

Parent Council Update

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SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Join us for our next School Council meeting. The meeting takes place **Wednesday April 16th, 2014, 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.

Child and Youth Mental Health Night: Speaker Series Update

Please join us on Thursday, April 10 as guest speaker Michael Baine brings his workshop about child and youth mental health to our Manor Park parent community. Mr. Baine is the Lead Consultant for the Child and Youth Mental Health Initiative with the Ottawa Network for Education. He will help parents better understand child and youth mental health, the issues within a school context, local and provincial initiatives currently going on and where one can find resources within the community. Light refreshments and a handout of resources will be provided.

The session will be held at the school in the Library and will begin at 7:00. Space is limited! Please RSVP via email at manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca

Tammy Moffatt

In bittersweet news, Tammy Moffatt has had to step down from her role on Council as she was recently hired as Manor Park's new Librarian. Although we are thrilled to learn that Tammy will still be involved at the school, this brings an end to Tammy's numerous years and countless hours invested as part of the school's Parent Council.

For the past eight years, Tammy has been a Council member in various capacities, organized several May Fairs, coordinated the Pizza program, organized the first Dance-A-Thon in the school, launched the magazine fundraiser, AND started the very popular annual Bookfair at the school which she coordinated for four consecutive years. In addition to all of this work, Tammy also coordinated the kitchen renovation, the gym renovation and was very closely involved in the Library renovation as well.

We wish to thank Tammy for all her efforts and we look forward to seeing in the Library!



Coordinators Needed for Next Year

The Home and School Association (H&S) is the parent volunteer organization that manages all the fundraising activities for the school. All funds raised by the H&S are used for school activities such as:

- Providing bussing for class field trips
- Providing special programming like Scientists in the School
- Purchasing music equipment for classes
- Assisting teachers with materials for in-class activities

- Purchasing electronic equipment for school usage (camera, microphone, sound system, video camera, etc.)

Without the funds raised by the Home and School Association, many of the initiatives listed above would simply not happen. Funds are raised by the H&S through three main initiatives: Pizza Lunch which occurs every Thursday throughout the school year, the Dance-A-Thon which takes place in February and our annual spring event, May Fair.

We are very pleased to report that Sue Noble has agreed to organize the DanceAthon once again next year. Thank you Sue!

Our current Pizza Coordinator, Kathryn Pizana, is stepping aside after managing this popular fundraiser for the last two years. Thank you Kathryn!

Our May Fair team – Wesley Wark, Jutta Paczulla and Gael Italiano are very busy organizing their last year as the organizers of this annual spring fair. We want to thank all three of them for their hard work coordinating this event for the last two years.

As these dedicated volunteers are moving on next year, new parent volunteers are needed to coordinate these major fundraising activities for the next school year (2014-2015). The H&S is hoping to fill these coordinator positions now for two reasons. First, right now is a great time to get involved in these activities in order to understand how everything works. Second, having coordinators in place for the upcoming school year helps to ensure a quick start to the new school year.

Without devoted coordinators, Pizza lunches and May Fair will not happen next year. Please consider stepping up to help our school. Email manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you!

MAY FAIR 2014 – SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY, MAY 24TH



Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 24, 2014 for the 62nd annual May Fair!

May Fair is a major fund-raiser for Manor Park Public School and great fun for kids, parents, relatives and friends. May Fair is organized by parent volunteers with the Manor Park Home and School Association; this year's organizers are Jutta Wark, Wesley Wark and Gael Italiano. We are looking for volunteers to staff some key convener positions, responsible for individual events at May Fair. Our most urgent need is for a parent volunteer or volunteers to take charge of the Silent Auction and of Sponsorships. The silent auction is one of the most popular events at May Fair and a great contributor to

our overall earnings. A few other important convener roles remained to be filled. **Please contact us ASAP if you can help.**

Donations are key to the success of May Fair. Please bring gently used toys, books, games or other suitable items (no stuffed animals) to the Manor Park School and leave them in the donation box in the front hallway. Please start collecting up such items and fill our box to the brim!

To volunteer, donate, or for more information, please contact: manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca or (613) 745-6270.



Dance-A-Thon



Congratulations Manor Park on an extremely successful Dance-A-Thon!! The gym was “rockin” all day long and was filled with great energy and enthusiasm! The students did an amazing job of raising more than \$9,600 – all of which goes directly back to the school! Footballs, soccer balls, frisbees and basketballs were raffled off to students, as well as gift certificates to Subway, Cineplex Odeon and Chapters. The two Wii’s were given away and Miss Donna’s and Mme Durnford’s classes won pizza parties! Congratulations to all students and keep on dancing!



MPPS LIBRARY - Looking for Volunteers!!

Do you have some time to help out in the school library? We are always looking for extra help to catalogue, shelve, and display books. We are currently very busy re-organizing the library, repairing books and cataloguing the many new wonderful books received from the Scholastic Book Fair. Our biggest need right now is help with the labeling, taping and stamping of all of the new books.

If you are interested in volunteering in the school library, please contact Tammy Moffatt at (613) 746-8131 or tammy.moffatt@ocdsb.ca.

NUTRITION BREAK ART AND SCIENCE PROGRAMS



The Spring Nutrition Break Arts and Science Program will begin the week of April 7th and run for 6 weeks. This term’s classes include: Fun with Cooking, Exploring Science, Portraiture Art, Seven Wonders of the World (Part II) Art, Chess, Yoga for Healthy Bodies and Calm Minds, and Origami Creations. Space is limited and spots are filled in

a first-in basis. For more information, please see registration forms that have been emailed or sent home or contact christina.kaeser@gmail.com. The registration form is also available on the School Council website at <http://www.mpsc.info/mpscblog/>.

The Nutrition Break Arts Program is made possible by the collaborative efforts of the Manor Park Public School, volunteers of the Home and School Association, and the Manor Park Community Council (MPCC). Subsidized spaces are available; please contact Principal Sue Massaad for further information. Any proceeds raised from this program will benefit the Home and School Association.

Thank you to all the participants in the winter session of the program. Extra classes were added to accommodate the amazing enrolment. We hope everyone had an excellent time.

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



PIZZA THURSDAYS are always a favorite with the children!

This pizza session began on February 13 and will run until April 24 (10 weeks). 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.