

Parent Council Update

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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

The following people all 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 - Christina Kaeser

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

Marie-France Jeurond

Susan Steele

Home and School Association:

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Council Meetings – Open Forum

The agenda for the meeting is posted on the Manor Park School Council at: <http://www.mpsc.info/mpscblog/agendas/>. 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. A regular agenda item is "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! We hope to see you at the next meeting on March 4th!



PIZZA THURSDAYS!!



The third pizza session started on **February 12 and will run until April 23** (10 weeks). Thanks for your support with this delicious fundraiser!

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



Join us for May Fair!

Manor Park's premier day of family fun

Mark your calendars -- **Saturday May 23rd** is the **63rd** Annual May Fair at Manor Park Public School (MPPS)! May Fair is a major fund-raiser for MPPS and great fun for kids, parents, relatives and friends alike. May Fair is organized by parent volunteers with the Manor Park Home and School Association; this year's organizers are Marie Blythe-Hallman and Mary Ruth Endicott.

We are reaching out to you to help us make this the most successful and fun- filled day possible. We are urgently in need of parent volunteers to staff the following key convener roles:

- o Volunteer coordinator, to organize the volunteers helping out at the event;
- o Face Painting Stall, a favourite with the kids;
- o Surprise Jar Convener (only on the day of the event), another fun one;and
- o the Silent Auction Table, a popular event and a great contributor to overall funds raised.

We are also looking for volunteers before or on the day of the event to help out in lots of different ways, from sorting books, keeping track of drink donations, and making flyers to set-up and take down. If you are able to help, we kindly ask you to **contact us as soon as possible**.

Donations are also key to the success of May Fair. Please donate gently used toys, books, games, puzzles or dvds (no stuffed animals or household items please) in the May Fair box located in the front hall of Manor Park Public School **starting Monday March 23rd**. Donations for drinks, cakes and other items will be requested in May.

To donate, volunteer or for more information email :
manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca or 613-747-3618.

See you at the fair!

Dance-A-Thon



Thank you Manor Park School for making the Dance-A-Thon a success again this year! Students and staff let their school spirit shine as the gym was transformed into a dance studio for the day! Not only did students rip up the dance floor, but they raised \$7,800 for the school!! Wonderful sports prizes were raffled off, Mme Manning's class won a pizza party and we were very fortunate to have our neighbourhood friends at The Works Gourmet Burger Bistro on St Laurent Boulevard donate two dinners for two, as well as 100 milkshakes!! A big thank you to Chris and Noah from The Works for coming to the school to hand out these amazing prizes!

Keep on dancing Manor Park and we look forward to seeing you on the dance floor next year!



PLANT SALE

"Save the date to buy your annuals at the Manor Park Plant Sale, to take place Saturday, May 16th from 8am-3pm. We will be looking for volunteers too! More information to follow in next month's newsletter."

NEWS FROM CHRIS ELLIS, OCDSB Trustee - Zone 6 Ottawa Student Transportation Authority - Variable Transportation Policy Consultation -

The Ottawa Student Transportation Authority (OSTA) is currently consulting on a draft Variable Transportation Policy. The draft policy has been developed in response to a Human Rights Tribunal outcome: it has been determined that students who live in a joint custody/access arrangement with their parents or guardians should receive transportation to both of their homes."

The draft policy, an FAQ and the OSTA survey links are at www.ottawaschoolbus.ca on the home page.

The draft policy proposes guidelines for providing variable transportation to both homes in a joint custody/access situation. It also proposes that a childcare address may be used as a substitute for a home address in joint custody family situations.

The draft policy does not address the situation of a single parent or two parent family who would like to have their child picked up at their residence and dropped off with a caregiver.

I believe that the consultation is an opportunity to think about the scope of the policy. Should variable transportation be available only for students in a joint custody/access arrangement or are there other family situations that should be covered?

If you would like to provide input on what family situations you think this policy should include, please take the survey on my website, www.SchoolZone6.org.

Chris Ellis, Trustee Zone 6 Alta Vista & Rideau-Rockcliffe of the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, www.SchoolZone6.org
613-818-7350

MANOR PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL Community news!

Paid maintenance and supervision of the **rinks** ends on March 1. Skaters are invited to visit the rink while the ice conditions are still excellent. In the event of snow, shovels will be available rink-side!

'Before- and After-School in Manor Park', all MPCC programs, and the MPCC office will **be closed during the March Break** (March 16-20), resuming on March 23rd.

Arts programs during nutrition breaks begins after March Break! Spaces remain in some of our new programs: 'Money Basics: Be a Saver, not a Spender' – at the great price of just \$10 per student, 'Sewing Sock Monsters', and 'Meccano. online registration www.programs.manorpark.ca. Please contact Principal Sue Massaad for subsidy opportunities. Questions? Call the MPCC 613-741-4776

Coming soon! First annual **Manor Park International Film Fest** (MPIFF), showcasing the clay-mation skits and artwork from students in 'Before- and After-School in Manor Park!' Creations are part of the arts programming offered under instructor, Lindsay Watson.

Registration is open for 'Before- and After-School in Manor Park' (September 2015-June 2016). Please visit www.manorpark.ca for the program registration package.



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