

**MPS School Council
Principal's Report – September 2004**

Welcome back everyone. I look forward to working with you this year and I'm confident that it will be a productive and rewarding year.

Enrolment

As of September 7th, the first day of school, our school enrolment was 181.5 FTE's.

Classes were as follows:

Class	Staff	Students
JK	Miss Stacey Donaldson	15
SK	Mrs. Pauline Meagher	18
1/2	Miss Daniela Stuewer	25
2/3	Mrs. Brenda Cordeiro	24
4/5	Mr. Othello Jones	29
5/6	Mrs. Karen Passi	28
7	Mrs. Belinda Schleier	22
8	Mrs. Christine Turnbull	27

New Staff

We are pleased to welcome to our school Miss Stacey Donaldson as our new JK teacher and Miss Daniela Stuewer as our Grade 1/2 teacher. Mrs. Alice Gould will assume the responsibility of our Early Intervention teacher as well as our Literacy teacher.

Math

These two areas will be the focus of our school this year. A good portion of the school day will be devoted towards literacy and math. Approximately half the day will be allocated to these two important areas.

Split Grades

Unfortunately, due to the demographics of our school population, we have split grades from Grades 1 to 6. To assist in the instruction students receive, Mrs.

Gould has offered to assist the Primary teachers in the area of Literacy. This will allow them to work with either a single grade or groups of students.

In the Junior Division, Mrs. Ferguson has offered to do the same thing for Grade 4 students allowing Mr. Jones to deal strictly with Grade 5 students and Mrs. Passi with Grade 6 students.

Thank you to both Mrs. Gould and Mrs. Ferguson for their commitment to the students of our school.

Plant Budget

Mr. Wayne Chiupka, has sent to all the schools a request for our assistance in determining the needs of our schools for the Plant Services Budget 2005/2006. I am requesting that School Council consult with me if they perceive any projects, which they believe are necessary for Manitouwadge Public School. Further, if you notice anything that requires repairs, please inform me.

Food Service in the Schools

I have received rules and regulations from the Thunder Bay District Health Unit regarding food service in our school. I am reviewing these as they may have a negative impact on how we do things in school. Copies of what was received from the Health Unit were made available at the meeting.

School Council Nomination Forms

These were sent home with the first Newsletter. These are to be returned by September 24th at which time our new council will be determined.

Once the new council is determined we have a form to fill out to be sent to the Board office.

Intramurals

I am please to report that we have several intramurals underway.

On Wednesday, September 8, 36 students from the Primary, Junior and Intermediate grades participated in the Chess Club. This activity will run daily until September 17th. On September 20th, there will be a chess tournament in our school. Those who qualify will have the opportunity to participate in the Northwestern Ontario Chess Tournament to be held in Thunder Bay on October 23rd.

Intramural baseball began Monday, September 13th. Originally, there were going to be ball for both the Junior and Intermediate Divisions. However, when the Juniors met, only 14 students were interested in playing baseball.

As a result, we combined the Junior and Intermediates. A total of 46 students are participating in intramural baseball. Games will be played 3 days a week at lunchtime. Each team will play a total of six games with activity running into early October.

Other activities to follow will be drama, volleyball, basketball and curling.

I am positive there will be other activities as well but to date they have not been identified.

Student Teachers in the School

Mrs. Meagher and Mr. Jones have volunteered to host a student teacher from Lakehead, Deborah MacNeil. Deborah will be with Mrs. Meagher from November 15 – December 17, 2004 in the SK class.

She will be with Mr. Jones from March 22 to April 26, 2005 in the Grade 4/5 class.

Tuck Shop

Nancy has 4 volunteers, plus a spare and someone to pick up the groceries. She is still working on the milk deliveries.

Scheduled to open September 20, 2004