



MAPLE LEAFLET

Maple Leaf International School

A Canadian International Program

MAIN CAMPUS
 Tel: (868) 632-9578/
 633-3173
 Fax: (868) 633-3068

Alyce Heights Drive, Alyce Glen, Petit Valley,
 Republic of Trinidad and Tobago, W.I.
 E-mail: mlis@tstt.net.tt Website: www.mapleleaf-school.com

PRIMARY CAMPUS
 Tel: (868) 632-8339/9500
 Fax: (868) 633-7330

MLIS ART EXHIBITION

On January 18th, 2011, the Grade 12 art students from Maple Leaf International School hosted their annual art show. See more on Page 3.....



CALENDAR OF PAST AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- | | |
|---------------------|--|
| February 10th | Secondary Curriculum night—6-8 pm. |
| February 14th | Valentine's dress down day |
| February 24th | OSSLT Practice Test |
| February 28th | Elementary & Secondary Month End Reports |
| March 4th | Grades 7 & 8 Training Day - Chaguaramas |
| | Grades JK-6 Carnival Jump up - Main Campus |
| March 7th, 8th, 9th | Carnival Holidays |
| March 31st | Ontario Secondary Schools Literacy Test |
| April 8th | Elementary Sports Day |



FUTURE DIPLOMATS SECONDARY SCHOOL ESSAY

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago wrote Maple Leaf International School and thanked the MLIS students for participating in their Future Diplomats Secondary School Essay Competition. Certificates of Participation were awarded to students who took part in the competition. A special mention must go to Amanda Delzin who submitted the Most Original Essay. The purpose of the competition was to enhance the competencies of the students and encourage participation in the Future Diplomats competition in 2011.

ELEMENTARY SPORTS DAY

Elementary Sports Day will be held on April 8th at the St. Mary's grounds on Serpentine Road, St. Clair. Many students will need to purchase a coloured t-shirt in their house colour. After orders have been placed, t-shirts can be purchased and collected at Espree, West Mall

Sports Day is always full of excitement as parents and teachers support students in their green, blue, yellow and red houses as they compete in various events. The PTA has always been involved in supplying food, drinks and medals which are awarded to the winners. Once again, it promises to be a very successful day of fun.



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

PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS

CLASS EXCURSIONS

This month JK/SK have been learning about Health and Safety. They have discussed foods that are good for them, important personal habits, exercise and proper rest times. Throughout the unit, the children have learned to develop an awareness of how important it is to keep their bodies healthy and how to keep themselves safe from harm.



As part of the Health and Safety unit, the JK/SK class visited the Trinidad and Tobago Fire Station on February 10th, 2011 to learn about fire safety and all about the important aspects of a fireman/woman's job. They were thrilled to go into a fire truck, wear fire helmets and hold fire hoses while hearing the sounds of the fire alarms.



On Wednesday 16th February, the students visited Dr. Karly Francic Fabres' Children's Dentistry to discuss appropriate personal hygiene that promotes family and community health.

The students will also visit Debra Ann Grell on March 3rd and learn about water safety, while being supervised by profession lifeguards.

Included in the unit were video clips to help raise children's awareness about the importance of watching out for their own safety in different situations such as at home, school, in their neighbourhood, in a car, around strangers and water.

Creating a hospital at school was a highlight for the children to roll play in a hospital environment. Doctor kits and uniforms, bandages, splints and much more were used to make the day a more authentic one.

Parents were encouraged to discuss with their children the importance of taking care of our bodies, eating the right foods, exercising and getting sufficient rest at night. Discussion also included general hygiene, such as bathing, brushing teeth after meals and washing hands before eating and covering mouths and noses when coughing and sneezing. Some topics discussed were buckling up when traveling in a car, never playing with matches, knowing how to get help in an emergency, never playing with electrical sockets, never getting into water without an adult supervising, being aware of strangers and staying far away from medicines and poisonous substances that can harm them.

FIRE DRILL

The practice fire drill at Primary Campus was a success. The children remained calm as they were led out of the building to the muster area and listened for their name on the student class list to be read.

We are very proud of the students in the way in which they followed the fire drill protocol and we will be having another practice run in the near future.

EARTHQUAKE PROCEDURE

For an earthquake, procedures follow the National Emergency Management Agency and the Information Division (NEMA).

- Get under desk or sturdy table.
- Protect head and face.
- Stay away from glass windows, picture

frames and cupboard doors.

- Do not rush to exits.
- Stand in a strong doorway.
- Stay away from bookshelves.
- Move into the open, away from buildings.

On February 4th at 8:16 am Trinidad and Tobago experienced an earthquake as the children had settled into their class work. The preliminary magnitude was 5.1 and no damage was reported.

The students at Primary Campus remained calm and followed instruction as they put their earthquake procedure practice into action. Practice paid off as all went smoothly and efficiently and congratulations to all the students for doing such a great job!



VALENTINE'S DAY

Ms. Gibbons Grade 3 students participated in a skit for the JK/SK students on the origins of Valentine's Day. The cast included, Carla, Kaylan, Vivian, Taleah, Logan, Miguel, Adriano, Mark, Adma and Sachet.



Afterwards, the two classes shared some valentine treats including jello shaped hearts.





Maple Leaf Guidance

Grade Twelve Students - Applying to the UK

If you have applied to study in the UK, there is a Parent Guide available through the UCAS website. In addition, go to www.ucas.com/parents for useful information. The latter is helpful to the parent of any student off to University or College - regardless of the country!

