

- **Paper forms**- Each student will be given a package to be taken home. Inside the package will be the actual catalogue, along with 4 order forms inside. Please follow all directions to ensure that the information is correct. *Please make cheques payable to "Manor Park Home & School Association"*. Do not send in post-dated cheques. Please send this white envelope back to the school along with the student's order forms and money on or before Friday, November 29.
- **Online**- online using a credit card. To order, go to www.qsp.ca and click on just shopping and search either by typing in **Manor Park Home & School Association or group number 10773**. The back of the package being sent home contains all of the information on how to complete the online order form.

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



FREE SPORTS PROGRAMMING FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-6 DURING MORNING NUTRITION BREAK!

Children in Grades 3-6 are welcome to come out for sports during their morning nutrition break – for free!

Since 2003, the Home and School Association has offered the opportunity for all interested students in Grades 3-6 to play team sports, regardless of sports ability or financial means. We gratefully acknowledge the support of the administration and teachers of Manor Park Public School, and the partnership with the Manor Park Community Council. Students at MPPS can voluntarily sign up for sports such as soccer, handball, badminton, basketball, and volleyball.

What parents should know:

The program is not operated or supervised by the staff of Manor Park Public School or the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board.

- Any child in Grades 3-6 can participate – for FREE!
- All sports are played on school property
- Equipment provided. Running shoes required
- Instruction and supervision is provided by the Manor Park Community Council
- This program is paid for by the Manor Park Home and School Association

For more information, please consult the "Intramural Sports" section in the introductory white pages of this year's student agenda.



NUTRITION BREAK ART PROGRAMS

Nutrition Break Arts and Science Programs are underway at Manor Park. This collaborative effort between the School Council, School, and Manor Park Community Council has had much interest this fall. Many students are enjoying cooking, yoga, chess, arts and sciences classes at the breaks.

A new session will begin in January. Please watch for registration forms for the winter session to be sent out early December. Because classes filled so quickly this term, it is recommended that forms be returned as soon as possible.

Thank you to the volunteers who come to assist children to getting to their classes for the first couple of weeks. If you are interested in helping with this program, please contact Christina at christina.kaeser@gmail.com.

PIZZA THURSDAY

PIZZA THURSDAYS are always a favorite with the children!



Our second pizza session will start November 28 and run until January 23 (9 weeks). Forms will be sent home with children and posted on our website.

The pizza comes from our local pizzeria, St. Laurent Golden Crust.

Pizza funds raised through the Manor Park Home and School Association help provide resources and activities for all the students at Manor Park School.



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, In-class support, Badminton Club, Shelving books in the library, and School Council Website support.

To get involved, please drop us an email at manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca