

# School Council Newsletter



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*“The Michaëlle Jean Public School Council is a partnership of parents, staff, community and students. Its goal is to actively promote a positive learning environment in French, which will enhance the quality of the students’ education and corroborates the goals as set out in the School Improvement Plan”.*



## Message from the Chair

May and June have been amazing months at MJPS with so many activities and events taking place! Many volunteers have been assisting in the school for the big finale event at MJPS - the Fun Fair! We also had a very successful Grade 3 Transition Ceremony that took place in June.

On behalf of the School Council, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, volunteers, and the MJPS families for an unforgettable 2014/2015 school year. We would also like to send a great big "thank you" to the Caretakers for making our school a clean and safe environment for our children.

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new Principal Mdme. O'Malley and new Vice-Principal Mme Rudman and bid a fond farewell to Mme Della-Rovere and Mme Anderson.

A big thank you to our dedicated Council Members for all their time spent at meetings, and all of their contributions throughout the year.

Good luck to the Grade 3's moving on to a new school and looking forward to seeing everyone else in September!

## Message from the Treasurer

As we come to the end of another successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and families for their support of our fundraising efforts. Your generosity has helped to ensure we continue to contribute every day to the school life for our children.

Here are some of the key items that Council has been able to support at MJPS during the 2014-2015 school year:

Budget Item	Amount	Comments
Carnaval	\$ 3,000	All student activities for one week, including skating
Carnaval Cultural Event	\$ 1,800	Performance for all students
Lice Checks	\$ 1,125	3 times during the school year
Agendas	\$ 3,000	For all students
50% Scientists in School	\$ 2,500	Grades 1, 2, 3
Haiti Fundraiser	\$ 1,500	Costs for Dance-a-Thon
Mackenzie Hospital Visit	\$ 600	Grade 1
Science & Technology	\$ 5,100	Google Chrome Books, Speakers
Grade 3 Transition Ceremony	\$ 1,800	Ceremony and mementos for grade 3 students
Director's Cut	\$ 720	Grade 3
Cultural Events at School	\$ 3,700	3 events
Fun Fair	\$ 7,200	all entertainment and activities
Classroom Resources	\$ 6,700	\$2200 per grade
Water bottle filling station	\$ 2,500	First floor

**2014/2015****Parent Council Members****Chair***Sevda G.***Treasurer***Tara S.***Secretary***Andrea P.***Communications***Miriam W.***Student Success  
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We are looking forward to being able to continue these and other activities next year and have already begun to plan our budget and activities. Our plans for next year include another water bottle filling station for the second floor, agendas, technology for the school, activities, cultural events, classroom visits and many more. The budget is finalized during the October council meeting, so please be sure to join council and get involved! Your support for these initiatives will go a long way to ensure all students will have another excellent year.

Thank you again and I wish you all a great summer! See you in September.

## Student Success

Thank you very much to our School Council for supporting and covering the costs associated with the performances and productions we have brought to Michaëlle Jean PS this school year. We have provided our students with the opportunity to see French theatrical presentations which immerse our children further in the French language while giving an appreciation for the arts. Merci beaucoup!

## Pizza/Sub Lunches

A big thank you to all the volunteers, administration staff, office staff, custodial staff and teaching staff for an extremely successful year. The pizza/sub program ran very smoothly due to all the support. We are looking at next year and would like to take a moment to ask for volunteers (in September) to help us set up the program for the new school year. Please email me (Tracey) at [tcunningham27@rogers.com](mailto:tcunningham27@rogers.com) if you have time to help. Thank you!

Next year's Council:  
First meeting **Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>,  
2015 at 7pm.**

