

Programs Committee Report

February 27, 2018 by Ilona Kuligowska & Shannon Harris, Co-Chairpersons

Committee Members: Joe Campbell, Shannon Harris, Ilona Kuligowska, Andrea McLennan, Nicole Montgomery, Shaheen Rehmat, Megan Enns, Zosha Gruber (new member)

Committee Objectives:

To research, recommend and deliver a variety of programs meant to enrich the school and educational experiences of Montroyal Elementary students and parents. Our programs will provide enrichment opportunities, support the development of 21st century skills, promote positive social engagement/relationships, and nurture healthy child development through fun and play. Parent education -- deferred to DPAC this year due to low attendance.

Programs planned for Term 3, Spring 2018:

- Chess -- Intermediate, Tuesday, before school
- Escape Adventures -- All ages, Friday after school (mandate to provide after school care continuity for all ages; combine with Rec Center After School Club for full week of care and enrichment)
- Basketball -- primary, Thursday, after school
- Rec Center After School Club (organized in cooperation with the PAC Executive) -- All ages, Monday-Thursday after school
- Internet Safety with Jesse Miller -- Grade 4-7; in-curricular, sponsored by MPAC, April 6th
- First Aid for Grade 6 students-- in-curricular, sponsored by MPAC, May 24

As in previous years, the number of programs that will be offered in term 3 is limited and the focus is on the outdoors. The committee is in the process of vetting vendors for an in-curricular workshop/seminar on Healthy Relationships. Additionally, the committee is working with MPAC executive to examine the feasibility of offering a viewing of Screenagers for our Family of Schools. We are also currently working with a seniors community and with Mrs. Hill to invite members of the community to the spring play, Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory.

Challenges:

- As anticipated, room availability continues to present a challenge for program delivery particularly for lunchtime programs. However, term 3 welcomes the return of good weather and the committee decided to not offer lunch time programs in order to encourage play in the great outdoors.
- Unexpectedly, the enrollment in one of the programs (Brainstem-Stop Motion) did not meet the minimum number of students and therefore had to be cancelled. As a general trend, lower registration was noted in this term than has previously been observed, and the committee will explore reasons for this decline in interest via the annual survey.

Final note and acknowledgments:

Members of this committee invest considerable time and effort to research opportunities for the children at Montroyal and Ilona and Shannon would like to personally thank each committee member for their dedication to this committee. We know each member has several other pressures in their week and we sincerely appreciate your contribution to our little committee. A special thanks to Joe Campbell for your support, enthusiasm and active engagement on the committee. Thank you to our PAC Executive Team for your support, especially Yvonne for support with communications. Finally, we thank Signe for creating professional posters that ensure our community at Montroyal is informed.

Questions? Comments? Program suggestions? Would like to volunteer? Email programs@montroyalpac.com