

Parent Council Update

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SCHOOL COUNCIL



Join us for our next School Council meeting which takes place **Wednesday, October 14th at 7pm** in the school library.

There is always an “Open Forum” during the MPSC 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!

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

School Council elections were held on September 23rd at the first MPSC meeting of the 2015-2016 school year.

The volunteer executive members for the 2015-2016 school year are:

Co-Chairs – Sue Noble & Wendy Colthart
Secretary – Andrea Genereaux
Communications Coordinator – Sharon Leslie
Kindergarten Representative – Steve Bezanson
Primary Representative – Caroline Sullivan
Junior Representative – Suehila Elkateb
OCASC Representative – PJ O’Neil
Community Liaison – Mary Ruth Endicott
Member at large – Edith Post
Member at large – Renata Saucedo
Past-Chair – Leigh-Anne Richardson
Treasurer - Erin Yoshida

Many thanks to all who have taken on these volunteer positions and to all who attended the meeting!

Home and School Association:

Past Chair – Leigh Ann Richardson
Chair - Sue Noble & Wendy Colthart
Secretary – Andrea Genereaux
Treasurer – Erin Yoshida

Staff Representatives – Bruce Devenny & Marie-France Jeurond
Sue Massaad, Principal
Dan Martin, Vice Principal

To volunteer or for more information please contact:
manorparkschoolcouncil@yahoo.ca

NEWS FROM CHRIS ELLIS, OCDSB Trustee - Zone 6

Changes to French Instruction in Kindergarten and Primary Early French Immersion are being considered by the school board.

Recommended Changes – School Year 2016-2017

- Junior Kindergarten (JK) and Senior Kindergarten (SK) to consist of 50% English and 50% French instruction in both Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten.
- The introduction of 60 minutes of daily English (as a subject) in Grade 1 Early French Immersion.
- Mathematics to be taught in English from Grades 1 through to graduation in Grade 12 in all OCDSB schools.

Consultation is to take place October and November for Board decision end of November. More information at www.ocdsb.ca

I will be holding a zone meeting on **Saturday, October 17, 9:30 to 10:30 am** in the Aubrey Room (by the library) at the St.Laurent Complex. Come for the hour or just drop in to say hi. Coffee and other refreshments will be served.

The second zone meeting, which will be more formal, will be **Saturday, November 14, 10:00 am to noon** at the Jim Durrell Recreation Centre.

Chris Ellis

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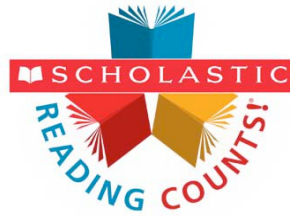


Manor Park's QSP magazine fundraiser is well-underway!

Information packages were sent home last week and although online orders can be made at any time throughout the year, paper orders are due back by **Friday, October 16, 2015**. All information is available online at qsp.ca and Manor Park's online ID is 3727898. Feel free to share this information with family and friends and let's help raise money for our school! All money raised goes towards field trips, classroom workshops, sports equipment, school-wide workshops, etc.

Thank you in advance for supporting this fundraiser!!

EXTRA, EXTRA – READ ALL ABOUT IT!



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR IS COMING TO MANOR PARK SCHOOL!

We invite you to share in this celebration of books and reading with us! Mark your calendars! Tuesday, November 17th until Friday, November 20th, Scholastic Book Fair will be in the small gym. All the details will be sent home in the coming weeks along with a flyer so that you can have a sneak peek at a few of the books that will be available for purchase.

By supporting our Book Fair fundraiser, you enable our school to obtain new resources for our library! Get ready to read!!



Our first pizza session (Sept. 17- Dec. 10) is well on it's way. We'd like to say a big thank you to all of you who got your forms in on time as it makes the process a whole lot easier!

Thanks as well to all the parent volunteers for the smooth start to pizza Thursdays. 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 for some reason something is missed and 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)

Just a reminder: The next 13 week session will run from Dec. 17 - March 31. Order forms will be sent home on Monday, December 7th and will be due back on the 14th.



INTERESTED IN OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED?

There are countless ways to make a difference at Manor Park Public School! 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

MANOR PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL <http://www.manorpark.ca>

Parents are hearing a lot about how important daily exercise is for their children. The Manor Park Community Council (MPCC) is proud to partner with the Home & School Association and school administration to help!

1. Students can participate in organized **sports during their nutrition breaks** – soccer, flag football, handball – for free! Is so easy. Students listen for the daily sports announcement – then join in.
2. The MPCC offers **year-round sports programs for children**. Underway are indoor soccer, flag rugby and a floorball league. Information and registration is online: manorpark.ca
3. Parents are the role models in their family! That's why we offer several ways for adults to be active: **adult fitness** ('HIIT the Gym', Zumba, Cardio Belly Dancing, Hooping), and new **community sports leagues** in volleyball and floorball. Check it out online: manorpark.ca

The MPCC offers arts programming during nutrition breaks too! Favourite courses are 'Meccano'; cooking; art; 'Dance Up Yoga', and chess. The next session begins January 18th with online registration starting on Nov. 15th: manorpark.ca. Families requesting fee subsidy should contact MPCC office (mpcc@manorpark.ca)

Mark the calendar for the family friendly drama production: 'Where the Wild Things Are' and 'Gruffalo' on Wednesday, October 28th at 4:30pm in the large gym. Created, produced and starring students in 'Before- and After-School in Manor Park' under the direction of our drama specialist.

Our licensed child care program also offers PA Day programming, but space sells out quickly so register today for November 20. (manorpark.ca, of course!). The before- and after-school program is accepting registrations for kindergarten students on a flexible schedule that suits family needs. Fee subsidies are available. At this time, the school-aged program is full and not accepting registrations.