Parents may also sign up for e-bulletins from UCAS, which provide news and information relevant to the timing of the application cycle. The Parent Guide may be downloaded from this site and there is also a parent blog.

Reminder that students from outside the UK will require a Visa. Application is made through the United Kingdom Border Agency under the new Points Based System. Through this new system students must provide passport details to the University or College. UKAS will ask for passport number, issue and expiry dates and place of issue.

Grade Twelve Students - Applying to Ontario

Please read e-mails as I am getting requests for Reps from the Universities and Colleges to visit and meet with applicants. Guelph visited two weeks ago, Sheridan will be here on March 24th, and Memorial University - where the tuition is only \$8,800.00 Can., is coming to MLIS on the March 11th.

The reps would also be pleased to meet with parents and students in grade 11 to provide information on programs. Please come to Guidance to arrange a meeting.

Grads - you may have received offers, but keep in mind that some universities will not send out any offers until May. So, do not panic. You may accept a university now and then change later but... only one acceptance at any one time.

Grade Eleven Students and Parents.

Now is the time to begin research into possible tertiary institutions. In October and November you will need to send the actual application process and it is imperative that you have narrowed your choices. Visit eINFO.ca and ontariocolleges.ca to gather information. For the USA, go to the individual State website to find the possible Universities and Colleges. Remember the word 'College' is used interchangeably and both offer de-

gree programs. Check the courses and programs very carefully.

For Great Britain and Ireland, visit the official country website and pull up the University and College listings.

Guidance Email:

mapleleafguidance@tstt.net.tt

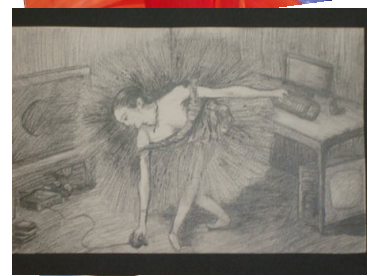
MAPLE LEAF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION

On January 18th, 2011, the Grade 12 art students from Maple Leaf International School hosted their annual art show. A class of twelve students hosted their creative artistic work in the great hall of the school. The exhibition "Pieces", was named after a hilarious Trini voice make over of an American Slap Chop commercial.

The exhibition was well attended by parents, staff, members of the board, and the PTA, which showcased the students artwork for the past semester.

This exhibition is in fact their university entrance portfolio, which showed a variety of mediums, styles and messages.

The Grade 12 art class gave thanks to the Principal, Mr. Hargreaves, and members of staff for allowing them to hold the exhibition. A warm thank you was given to their art teacher, Mrs. Donna Clarke, who dedicated her time and commitment throughout the year to the class, allowing them the opportunity to be part of a group exhibition. At least nine of the students are continuing on with their art education in careers ranging from industrial design to animal illustrators.



LIBRARY NEWS

COMING SOON: What's Your Write? 2011By Cathy Sanders and Gena Mohammed

Maple Leaf International School's annual short story competition is set to be announced in April 2011.

Last Year's competition was a huge success, drawing in over ninety entries from all grades – junior to senior. Twenty-five

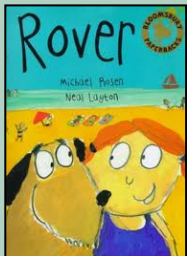
winners were chosen and their stories were then compiled into an anthology, which would be shortly on display at the school's main campus office and in the library. In addition, an electronic copy on CD will be given out to winners.



What's Your Write? 2010 Winners

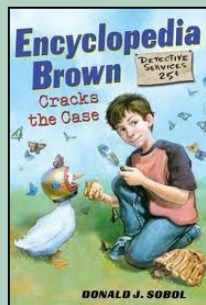
ON THE LIBRARY SHELF By Gena MohammedMLIS Library Technician

Books are the quietest and most constant of friends; they are the most accessible and wisest of counselors, and the most patient of teachers. ~Charles W. Eliot. The purpose of *On The Library Shelf* is to highlight some of the various types of reading material available at the MLIS Library. The location and grade level of each book is noted. You can look out for more next month.



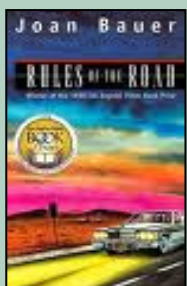
Rover by Michael Rosen (Bloomsbury Publishing PLC, 2000) MLIS Library # E ROS

Have you ever wondered what our pets might be thinking about us and the things in our lives? Told from the point of view of the family dog, a typical day in the life of his family is described. He even helps save the day. (Recommended for Grades JK – 2)



Encyclopedia Brown by Donald J. Sobol (Puffin, 2009) MLIS Library Call # E SOB

Do you have a knack for solving mysteries? In this series of chapter books, you can help ten year-old Encyclopedia Brown (real name Leroy Brown) to solve mysteries. Encyclopedia is Idaville's top amateur detective with even his Dad, the Chief of Police asking him for his advice. The facts of the cases are given and the reader can then match their detective skills against those of Encyclopedia. (Recommended for Grades 2 -5)



Rules of the Road by Joan Bauer (Penguin Books, 1998)

Sixteen year-old Jenna Boller wishes that she could just get away for a while and leave her problems behind. So when the opportunity opens for her to be her part-time employer's driver, Jenna jumps at the chance and finds the solutions to her problems are easier than she thought, as she learns not only the rules of the road, but the rules of life. (Recommended for Grades 8-12)