



June 2018

MAPC Newsletter

A Message From the President

On your marks, set, SUMMER!! Well, the school year is wrapping up and parents and kids are planning summer activities and holidays. Parent groups across the province are having their last meeting of the "season" with great relief and great celebrations. My high school PAC celebrates the year with a meal put on by the co-chairs. Sort of a thank you to all the parents for making time to participate in the group. We also talk about what work we left unfinished and what dreams we have for next year.

The MAPC Annual General Meeting was a success once again. Minister of Education Ian Wishart came for a Q&A as usual. It's a great way for parents to connect with the minister and throw some questions at him, which he always tries to answer. The exhibitors were there in full force and we are thankful for them giving Manitoba parents access to their resources, products and services.

Our keynote speaker was Bear Clan Patrol co-founder James Favel. He had a presentation that captivated the audience and inspired some parents to go back to their schools and inform them of the youth mock patrol that happens and is held every other Tuesday at 4:30 p.m., meeting at Ndiniwe Youth Resource Centre (472 Selkirk Avenue). The next youth mock patrol is June 26th. It's open to any kids and parents who wish to experience what the organization does. Check out the Bear Clan's Facebook page for more info.

The MAPC office will be [closed for the summer](#) with periodic access to [email](#) and messages. Have a safe and relaxing summer.

Boris Minkevich, MAPC President

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Boris Minkevich, MAPC President pictured here with Ethel Raine, Director and the 2018 recipient of the MAPC President's Award.

Members Enjoy New, One-Day Format: Conference

The 2018 AGM and Conference held Saturday, May 5, 2018 at the Victoria Inn Hotel and Convention Centre was attended by Parent Advisory Councils from 9 school divisions in the province. For 2018, MAPC changed the event to a one-day conference, which people really seemed to embrace.

The event included a MAPC hosted "Meet and Greet" hospitality evening on the Friday evening, giving parents a chance to socialize with other PAC members as well as MAPC directors and staff. From start to finish, the event gave people the opportunity to connect with other parent groups and celebrate parental involvement in our province! **"Building Communities through Reconciliation and Awareness"** was the theme this year and we got a sense of that while listening to Keynote Speaker, **Mr. James Favel** of the [Bear Clan Patrol](#). Mr. Favel gave us a candid look at the issues affecting several communities in our province and how we can be part of the solution. **(continued on p. 2)**



Sheri Lynn Skwarchuk, Ph.D., 2018 recipient of the Friend of MAPC award.

The Manitoba Association of Parent Councils is dedicated to supporting, promoting, and enhancing meaningful involvement of parents and caregivers within school communities, representing their voice to all educational stakeholders to improve the education and well-being of children in Manitoba.

Dates to Remember

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July 01—Canada Day
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 July 09—Nunavut Day
 July 11—World Population Day
 July 17—International Justice Day
 July 15 - 21—National Drowning Prevention Week
 July 28—World Hepatitis Day

August is First Aid Month

August 06—Civic Holiday
 August 01-07 World Breastfeeding Week
 August 09—International Day of World's Indigenous People
 August 12—International Youth Day
 August 15—National Acadian Day
 August 19—World Humanitarian Day
 August 23—International Day in Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

September is Cancer Awareness, Arthritis, Alzheimer, Muscular Dystrophy, Breakfast for Learning, Healthy Communities, and Country Music Month

September 03—Labour Day
 September 04—World Cerebral Palsy Day
 September 08—International Literacy Day
 September 09—Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Awareness Day
 September 10—Suicide Prevention Day
 September 16—Terry Fox Run
 September 21—International Day of Peace
 September 30—International Translation Day

July 16-22, 2017

National Drowning Prevention Week

LIFESAVING SOCIETY

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Parental involvement is celebrated at every MAPC event, and the conference provided the stage to do just that. Congratulations **Wayoata Elementary Community Council** for being named as this year's recipient of the [MAPC Parent Council Recognition Award](#) for their outstanding contributions.

The [Judy Aiken Memorial Award](#) was also awarded to an individual volunteer who exemplifies dedication and enthusiasm to their school community. This year's recipient is [Mr. Grant Lindgren](#) of Niakwa Place Parent Advisory Council - congratulations Grant!



