



MAPC Newsletter

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Drugwise Parenting

MAPC is pleased to offer a new training session which helps parents learn to identify whether their children are involved in using drugs and alcohol.

After completing this training session, participants are asked to return to their schools to conduct a one hour information session with other parents in partnership with an addictions worker, RCMP Officer, or someone in the healthcare field. The training session lasts approximately three hours.

This national project is bringing high quality information to parents across Canada. Thanks to funding from Health Canada's Community Initiatives Fund, the Canadian Home and School Federation was able to gather the best resources to distribute to parents, parent volunteers, and parent leaders. These resources include fact sheets and tips for parents, "how to" manuals, programs in areas such as Safe Grads, mentoring for parent volunteers, and advice on mobilizing parents and parent leaders in advocating for better school and community programs. Details about the project can be found at:

www.canadianhomeandschool.com/aboutproject.htm or you can contact the MAPC office for more information.

By being a part of this project you and your children will have all in information you need to make the right choices.

Northern Tour 2007

On October 26 and 27, representatives from the MAPC Board of Directors met with a group of parents involved in their parent councils in The Pas, Manitoba. The purpose of meeting with this group was to explain and reinforce the role of MAPC in their community. During this meeting we were also able to address some of the concerns and issues faced by parents and parent councils in today's society. A great deal of interest was also shown towards the MAPC Advocacy Project and the role it plays in helping parents to achieve resolution when faced with a challenge within Manitoba's education system. The event was considered a success as we met with an extremely dedicated and enthusiastic group of concerned parents who strive to enrich their local school community.

The Advocacy Project is Growing!

In early November the Manitoba Association of Parent Councils Advocacy Project (MAPCAP) conducted a two day advocacy training session. We now have an additional three parent advocates which brings our number of volunteers up to seven!!

Do you have what it takes to become an advocate? Contact the MAPC office to learn more about our next training session. Call Naomi Kruse, the Advocacy Project Coordinator at 956-1770 or toll free at 1-877-290-4702 for more information.

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Quote for the day...

"The only reason for time is so that everything doesn't happen at once."

- *Albert Einstein*

About Apprenticeship

Apprenticeship is quality, low-cost, post-secondary training that leads to certification as a journeyman in a skilled trade. However, unlike university or college, where **YOU PAY** for your entire education, as an apprentice **YOU GET PAID to learn**. Most trade programs take approximately 2-4 years to complete and they combine approximately 80% paid-on-the-job training with 20% technical/in-school learning.

Manitoba's skilled, certified trades people play an important role in our society. In the next decade, many of them will be nearing retirement, leaving Manitoba with shortages in the skilled trades. Manitoba has more than 50 skilled trades available for you to start your apprenticeship.

Apprenticeship can lead you to well-paid, skilled employment. Through a combination of hands-on training and in-school learning, you can earn a certificate of qualification in a trade. This means your expertise and industry-proven skills are formally and financially recognized. With most trades available for Interprovincial Red Seal Certification, your credentials are recognized across Canada.

Who Administers the Apprenticeship Program?

In Manitoba, the Apprenticeship Branch operates under the Department of Manitoba Competitiveness Training & Trade.

What is a Designated Trade?

Each province and territory has the responsibilities for education and training which includes apprenticeship.

List of Compulsory Trades in Manitoba

There are over 50 designated trades in Manitoba in which you can take apprenticeship training. Nine of these trades require compulsory apprenticeship training, meaning that to legally work in Manitoba, you must be a registered apprentice or a certified journeyman.

- Construction Electrician**
- Industrial Electrician**
- Crane & Hoisting Equipment Operator (includes Mobile, Boom Truck and Tower Crane Operator)
- Electrologist*
- Esthetician (includes Skin Care Technician and Nail Technician)*
- Hairstylist*
- Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Mechanic
- Sprinkler System Installer
- Steamfitter - Pipefitter

**To work in these trades, you must also hold an Authorization to Practice, Temporary Permit, or a Limited Practice Permit issued by the Apprenticeship Branch. The Authorization to Practice and Limited Practice Permits (for existing holders only) are renewable every two years. The Temporary Permit is also issued by the Apprenticeship Branch and the renewal date varies according to applicant type.*

***To work in these trades, you must also hold a **Journeyman Electrician License** issued by the Mechanical and Engineering Branch of Manitoba Labor and Immigration. This license must be renewed every four years.*

For more information on Manitoba's Apprenticeship program, check out the website at www.gov.mb.ca and choose Apprenticeship from the side bar on the left.

Time to brag about *your* school!

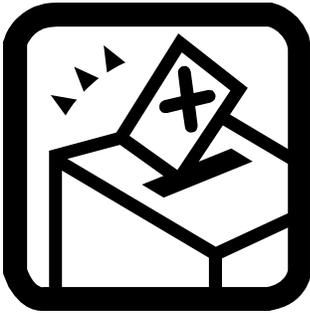
If you have stories or ideas about creative things your school is doing to help student learning or parental involvement, we'd love to hear from you!
Please keep stories to 100-200 words and include your name and return contact information.

