

Manor Park School Council
October 16, 2013
Vice Principal's Report

1. In Sports, Daun Lynch and Jessica Cruz attended the Cross Country Meet Tues. October 8th. We would like to thank Daun and Jessica for their time given to practices and preparing are students for the event.
2. Matt McKechnie and Brenda Greer attended the Girls' and Boys' Soccer Tournament today. We are currently in the process of organizing Borden ball with our students.
3. Fire Safety presentations were held today for Kindergarten and Grade $\frac{3}{4}$ students. The Grade $\frac{3}{4}$ students got to visit the Fire Safety House and learn about what to do in case of a fire at home.
4. Mme. Albari is currently organizing a workshop in conjunction with The National Gallery of Canada is starting a program called Looking at Pictures. This program is free of charge and, takes place in the classrooms. The gallery's volunteers use reproductions of art works to engage students looking at and talking about art. It is open to both primary and Junior classrooms willing to participate.
5. As discussed at our last meeting, Manor Park has also been chosen as a pilot to launch the WITS program at Manor Park. Teachers will begin sending information home to parents via classroom newsletters. We are interested in organizing an information session on how parents can use the language of WITS at home when discussing peer conflicts. We welcome the participation any parent willing to help out with the organization of our day or being a part of the Safe and Caring School Team.

6. Amanda Payer our SRO will be leading the launch which has now been scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 5th. Thanks to Joanna Harvey, our leadership team has been busy making daily announcements and practicing our school-wide WITS song. Teachers will begin using WITS resources and readlounds with students at school.

7. The Rideau-Rockcliffe Community Resource Centre started this past Tuesday night. We're pleased to say that support will be given to students in French and English depending on what is required. It is run by two volunteer university students. We currently have 6 students enrolled with room for more.

8. Photo Day was October 5th with the retake day scheduled for Friday, October 25th

9. We had a second successful Fire Drill practice on October 10th. Our Lockdown practice has been scheduled for October 22. More information about preparing your child for this exercise will be coming home from your child's teacher.

10. November 7th, Progress Reports will be sent home. Please be reminded that the focus on these reports is on your child's learning skills. As well, an indication as to how well your child is progressing in the different subject areas will be provided. There are no marks attached to this report other than progressing well, satisfactory progress or progressing with difficulty.

11. Parent /Teacher Interviews will follow on November 15.
More details will follow.

12. We are looking for parents willing to be paid lunch time monitors. Please see Laura Frappier for an application form.