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Maple Leaf International School

A Canadian International Program

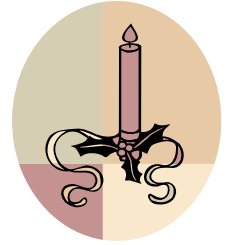
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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

December 5th	JK-6 Christmas Concert Rehearsals 7:45 am - 10:45 am
December 5th	Christmas Concert for JK-6, Main Campus 6:00 pm
December 6th	Elementary Interview Day, NO SCHOOL FOR JK—8
December 7th	Grades 4 - 8 Achievement Assembly
December 9th	Last day of school
January 3rd	Back to school
January 23-26th	Secondary Examinations
January 30th	Secondary PD Day
January 31st	Semester Two for Secondary students begins



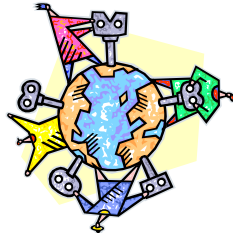
PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I wish all of our students, parents and staff all the best for the holiday season. I hope you and your families enjoy the warmth of gathering with family and friends, the memories of your times together, and of course—the comfort and the agony of too much food!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD” AND “THE LITTLE DREAMER BOY”, December 5, 6:00 p.m.

December 5th is the evening of the annual Christmas concert, featuring all our students from junior kindergarten to grade 6. This year's presentation is titled "Christmas Around the World". Each grade has selected a different country to bring you a taste of their seasonal traditions. The children who are performing are asked to be at the main campus at 5:15 p.m. to meet their teacher in their assigned room in Building B. They will remain with their teacher in the assigned room. After JK-6 have finished, there will be a short intermission while the teachers bring the students out to sit as a class at the front to see the MLIS Drama Club's presentation of "The Little Dreamer Boy."



This short play (30 minutes) is about a child who discovers the true meaning of Christmas. Our program should be over by 8:15 p.m.

Thank you to all the parents who have worked to help prepare costumes for the JK-6 children. Thanks also to our grade eight students who have prepared the back drop for the concert with their art teacher. A very heartfelt thank you goes out to the staff of

MLIS who have organized the concert and worked with the children to learn their songs. BRAVO to the students for the talent and effort that they have given to "Christmas Around the World".

**There will be a shuttle provided between Trinidad Christian Centre and the Main Campus for the concert Monday
December 5th from 5:00 pm—9:00 pm.**

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The Main Campus school office will be open each weekday from 8—12:00 with the exception of Dec. 23, 26 & Jan. 2nd.

"Life affords no greater responsibility, no greater privilege, than the raising of the next generation."



SECONDARY REPORTS

Please review the report with your son or daughter and provide assistance in goal-setting. Parent-Teacher Interviews, communicating in the agenda, phone calls, quick notes are all ways in which on-going communication between teachers and parents may occur.

ELEMENTARY TERM ONE REPORTS

On Friday, December 2, the reports for term one for all students in JK to 8 will be sent home to parents. This report reflects the effort and achievement that has been demonstrated over the course of the first term. Please discuss the report with your child, celebrating their successes, reviewing areas that need improvement, and setting realistic and achievable goals for term two. For grades one to eight, the response page (page three) needs to be filled out, signed by student and parent, and returned to the teacher.

Tuesday, December 6 is Interview Day. There is no school for JK-8 students on that day. Teachers are available to meet with you to discuss your child's achievement, and to learn how they can work with you to help your child. Teachers have set their schedule of interview times and sent you the notice of a time that has been reserved for you. Interviews are scheduled at 15 minute intervals. Please call the office to reschedule your appointment if necessary. For JK-2, call the office at the primary campus at 633-9500; for grades 3-8, call reception at the main campus, 632-9578.

SECONDARY (Grades 9-12) SEMESTER ONE FINAL EVALUATIONS/EXAMINATIONS

The final evaluation of students in the secondary courses is based upon 70% term work; this is the class work, tests, quizzes, assignments that are done over the course of the semester. The remaining 30% of the final mark is based on the Final Evaluations which occur in January 2006.

The final evaluation for a course may be a culminating activity, an examination or in many cases, both. Students will be informed by their teachers of the components of their final evaluation.

January is a tremendously busy month for students in our secondary school as they strive to cover the last of the content of the course, complete culminating activities and prepare to write their examinations. They need to be organizing their work, managing their time and demonstrating excellent work habits to optimize their achievement in their courses for this semester. Students who have established the independent work habits of keeping work caught up, handing assignments in on time, doing homework and review every day will have an advantage over those who do not have these habits in place.

Parents may assist by

- Ensuring that their student has posted the due dates of all culminating activities and other major assignments in their agendas,
- Reviewing with the student the description of the culminating activity to ensure that it is completely understood
- Check to see if there are dates for submission of plans, rough drafts, etc
- Assisting, if needed, in breaking the project into parts or chunks that are doable in a specific time frame, for example- each night
- Monitoring, if needed, the completion of each of the parts and assisting the student readjust their time frames
- Supporting their student's success by being aware of the student's work needs when arranging family activities
- Exams begin on January 23, 2006. A notice will be sent to parents in January in advance posting the specific dates of the exams. Semester Two begins on January 31st, 2006.



