



MAPLE LEAFLET

Maple Leaf International School

A Canadian International Program

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

September 29th	Monthly reports to go home.
October 3rd	Photo Day JK-8 -wear dress uniform
October 4th	Photo Day Gr 9-11- the dress uniform is the uniform worn each day (Gr. 12 photoday Jan 4/07)
October 12th	Chinese Arrival Day Holiday
October 21st	Divali Holiday—Saturday
October 24th	Eid Holiday (to be confirmed)
October 26th	PTA Annual Meeting 5:00 pm
October 30	Month End Reports go home



A LETTER FROM OUR NEW GUIDANCE COUNCELLOR DON CROWDER

Thank you for the warm welcome we received upon our arrival to your beautiful country. Let me tell you a little about myself.

I have arrived at Maple Leaf International School from Ontario, Canada (Peel Region) after having been a high school counselor for 31 years. My time spent in Ontario allowed me to obtain my Masters in Education (Applied Psychology), and a variety of educational experiences in 8 different secondary schools (department head in 3 over the past 18 years).

My certification as a Family Mediator, Substance Abuse Counsellor and Life Coach combined with my Doctorate in Natural

Medicine provide a varied background to work with the Maple Leaf community. As the students' of Maple Leaf academic advisor, the opportunity will be made available to develop an Exit Plan for each student and a bank of mentors currently attending university and/or working in their chosen profession in Ontario has been set up for Maple Leaf graduates to access as they make their own future plans.

My wife Cheryl has come to Trinidad with me and she as well brings 31 years as an educator/high school counselor. We are looking forward to meeting the many families of Maple Leaf and learning as much as we can about Trinidad and Tobago.

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

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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 up -dated at all times.

MEDICINE REMINDER

Please remember that no medication is available in the office. You may send medication in the original container with written permission for your child, and we will be happy to store it in a locked container for emergency use. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *School Fees are over due**
- *Don't forget PTA Fees of \$300 per year or \$100 per term**
- *Please be considerate of our neighbours when parking**
- *Observe school uniform expectations including all black closed shoes.**



PTA UPDATE

Here are some important bits of information for all our parents:

Revised Constitution:

The Draft Constitution is finally ready for perusal. A copy document has been forwarded to all our members via e-mail. If you have not received one you can collect a hard copy from the Administration Office.

Annual General Meeting:

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday October 26th, 2006. This year we would like to extend an invitation to all our members. Come meet the prospective candidates, have a lime, a drink and a chat with us from 5pm, before the start of our meeting, carded to begin at 6pm. Further details will follow. Look out for our ads appearing all through the school.

PTA Executive:

There are a number of posts on the PTA Executive which will become vacant at this year's AGM. We urge those of you who may be interested in coming on board to let us know. We can be reached at:

- jdestuileries@hotmail.com
- janmarie@tstt.net.tt
- veronique@wow.net
- lorraine@rostantadvertising.com

PTA Representatives

We have had a great response to requests for Class Representatives. We thank those who have volunteered, and look forward to working with them over the next year.



CARPOOLING

Are you interested in carpooling? Have you thought about it? Less time battling traffic every day, fewer cars at school, convenient..... And we already have a successful carpool working out of Fondes Amandes.

Would you like to know if there is anyone else in your neighbourhood who would like to join you in carpooling? We are starting to set up a data bank with relevant information and if you are interested please fill out the form below and send it into school addressed to Oliver at Main Campus.

NAME OF PARENT.....

ADDRESS.....

NUMBER OF CHILDREN.....

MAIN CAMPUS/PRIMARY CAMPUS/BOTH.....

A.M. DROP (YES/NO).....

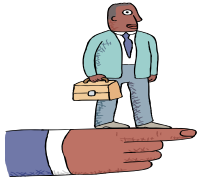
P.M. DROP (YES/NO).....

EMAIL AND TELEPHONE NUMBER:



Maple Leaf Guidance Corner

Guidance / Counseling at Maple Leaf



The students and families of Maple Leaf can expect to receive assistance in appropriate course selection in pursuit of a chosen post secondary (university/college) program. In consultation with parents and school staff, each student will have the opportunity to develop their own personal **EXIT PLAN** to make themselves as competitive as possible for their chosen destination.

