MPAC Update - Week of May 2, 2016

"Leaders don't create followers, they create more leaders." Tom Peters
MONTROYAL IS LOOKING FOR PARENT LEADERS!!
As parents, the opportunity to volunteer in our school community is priceless, and everyone, especially our kids, benefit!

There are currently several volunteer openings on the PAC Executive for the 2016/2017 school year; there are also some committees that can use your help!
For more information, please visit our Volunteer Page or Contact any of our PAC Executives

Gala MontRoyale – Last call for tickets and support!

We've pulled together a fantastically fun gala for May 7. It's bound to be an incredible social but it's about much more than that. The purpose of Gala MontRoyale, May 7 at Hollyburn, is to enrich the education opportunities of every child at Montroyal Elementary.

We aim to raise $20,000 to purchase a **full classroom set of laptop computers.** These are valuable and necessary tools for the students' educational development, which are not funded by the school district or the Ministry of Education. We need the entire parent body's support to make this happen.

If you haven't purchased your ticket, made a donation (why not throw in a bottle of wine!?!), or volunteered to help out - this is your chance!

Get your tickets HERE! **Your $60** ticket includes:

1 Welcome Drink | Appetizers | DJ & Dancing | Photo Booth | Silent Auction*

Plus $20 gets you $2500 funny money at the **Casino** - play for fun and bragging rights!

Watch for some exciting Silent Auction pre-bid opportunities this week!

Gala Volunteers Needed!

The Gala Committee is seeking volunteers to help out at the event. Shifts are no more than 1 hour long and include plenty of opportunity for socializing. Roles include guest list, 50/50 and raffle sales, silent auction duties and more. To sign up for your space, please email Tanis Fritz tanis@t2communications.ca or assign yourself a position here (link)

Student Artwork for Silent Auction

Meanwhile be sure to check out the beautiful silent auction art projects on display in the school lobby, created by students in Divisions 6-12, with artistic guidance provided by Lorna Moffat and Susanna Li. Work will be on display until the Gala on May 7th. Photos of all the amazing art pieces can be found HERE.

Yearbook Cover Contest - Deadline Friday May 13th

We would love to have a student's artwork on the cover of this year's yearbook. Be as creative as you can. Think about all the things you did during this last school year and interpret those ideas in as weird and wacky and colourful ways as you can imagine. See all contest details here (link)

Volunteers Needed for Staff Appreciation Lunch

The time for our annual Staff Appreciation Lunch is upon us and is going to take place on **Wednesday, May 18th, at 12noon** in the Multipurpose Room. The Montroyal staff look forward to this special event and it allows the Montroyal parent community to show our appreciation for the wonderful staff at our school.

To make this event a success, parent volunteers are needed to prepare (cook or buy) and bring lunch dishes to the school on the day of the luncheon. If you don't have time to cook, we do welcome purchased food donations as well i.e. sandwich platters, sushi platters, cakes, etc. **See list of what's needed here.** (link)

Please email Maura Rabiner at maurarab@shaw.ca if you are interested in bringing a dish or helping out on the event day.

Monday May 2 - Professional Day - School not in session

Tuesday May 3 - Monday May 9 - Gym Sense (Grades K-4)

Wednesday May 4 - EduPac/Agenda Forms Orders Due

Agenda Order Forms to be returned to teachers by May 4th. School supplies can be ordered online at EduPac, all details are on the forms sent home with students. Ordering from Edupac is optional (some families prefer to shop for their school supplies). If this is your preferred method, please refer to the list on the Edupac form when purchasing supplies. All supply lists are on the Montroyal site too. (link)

Wednesday May 4 - Food That Fits 5:00-8:30pm

Great workshop for anyone interested in Hot Lunch as a volunteer, coordinator or parent. Click here for more info and to register.

