

E-BULLETIN

Helping Parents Find a Voice in Education



Setting PAC Goals: What's on Your List?

Welcome back to the start of a new school year! We hope you had an enjoyable summer break filled with sunshine and some time for relaxation!

September is a great time to evaluate your PAC's current processes and identify opportunities for growth, while clearly setting some attainable goals. Why not start by initiating a conversation with your school principal and find out how your parent advisory council can get involved in school planning?

Did you know that ***"in preparing the annual school plan for the school, the principal of a school must consult with the parent advisory council or school committee"***

(section 55.2. *The Public Schools Act*). Working collaboratively with your administration team fosters *good relationships* and ensures a smooth-running PAC!

Perhaps your PAC is facing challenges with revising a constitution or how to make sure volunteers understand the scope of their responsibilities - that's where MAPC can help! Contact us and we'll be happy to attend one of your scheduled PAC meetings where we can talk about the [Roles and Responsibilities](#) of a PAC and/or [Effective Meetings](#). Visit the MAPC website to find out more about the many resources we can offer.

Another benefit you'll receive with membership is the ***Resource Guide for Manitoba Parent Advisory Councils***. This guide is packed full of best practices and includes comprehensive sections on governing a parent council, financials, fundraising, project planning and more.

Make it a great year and contact the [MAPC office](#) today to find out more about how we can help your PAC be more effective!

Upcoming Events

[Terry Fox - Running to the Heart of Canada Exhibit](#)
Now until Oct 10, 2016

[Culture Days Manitoba](#)
Sep 30 - Oct 2, 2016

[Qua'yuk tchi'gae'win:](#)
making good art exhibit
Sep 13 - Oct 23, 2016

[Splash' N Boots Big Yellow Boot Tour](#)
Oct 1, 2016

[Toruk - the First Flight](#)
(Cirque du Soleil)
Oct 5 - 9, 2016

[Potter Potter](#)
Oct 13 - 16, 2016

MAPC [Chairpersons' Breakfasts](#)
Feb 4, 2017 (Winnipeg)
Feb 25, 2017 (Brandon)

[MAPC AGM and Conference](#)
May 5 & 6, 2017

Divisions Supporting Parent Groups

Manitoba Association of Parent Councils would like to thank school divisions that have already shown their support for PAC's by completing their membership renewals! Your schools will appreciate your commitment to partnering with parents and school communities for the benefit of students across Manitoba!

Please note that MAPC memberships must be confirmed by **FEBRUARY 3, 2017** in order for members to have voting privileges at the [MAPC Annual General Meeting](#) in the spring.

Membership reminders have been sent to divisions that have not yet registered. Individual schools will receive [membership information](#) at the end of September (to avoid any crossover still being received from divisions). Call the MAPC office if you are unsure of your membership status! Thank you to the divisions that have already supported membership for their school PACs.

Thank you for Supporting 2016 - 2017 Membership!

Beautiful Plains , Brandon, Flin Flon, Garden Valley, Interlake, Kelsey, Lakeshore, Louis Riel, Mystery Lake District, Pine Creek, Red River Valley, River East Transcona, Southwest Horizon, Turtle Mountain, and Western



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Mental Health and Your Child

A MAPC Parent Forum

MAPC is in the process of planning a parent forum for members on the important topic of mental health in youth.

It will take place on a Saturday morning in **November** at a school in Winnipeg and will bring together a panel of experts and provide time for discussion. Stay tuned for more details as they become available! You won't want to miss this one.

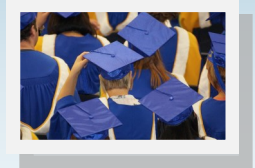
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Scholarships for Hardworking Students

Will your child be graduating from high school in 2017? Has he or she overcome adversity in their life and could benefit from a scholarship toward post secondary studies? The **Horatio Alger Association of Canada** awards scholarships to hardworking high school students who have faced adversity and overcome hardship and will be pursuing post-secondary studies in the fall of 2017. 85 scholarships of up to \$10,000 will be awarded to students who apply before



October 25, 2016. For more info, visit www.horatioalger.ca

Grant Programs to Consider



Looking for some financial support to help fund a project? Check out the ones below to find out if your PAC's project is eligible for funding!

- [Community Places Building for the Future](#) (application deadline is Dec 15, 2016)
- [Manitoba Community Services Council Inc](#) (applications accepted continuously)

Fundraise with Farm to School!

This Healthy Choice Fundraiser is available to schools across the province during September to December. The fundraiser promises the opportunity to: get fresh, local vegetables at or below supermarket prices; offer healthy food choices; support local producers and earn 50% of the profit!

For more info. on this program, please visit: www.farmtoschoolmanitoba.ca.

The [Rainbow Resource Centre](#) is offering in-house training sessions this month:

Sep 20th is LGBT2SQ+ Awareness to Allyship

Sep 22th is Transgender and Gender Diversity and Inclusion (Part 1 of 2)



For more information, call 204-474-0212.

MAPC is on PINTEREST!

We've started creating boards we think you'll appreciate - everything from homework help to fundraising! [Check it out](#) and if you have some great Pins to share, let us know!



Manitoba Education

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

- [Discover apprenticeship programs](#) in Manitoba
- [Safe and Caring Schools](#)