

Parent Council Update

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ON THE CALENDAR

Wednesday October 16th, 2013, School Council Meeting 7:00 pm, Library

SCHOOL COUNCIL



Join us for our next School Council meeting. On the agenda, intramural sports and playground equipment. The meeting takes place Wednesday October 16, 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 manorparksschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca. Don't forget to check out the School Council website: www.mpsc.info.

HEY PARENTS! SCHOOL COUNCIL WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU...

Manor Park's School Council needs your feedback. Last spring, the Council applied for, and received, a Parents Reaching Out (PRO) grant from the Ministry of Education to organize a speakers' series for parents throughout this school year. In order to best serve the needs of parents, the Council is asking for your feedback regarding the type of information that is most relevant to you as parents at this school. Topics could range from areas in academics, socializing with peers or dealing with technology at school or home.

The speaker sessions we coordinate will be a direct result of your input. We request 10 minutes of your time to complete the survey, which can be found at this link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SM5D5LL>

Thank you!

MAGAZINE FUNDRAISER!



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 10 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.

This fundraiser will run from Monday October 25th until Friday November 15th.

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 15.
- **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****

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



Looking for a holiday gift, birthday gift or a fantastic book for your child? The Scholastic Book Fair is coming back to our school! 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.

We are also looking for volunteers to help at the Book Fair, if you are available to help during the daytime, please email Tammy Moffatt at tmoffatt@yahoo.ca.

We hope you will join us at the Book Fair.



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



A new fall session of Nutrition Break Arts Programming starts October 21st. The Manor Park Home and School council, in conjunction with the Manor Park Community Council and Manor Park School, offer courses at nutrition breaks to students in Grades 1-6. The classes for this session include: Cooking, Science, Under the Sea Art, Optical Art, Chess and Yoga. Registration forms have gone home or are available on the school council website and in the school office. Subsidized spaces are available on an as need basis, please contact Principal Sue Massaad for further details.

If you would like to help out with this program by coming to the school to help students get to their program room for the first few weeks, please contact christina.kaeser@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, 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