

Principal's Report: January 14, 2015

Planning for next year:

We are in the process of planning for next year!

Kindergarten Information Night: Monday, January 19th at 6:30pm

Grade 6 visit to Queen Elizabeth: Thursday, January 22th

Parent Information Evening at Queen Elizabeth: Thursday, January 29th, 6:00–7:30 pm : Open to parents of students entering Grade 7 English and French Immersion as well as Grade 4 Middle French Immersion

Kindergarten Registration: Monday, January 26th–Friday January 30st, 9 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Middle French Immersion: Registration is from February 17–23rd. Students currently in Grade 3 English would go to Queen Elizabeth for grade 4 Middle Immersion.

Student Transfer Application Period: February 9th–20th. Student transfer applications are granted based on exceptional student learning needs and/or exceptional personal circumstances. Each application is considered on its own merit.

Staffing Changes:

Chief custodian: Domenico Pontone

JK: Samantha Mask

0.25 ETFI (LTO): Vanessa Cyr

New! 0.5 EA position: vacant

Changes at Manor Park:

The MPCC office has been moved to the front of the school. The MPCC currently has over 50 staff members who run our before and after care, intramural sports at recess, as well as the Nutrition Break Arts Programming.

We plan to update the interior of the school this winter, including painting of all of the interior doors. Parents who are interested in helping out with this initiative should contact the school.

Home/School Communication:

With the help of our new e-mail system, our goal is to provide as much information electronically as possible. Hard copies of newsletters, etc., will only be made available to people who do not have access to email. In addition, our website (www.manorparkps.ocdsb.ca) is updated regularly with important information for parents, including a live Twitter feed. (You can follow us on Twitter @ManorParkPS)

Technology:

The OCDSB's strategic plan includes an objective to have a fully mobile and user accessible technology environment in all schools by 2017. With help from Parent Council, we are well on our way! We have just received our recent order of iPad and now have 24 in the school. Thank you Parent Council! With funding from the Board, we will be ordering more projectors to be mounted in the classrooms as well 10 Chromebooks. Our staff and students are embracing technology and becoming 21st Century Learners!

Labour Relations

In late December agreements had been reached with both OSSTF and ETFO and the Province on the list of items to be bargained centrally as part of the new collective bargaining framework. There are still some issues which will be negotiated locally. Negotiations will begin in January.

Dance Workshop

We have booked Luv2Groove to come in again this year to provide dance instruction to all classes during the week of February 2-6th. Thank you Parent Council!

School Learning Plan

Our School Learning Team has been working on a writing continuum from JK-grade 6 which explicitly shows criteria of how to progress in writing. The next step is to work with all teachers on how to use this as an effective tool in the classroom.