Parental Information for Student Placement - School Year 2016-2017

If there is information that the current classroom teacher and/or principal does not have an should consider when placing your child, please complete the Parental Information for Student Placement Sheet (attached in newsletter) (link) and submit to Mrs. Todd no later than May 27, 2016. **Information sheets received after May 27th, will not be considered for student placement for the 2016-2017 school year.**

Traffic Safety Reminder

Let's work together to keep our children safe! Use the pick up and drop off zone in front of the school. Loading and unloading should only happen in the first spot in the line. Drop off / Pick up Zone rules are on our Traffic Safety page or watch this short video.

It's Not too Late to Place your Frosty Friday Orders Online!

Enjoy TCBY treats until June 10. Proceeds from this program benefit the Grade 7 graduating class' initiatives. Ordering open until June 2. Log into montroyal.hotlunches.net click Students at the bottom of the page, Frosty Fridays next to the child's name. Don't forget to drop your cheque in the PAC box for payment (no envelopes please). Thank you for your support.

Hitouch Hitech - New: After School Fridays for K-7

Calling all scientists! Get ready for hands on fun as you become a real scientist doing real experiments! Practice your potions, dig up a dinosaur, explore the atmosphere, and more… (link to file here)

Fridays, 3:30-4:30 pm May 27th – June 24th in the Multipurpose Room

Registration through https://montroyal.hotlunches.net open now until May 22

$75 per student for 5 session. Please note minimum of 10 students are required to run the program so invite a friend!

Let's clean up our foyer! Reclaim Lost and Found Items

Please check the tables in school lobby to reclaim any of your items. (Link to photos) If items are labelled it is much easier to send back to the rightful owner. Thank you.

Much happening in our Community. Check out the Community Events Page

Kidsworld

Kidsworld provides a calendar of events for families to enjoy fun, athletic, and educational experiences all summer, and now all year as well! A membership is for kids aged 4-13, along with one accompanying adult, to enjoy countless events and activities in Greater Vancouver – with no additional cost – plus bonus discounts!

Kidsworld Summer membership & Kidsworld 44 membership are each $50, or you can experience events all summer and all year for $95!

Kidsworld is also a fundraiser for your school! Just enter your school code when signing up to have $5 donated to your school. Your code is: KIDS MONTROYAL 2016

Click here for more (link) http://www.montroyalpac.com/kidsworldprogram.html

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Saturday May 7 - Red Cedar Gala Noon-3pm

Is your child interested in the Montroyal Elementary's Red Cedar Book Club? The Red Cedar Book Awards are British Columbia's Young Readers Choice Awards, where kids in grades 4-7 vote for the winners! See more details HERE.

Wednesday May 11 - iParent Information Session on Empowerment / Informed Decision Making

Open to ALL parents. Please save the date of Wednesday May 11th, 6:30pm @ Montroyal for a iparent information session. See attached for more info. (link)

Thursday May 12 - Panorama School Photo

Thursday May 12 - Mini-Meet Relays & 1500 at Handsworth 3:30pm

May 16th, 17th & 19th - iGirl and iGuy Empowerment / Informed Decision Making Workshops

iGirl and iGuy workshops conducted by Saleema Noon's group of educators are booked for the intermediate students (Grades 4-7) on May 16th, 17th & 19th. Refer to attached document for more information (link).

Wednesday May 18 - Handsworth Track Qualifications 8:00am-12pm

Wednesday May 18 - Staff Appreciation Lunch

Friday May 20 & Monday May 23 - School not in session

Thursday May 24 - Field Qualifiers @ Montroyal 12:30 - 3:30pm

Wednesday May 25 - Staff Collaboration - Early Dismissal 2pm

Wednesday May 25 - Kindergarten Orientation 1:00-2:00pm

Thursday May 26 - AGM and MPAC Meeting @ 7pm in the Library

Friday May 27 - Jogathon

Tuesday May 31- Early Bird Registration for Band & Strings

You can still save on registration fees until May 31st. Register at http://sd44.school-cashonline.com/ For more information visit NVSD website.