FCB/CARE PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Michelle Liverpool Gr. 8

The grade 8 students successfully took part in the FCB/CARE Photography competition as part of their Language & Drama Courses. All of the Grade 8 students took part and many students sent in as much as 4-8 photos showing great sensitivity to the environment. There were 2 categories: digital and printed. MLIS took all the places in the 10-14 years age group and special mention goes to the winners for :

DIGITAL 1ST PLACE

Rebecca Aboud Gr. 8L

“Another Down Day” (picture of red howler monkey in the Zoo)

DIGITAL 2ND PLACE

Chelsea De Souza Gr. 8L

“Otter’s fast food fish” (picture of otter swimming through water with his food– fish)

PRINTED 1ST PLACE

Laura Brennan Gr. 8L

“Family of frogs going out for dinner” (picture of mother and baby frog together in her yard)

PRINTED 2ND PLACE

Laura Brennan Gr. 8L

“Heaven shining on the Covigne” (picture of Covigne Water Fall at Chaguaramas)

PICTURES ARE ON DISPLAY AND CAN BE VIEWED IN BUILDING B

CROSS TRAINING



From January, Maple Leaf will be introducing an additional extracurricular activity called **CROSS TRAINING**. This service will be provided by two Certified Instructors on afternoons at the school compound. **WHAT IS CROSS TRAINING?** Cross Training involves a person performing an exercise for a short period of time and then progressing to another exercise until the circuit is complete. This can be performed 2—3 times depending on fitness level. This style of training tones and improves your cardiovascular system, flexibility and core strength. Both students (13 years and over) and teachers can participate in this program. For further information and demonstration please contact:

Imran Razac (Fitness Specialist) @ Cell # 732-1050

Justin Clayton (Certified Personal Trainer) @ Cell # 686 - 6887



**ELEMENTARY GRADE 3
Ms. De La Bastide**



Gr. 3 planted and maintained a flower garden at the Main Campus



Gr. 3 went bananas over books, reading 150 collected in 2 months and celebrated with a banana split party!

MLIS Grade 3 students have linked up with Grade 3 students in Drayton, Ontario, Canada. Every student has a pen pal and communicates by writing via email on a regular basis. The following is the letter the MLIS Grade 3 class sent to Ms. Shantz and the students of Grade 3 in Drayton.

Dear Ms. Shantz and the students of Grade Three,

We are the grade three class at Maple Leaf International School in Trinidad and Tobago. Our school is fun! It is ten years old and there are 630 students from Kindergarten to Grade 12. The school is next to a mountain and a mall. We have a cafeteria, a library and a gym.

We live on an island. There are lots of mountains and on our sister island, Tobago, there are beautiful beaches. The capital of Trinidad is Port of Spain. We take part every year in a festival called Carnival. What festivals do you celebrate? When do you celebrate them?

We would like to ask you some questions: Do you have a cafeteria at your school? Do you like the snow? Can you tell us about where you live?

We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

The Grade Three class at MLIS

SECONDARY CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

A tremendous response has been made by our families and students to assist families in need during this season. Many classes are sponsoring a family in the "Adopt a Family" programme and will be supplying these families with many necessities such as food, clothing, toys etc. Three charities; Kids in Need of Direction Christmas Hamper Packs, Guardian's Neediest Cases and Express Children's Fund are being supported by our MLIS students and a Brown Bag collection of toys and food are being collected. These students, with the support of their teacher, Nadia Chuckaree, have also collected used toys for the refurbishing of the pediatric oncology playroom at Mt. Hope Hospital. Thank you for all your support.



A Christmas Poem

*Carols are sung sweetly,
Holly wreaths on the door,
Rudolph the red nosed reindeer,
Icicles on the rooftop,
Santa brings us presents,
Trees to decorate beautifully,
Merry Christmas to everyone,
Angels in the sky,
Stockings filled with toys and
treats.*

Grade 2R

Merry Christmas!

Last month MLIS held a Scholastic Book Fair. Thank you to all families who purchased novels for their children. The school library receives 15% of the profits in product for the library. Scholastic brought in \$21, 385.00 giving the school a total if \$3,207.75. We were able to purchase many novels and still have some outstanding monies for further purchases.

Recently the library increased the Christmas stock of primary books. We now have a great selection for students and staff to choose from to get into the holiday spirit.

Website News - I have noticed more and more assignments being assigned throughout the junior/intermediate and High School grades. Students are often required to cite their information but some students have expressed a concern on how this is done properly. This site may help. <http://myt41.com/index.php> . This citation maker can format bibliographies in either APA or MLA format and creates for print and multimedia formats. Go half way down the page to Tools and click on Bibliography maker. You then have a tool bar with choices of Books, Videos, Article, Journals, Websites and much more. Enter the information and the program will give you the proper citation method for that media. I hope this helps!

**DROPOFF/PICKUP AT THE
PRIMARY CAMPUS**

Please remember to turn off your engines at the Main Campus Drop off/Pick up point so that the children are not exposed to the car exhaust. Thank you for your co-operation

CHANGES??

If you have any changes to your address, phone number or email please notify the office so that we may keep our contact information updated at all times.

PTA KORNER

Well, it is almost here. Not a moment too soon. Holidays at last. On behalf of the Maple Leaf P.T.A. I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas. Thank you for all your assistance in 2004. We look forward to your continued support in the New Year.

Our kids will be having the annual Christmas Concert on Monday December 5th. As with our last years effort, there will be a CD produced of the events, which will be available for purchase. Those interested in pre-ordering, look in your kids school bags. THE FORMS ARE THERE.

The P.T.A. will set up a small, non-alcoholic bar at the concert. We will also have available for sale tickets for next term's fundraising event—The Maple Leaf Cook Up.

So now, onto lazy mornings, coffee in bed, no more homework or extra curricular activities. IT'S HOLIDAY TIME.