

Manor Park School Council
November 20, 2013
Vice Principal's Report

WITS Update:

1. Amanda Payer our SRO and several community members joined us to successfully launch WITS at Manor Park P.S. on Tuesday, Nov. 5th.
Thank you to school council representatives who helped announce the winners of the button design, colouring and poster contest. Letters to parents and pamphlets were sent home to encourage discussion around WITS strategies. I have been receiving comments from several parents about these discussions taking place at home.
2. Manor Park has been allocated the services of a Safe Schools Instructional Coach who will be working with us to develop our Anti-Bullying Prevention and Intervention Plan. Our Safe and Caring School Committee staff members will be meet to develop the first draft of the plan. Based on the results of the TTFM survey and other school data, WITs, Friend's Zone and Healthy Living will comprise the three major components of our plan. As a support for implementing or plan, Herike Sanne and our SRO will also continue to support Manor Park with monthly WITS classroom visits and some in-servicing to teachers around the integration of inclusive read alouds in the classroom to support the big ideas around WITS. We will share our plan with school council at our next meeting. Any parent interested in being a part of committee can let me know. Melissa Gomes as offered to represent parents on our committee.
3. We will be looking at working with our CYWS to develop a peer mediation program to be used on the school yard to help support students with the use of conflict resolution strategies on the yard.
4. We hope to put our button-maker to go use and initiating WITS Wednesdays where students where their buttons to school as a reminder to use WITS.
5. We will be holding our first Character Assembly on Friday, November 29, 2013 during the second nutrition break. We will be drawing names from our WITs jars for students using their WITS in school and on the yard. We hope to start to announce students' names over the PA system on a daily basis after the assembly is over.