



# Manitoba Association of Parent Councils

*Helping Parents Find a Voice in Education*

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## Participants Needed for Bullying Forum

On Saturday, **November 24, 2012**, Manitoba Association of Parent Councils will be hosting a special one day forum, ***“Adult Volunteers: Bullying and Harassment Within School Communities”***. We are looking for parents to participate in discussion between parents, educators, administrators, community stakeholders, and educational partners. Our goal in hosting this forum is to:

- achieve unity amongst the education community in addressing adult bullying and harassment

- recognize supports available for the victims of adult bullying and harassment
  - develop conflict resolution processes
- Space is *very limited* and registration is on a first-come/first-served basis. If you are interested in participating, please contact the MAPC office at **204-956-1770** or [info@mapc.mb.ca](mailto:info@mapc.mb.ca).

## MAPC Office Seeking Volunteers

Are you or someone you know looking for a volunteer opportunity? MAPC is looking for project based volunteers to assist in the MAPC office in Winnipeg, on tasks such as data entry and/or simple internet research. We invite interested persons to contact the MAPC office for more information.



## Nominate an Outstanding Volunteer

Every year MAPC invites members to nominate a deserving individual who exemplifies the true spirit of volunteering! The ***Judy Aiken Memorial Award*** celebrates the dedication and enthusiasm of a special volunteer whose contributions in school communities should be commended! Start thinking about a deserving individual whom we can celebrate at the AGM and Conference in May 2013! Visit [www.mapc.mb.ca](http://www.mapc.mb.ca) for more information.

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## November 12—17, 2012 is Bullying Awareness Week

Get Your School Involved in Taking a Stand!

**Bullying Awareness Week** is a time to show children they have the power to stand up to bullying, supported by adults around them. It's a perfect fit with the [WITS](http://www.witsprogram.ca) Programs, which bring together schools, families and communities to help children deal with bullying and peer victimization.

The Rock Solid Foundation's Show Us Your WITS! contest celebrates WITS and bullying awareness. Parent groups in elementary schools across Canada are invited to take part in Bullying Awareness Week by hosting a WITS-inspired event or activity. Share what you did and you could win 1 of 10 \$1,000 prizes!

Visit [www.witsprogram.ca](http://www.witsprogram.ca) for more information.



### Call for Peace Medal Nominees

Do you know a person or group in your community who is helping to build a more peaceful world? Recognize their efforts and share their story by **nominating them for the Peace Medal!** Each year the YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg sends a call out to the community seeking nominations for this prestigious award. The Peace Medal is a reminder that it is possible to build a more peaceful world one step at a time and that everyone can be engaged in these efforts!

Visit <http://winnipeginternational.blogspot.ca/> for more information. Deadline is December 3, 2012.

### Thank You For Supporting Parental Involvement in Manitoba Schools!

Beautiful Plains School Division  
Border Land School Division  
Brandon School Division  
Flin Flon School Division  
Interlake School Division  
Kelsey School Division  
Lakeshore School Division  
Louis Riel School Division  
Mystery Lake School District  
Park West School Division  
Pembina Trails School Division  
Red River Valley School  
River East Transcona School Division  
Rolling River School Division  
Seine River School Division  
Seven Oaks School Division  
Southwest Horizon School Division  
Swan Valley School Division  
Turtle Mountain School Division  
Western School Division  
Whiteshell School District

*Please note that MAPC memberships must be confirmed by February 1, 2013 in order for members to have voting privileges at the MAPC Annual General Meeting in the spring. If you are unsure about your membership status, please contact the office at 204-956-1770 or [info@mapc.mb.ca](mailto:info@mapc.mb.ca)*

### Did you Know Healthy Schools in Motion Has a Geocaching Loaner Program ?

Registered schools can participate and receive a kit that includes a Geocaching Loaner Program Guide, 20 Global Positioning System (GPS) units, information on how to use the GPS units, and various additional resource materials. Help kids lead active, healthy lifestyles! Find out more at [www.manitobainmotion.ca/schools/](http://www.manitobainmotion.ca/schools/)





## Community Places

### Building for the Future

**The Community Places Program** helps non-profit organizations to improve the quality of living within their communities. The program provides funding support for the upgrading, construction or acquisition of sustainable buildings and other facilities that provide lasting, long-term benefits to community residents.

Grants of up to 50% of the first \$15,000 of eligible project costs, and up to 1/3 of project costs over that amount, to a maximum of \$50,000, are available to recreational, cultural, heritage and other non-profit community organizations in Manitoba.

For more information or an application package, please contact the Community Places Office in Winnipeg at 204-945-0502, or outside Winnipeg, call toll-free 1-800-894-3777, or at

[www.manitoba.ca/housing/cpp](http://www.manitoba.ca/housing/cpp)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: December 15, 2012**

### Opening Doors Parents' Expo

Alliance of Manitoba Sector Council is hosting its annual event this **Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012**, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (drop-in). The Expo is geared toward helping parents guide their young adults in their career decision making. Check out [www.amsc.mb.ca/calendar/](http://www.amsc.mb.ca/calendar/) for details.

## MCEC Scholarships

### For Four Students!



**The Manitoba Council for Exceptional Children** is offering two scholarships to support students who are pursuing a career directly related to working with persons with exceptionalities. There are two additional scholarships available to a student with exceptional needs who is transitioning from high school to post-school life, such as post-secondary education, job training or employment. For more information and to complete an application, please contact the Manitoba Council for Exceptional Children at 204-391-2777 or email [doug.anderson@gov.mb.ca](mailto:doug.anderson@gov.mb.ca).

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Please be advised that in addition to the MAPC E-Bulletin, the quarterly newsletter will also be sent out electronically. Contact the office to provide us with your email address or to request a hard copy.



### Manitoba Education

Visit <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/index.html> for all the latest news and offerings from our provincial government!

Provincial shine on initiative helping inner-city aboriginal students build confidence, develop skills for post-secondary education  
<http://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?archive=&item=15411>

Manitoba's Celebration of Excellence in Teaching Minister's Awards  
<http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/excellence/index.html>

An action plan for science education in Manitoba  
[http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/science/action\\_plan/index.html](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/cur/science/action_plan/index.html)

Provincial Assessment Policy Kindergarten to Grade 12: Academic Responsibility, Honesty and Promotion/Retention  
[http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/assess/docs/policy\\_k12/index.html](http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca/k12/assess/docs/policy_k12/index.html)

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## SAVE THE DATES!

Bullying and Harassment Forum — Saturday, November 24, 2012—Winnipeg, MB  
Chairpersons' Breakfast — Saturday, January 19, 2013 — Winnipeg, MB  
Chairpersons' Breakfast — Saturday, February 9, 2013 — Brandon, MB  
MAPC Annual General Meeting and Conference— May 3 & 4, 2013—Winnipeg, MB



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