As the student progresses through their educational path, the guidance staff (Mr. Crowder / Mrs. Johnston) are available to provide research assistance in career selection, community service expectations and interpreting credit obligations.

CELL PHONE REMINDER

Students are not to use cell phones inside school buildings. If you are seen using one it will be confiscated and held at the main office for a parent/guardian to pick up. Thanks for your co-operation.

Each family is encouraged to learn as much as possible about the credit system, career search strategies and program requirements so that each student can be successful in achieving their goals.

Questions particular to each family's needs can be addressed to Mr. Crowder in the Guidance Office. We are looking forward to assisting you in making the Maple Leaf experience a positive and successful one.

Guidance email:

mapleleafguidance@tstt.net.tt

RULES FOR DRESSING UP/DOWN

1. Absolutely NO midriffs or short pants other than school uniform short pants
2. Skirts must be no shorter than TWO inches above the knee.
3. Girls—NO low rise pants
4. Girls—NO spaghetti straps
5. Boys—NO vests

PRIMARY CAMPUS

JK and SKR students are now enjoying a unit titled "All About Me". The children learn about family, friends, favourite pets, colours, where they live and other information that helps them to become more aware of their own choices and decisions building self esteem and self awareness.

JK students have also been enjoying reading stories such as **Mmm Cookies** by Robert Munsch, The children baked some goodies of their own and decorated them with happy faces.





VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are looking for parent volunteers for the library. Volunteers are needed to re-shelve books, set up displays and assist in the re-arranging of shelves so that books are more accessible to students of all ages.

The library continues to improve and expand. New books and resources are bought throughout the year. Our soft easy chairs that students use to lounge or curl up with a good book, have been recovered to add charm and warmth to the library. A parent volunteer will be decorating the library in themes to reflect important events throughout the school year.

Parent volunteers will be asked from time to time to read stories to the students who come in for book exchanges. We would love fathers particularly to volunteer for this so that our students are exposed to different role models who enjoy reading.

Lost or Strayed! Please Return

We would love to get these books back with no questions asked. The following is a list of some of our lost books:

The Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants By: Ann Brashares 2 copies missing

The Second Summer of the sisterhood By: Ann Brashares 2 copies missing

Both Sides Now By: Ruth Pennebaker 1 copy missing

Slam! By: Walter Dean Myers 1 copy missing



LIBRARY NEWS

The Who, Where, When, and Why of our Library

Who runs the School Library?

Teacher-Librarian: Gisele Hobday
Library Technician: Suzanne Nock

Who uses the school library?

All the students of MLIS use our library. Students on the Primary Campus are brought up to the library in maxi-taxis. Each grade comes to the main campus once a week to read books, borrow and exchange books from the library. Students from JK to Grade 3 may borrow one book per week. A borrowed book must be returned before the student may borrow another book. Grades 4 to Grade 8 are allowed two books per week and Grades 9 to 12 may borrow three books per week. All students use the resources in the library for research.

Teachers use the library for resources for their teaching and for their students.

Parents are welcome to visit the library.

Where is the school library?

For families new to MLIS, the school library is on the Main Campus in Building B.

When can we use the library?

Opening Hours: 7:00am – 3:00pm

Students are often waiting to come in to the library as it opens at 7:00am. Older students use it to organise homework or projects and younger students use it to read and chat quietly until school starts. Apart from classes, older students use the library throughout the day for studying and work. Younger students enjoy playing chess during their breaks and lunchtime. Many students use the library between 2:00 and 3:00pm to do their homework and research.

Why do we have a school library?

A school library not only provides an environment for students to explore their world through reading, and to develop a deep love of reading, becoming literate members of society, but as importantly, it provides the resources and skills students need through information studies and technology. These resources and skills enable them to learn through inquiry and research ensuring that they are information literate as well.

School libraries are different to public libraries because they focus on providing the resources and skills required by the curriculum documents.