Mail your contribution to:

MAPC office: Newsletter: School Innovation Challenge
1005-401 York Ave, Winnipeg MB, R3C 0P8

Upcoming Events

Did you know... Barbara Coloroso is the Keynote Speaker for the MAPC 2008 Conference at the Victoria Inn in Winnipeg on Saturday, May 3, 2008? Call our office or visit our website for more details!



Nomination packages

Are you passionate about education?

Have you ever thought of becoming a Manitoba Association of Parent Councils Board Director?

Do you know someone from your Parent Council interested in this role who you would like to nominate?

Nomination packages will be available at the end of January. Call the MAPC office if you would like more information!

Aboriginal Identity Declaration

Manitoba Education, Citizenship and Youth is conducting an *Aboriginal Identity Survey* this spring which will provide parents and legal guardians an opportunity to voluntarily declare their child's Aboriginal identity. The *Aboriginal Identity Survey* is intended to establish statistical data that will support the efforts of the Department to plan and improve programs in a way that is responsive to Aboriginal learners. Personal information provided by parents would be protected in accordance with *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy* legislation. The names of students would not be reported and would be analyzed in a non-identifying manner. Better data will improve the ability of policy makers to make informed decisions that will ultimately have a positive effect on *all* learners in the classroom.

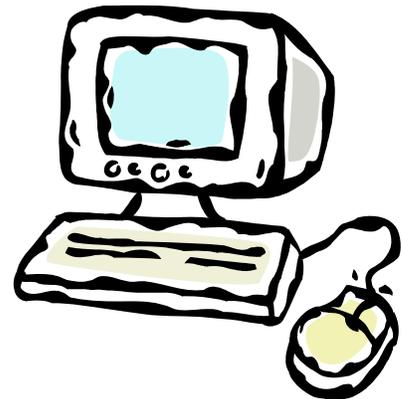
If you would like more information about the survey, please visit www.edu.gov.mb.ca/aed/abidentity.html or call 945-7886 in Winnipeg or toll free at 1-800-282-8069 ext. 7886.

Interested in a gently used computer?

The Manitoba Association of Parent Councils is upgrading its office equipment and is seeking tenders on the current computer equipment.

Up for tender is a DELL Dimension DIM 3000 Intel Pentium 4, CPU 2.80 GHZ with Windows XP (2002 version), 768 MB RAM ,and 70 GB Hard Drive Space. Also included are the monitor, keyboard, and mouse.

MAPC is asking interested parties to mail a sealed tender **no later than 8:30am Friday, February 8, 2008** to Computer Tender, 1005-401 York Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3C 0P8. Highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. If more than one tender is received in the same dollar amount, the winning tender shall be selected by a random draw.



Payment and pick up or delivery arrangements must be made within 24 hours of notification of winning tender. *Payment by cash or certified cheque only.*

MAPC Committee Involvement

Student Services Inclusion Consultation Committee—Judith Cameron

This is a senior advisory committee struck to look at the issues surrounding inclusion of all learners and students throughout the education system. Currently, we are looking at protocols and inclusion related procedures at multi grade levels as well as celebrating excellence in program delivery. The committee is also reviewing current best practices, Education Assistant documents, and other issues surrounding inclusion.

Paa Pii Wak Community Advisory Committee—Judith Cameron

This committee is a multi-party taskforce dealing with the issues of gang awareness, involvement, and positive choices for youth in both urban and rural settings. This group held a mini pow wow and extensive community action forum in Spring 2007 to address proactive methods to deal with these issues for communities, organizations, and parents and their children. The Advisory Committee was struck to further identify ways to bring the message of positive choices to families and youth affected by gang related violence and involvement.

Healthy Schools Advisory Committee—Judy Seib

This program supports the links between health, behaviour, and achievement and creating healthy and happy children who do better in learning and in life. This program is based on a whole school approach and focuses on four core themes; Personal, Social, and Health Education, Healthy Eating, Physical Activity, and Emotional Health and Well-Being. The whole school approach involves working with children, parents, staff, and the community to develop and improve the system already in place.

Early Child Advisory Committee—Judith Cameron

This committee deals with all issues that affect the creation and promotion of early child development programs for the province. The committee has established its four key priority areas as:

- Closing the Gap—addressing social exclusion and the needs of Aboriginal children, low income families, and new Canadians
- Translating Research to Practice: expanding the message and commitment by creating a document of promising and best practices and expanding the reach of the ECD message as well as linking with the business community
- Advancing the EduCaring Agenda—promoting the critical role of universal, accessible Early Learning Childhood Coalition
- Developing a comprehensive infrastructure—ensuring communication between each of the sectors.

Manitoba Council on Child Nutrition/ Breakfast for Learning—Judy Seib

Breakfast for Learning is the only national, non-profit organization solely dedicated to supporting child nutrition programs in Canada. Breakfast for Learning has helped serve nutritious meals to over half a million children and is served by a network of more than 30,000 dedicated volunteers. This happens in over 6,900 communities throughout Canada.



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