Grant Lindgren



Michelle Berard, Wayoata PAC Chair and Principal Kerry Cressell

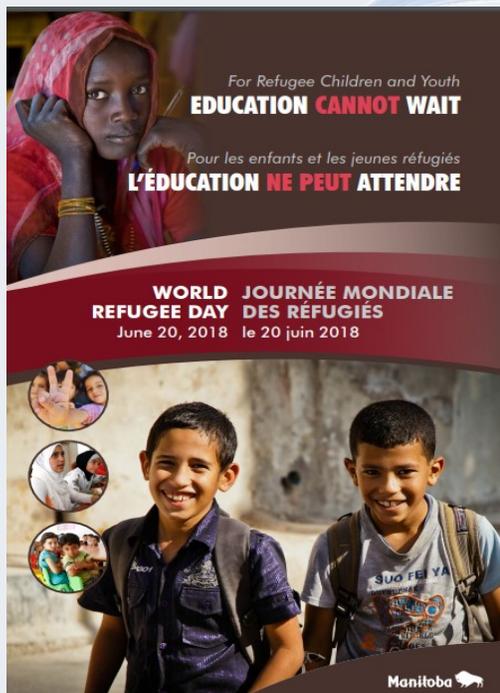
WORTH CHECKING OUT

- [The PAC and the Principal: Working well with Admin](#)
- [Winnipeg Summer Pass - Up to \\$50% off fun activities](#)
- [Biomedical Youth Program Summer Camp](#)
- [Youth Citizen Entrepreneurship Competition](#)

MAPC Membership Renewals

Membership information packages are being prepared and sent to all school divisions in Manitoba for the upcoming 2018 - 2019 school year. Over the summer months, many of the divisions will complete registration on behalf of your Parent Advisory Council and confirmations will be mailed out to your PAC in September. MAPC will then send membership information in mid September to individual schools that have not yet been registered by their division. If you are unsure if your division supports MAPC membership, please inquire with your school division office.

Did you know that MAPC put forth a **resolution** calling on all school divisions to protect students with concussions by developing improve program management? [Learn more about MAPC resolutions and position statements here.](#)



Hit "Control" and click on the picture for more information.

RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS :

~ An excerpt from the MAPC Resource Guide for Manitoba Parent Advisory Councils ~

Parents can be found all over the place in many school communities. They are walking in the halls, dropping off their children, talking in the parking lot, assisting in the classrooms, and possibly thinking about becoming involved but are unsure about where and who they can speak to about helping out. Another possibility is that they do not know about the PAC or they do not realize their involvement is needed to assist in building a strong school community.

One idea is to approach these parents personally and start a conversation to introduce them to the idea of joining the PAC and help them to envision themselves working as a part of the group. The most common answer people give about why they don't volunteer is "Nobody asked me." Face to face meetings are crucial!

Members can refer to section 1 b (Parent Volunteers), of the MAPC Resource Guide for Manitoba Parent Advisory Councils for more information.

School Boards Leadership, Service & Advocacy for Kids Learning & Communities

School Trustee Elections - October 24, 2018

School Board Candidate Information Sessions

Interested in running for your school board, but want to learn more? Plan on attending a candidate information session!

7:00 p.m., Monday, September 10, 2018
Norwood Hotel, 112 Marion St., Winnipeg, MB

7:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 11, 2018
Victoria Inn, 3550 Victoria Ave., Brandon, MB

Can't make either of these sessions? Visit mbschoolboards.ca for information about school boards and school trustee elections.

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The MAPC office will be closed for the summer June 29 to September 4, 2018. Emails and messages will be checked periodically. Have a wonderful and safe summer!





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and Pinterest - giving you an easier way to
keep up with what's going on with parents
and education in Manitoba.

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“I would like to let MAPC know how much we appreciate all the updates and information they put out on Facebook and email. We find it incredibly helpful to learn new ways to help our children and our school. We always feel very well informed on upcoming meetings, training sessions and events.”

~ A Happy MAPC Member

MAPC BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018 - 2019

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[Naomi Kruse](#), Executive Director and
Advocacy Project Coordinator
[Renee Ritchot](#), Administrative
Assistant

Farewell

MAPC is saying goodbye to two volunteers this year: Director Ethel Raine and Vice President Nina Samu, We would like to thank Nina and Ethel for their years of dedication to MAPC and the parental voice. We wish you both the best in your future plans!

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