



# MAPLE LEAFLET

## Maple Leaf International School

### A Canadian International Program



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#### REMEMBRANCE DAY

On November the 11th, 2011 a ceremony was held at 11:00 am to reflect on the significance of Remembrance Day. Mr Duplisea, the father of one of the teachers and a veteran, conducted the service. Students were asked to pause for a moment of silence and last post was played. The importance of the efforts of veterans and the military was highlighted.

#### SUPPORT SERVICES

If you have questions, speak to your teacher, Support Services (elementary) or Guidance (secondary).

If you know of students who may be interested in enrolling in secondary classes for semester 2, please have them call Support Services to arrange an assessment.

New elementary students may be registered and assessed throughout the year.

#### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HOURS

The Main Campus office will be open each weekday from 800 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

#### CALENDAR OF PAST AND UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5th	Divali
November 10th	Elementary Progress Reports go home
November 23-25	Book Fair at Main Campus
December 7th	Elementary Christmas Concert 6:00 p.m.
December 10th	Last day of school before Christmas holidays
January 3rd	First day back to school after Christmas holidays
January 21st—27th	Secondary School exams



#### 'WHO WOULD IMAGINE' CHRISTMAS CONCERT"

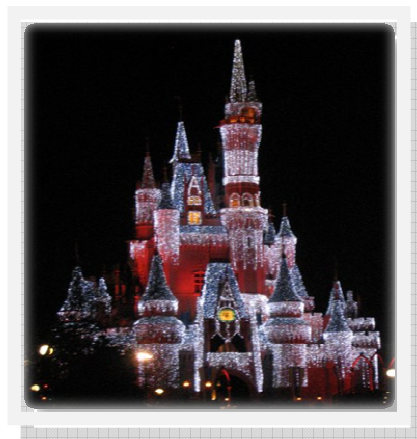
The Elementary School is preparing for our annual Christmas Concert on December 7th, 2010 , 6:00 p.m. at the Main Campus. Each class will be dressed in costumes representing the following categories:

#### MAIN CAMPUS

Grade 4	The Scrooge Mood Characters
Grade 5	Angels
Grade 6	The Shoppers
Grade 7 /8	Cinderella Story Character

#### PRIMARY CAMPUS – THE NATIVITY SCENE

JK/SK	Baby Jesus Cows Donkeys Sheep Stars
GRADE 1	Drummer Boys/Stars
GRADE 2	Choir of Angels
Grade 3 S	Narrators Mary Joseph Wise Men Shepherds Angel Gabriel
Grade 3G	Narrator Drummer Boys/Girls



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



## THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS UNITED NATIONS SYMPOSIUM AWARDS MLIS

Leah Ching-Johnson

**M**odel United Nations, is an annual symposium that has taken place in Montreal Quebec for the last 17 years. It is one of the largest UN Conferences in North America with thousands of school teams coming together to simulate the activities that take place in the United Nations. Here, they are educated about civics, current events, public speaking and communication, globalisation and multi-lateral dependency. Students take on roles as diplomats and participate in simulated sessions of an IGO (intergovernmental organisation) or a deliberate body.



Maple Leaf International School (MLIS) has with great pride, represented our country at the SSUNS, (Secondary Schools United Nations Symposium) , conference for a number of years. This year the trip took place from the 11th to the 14th of November, with about 15 students participating. The theme was, "Defining our New Decade." Students studied the parliamentary operations of the United Nations. They learned about world issues and developed their legal

and debating skills. They studied the aspects of the global economy that will experience change in the coming years, and also considered the responses that can be provided to the future challenges the human race will face. These include natural disasters to a shortage of resources versus the expanding population - all factors that will make the Millennium Development Goals more challenging. Earlier this year, SSUNS awarded Maple Leaf International School the 2010 International School scholarship award for the second year in a row. In giving the award, the organisation indicated that, "we found your school's achievements to be extraordinary and having shown true excellence at Secondary Schools United Nations Symposium .

**T**he Model United Nations involves representatives from schools throughout the world, and we are justifiably proud about receiving this award. Further Mr. Bill Hargreaves the school's principal states, the team work, the determination, and the thinking capabilities that entice students to apply for this event, as well, as the tremendous work that is done in preparation for making a strong contribution in Montreal, is well recognized and appreciated. As a school, we are extremely proud of our team. Delegates at the Model UN are offered many opportunities that may help them

advance their education and choose their career path, such as tours of McGill University. Although it is a lot of work, all the students were willing to put in massive amounts of time and effort to be able to reach their goals. For this year's November symposium students have had to prepare and submit preliminary positions papers and represented Portugal, Seychelles and Libya. They were also assigned a position on the Security Council and were assigned as representatives to re-enact two historical crisis committees: European Council, Spanish Civil War and FEMA. "Involvement in the Model United Nations programme clearly raises student International awareness" says Ms. Duplisea, one of the faculty advisers. Mr. Seguin another teacher is proud of the work his students have accomplished and the recognition that this team of 20 delegates has received. Congratulations to the team.



*Ashley receiving the International School award on behalf of the group.*

**T**he PTA would like to thank all the students and parents who worked so hard to make the Cook Off a success. We netted approximately \$60,000 this year and it was a day of fun and tasty food. In March next year we have the Walkathon/Treasure Hunt planned once again with even better improvements. It

### PTA KORNER

promises to be a wonderful family fun day.

The PTA continues to be committed to partnering with the school body and the parent body with a view to enriching the lives of every child in the school. Class reps meet monthly and help organize

field trips, share information and support teachers in many ways. Please get to know your rep and offer your support.

With the Christmas holidays almost here, and on behalf of the Maple Leaf P.T.A we wish you all a very happy and holy Christmas.



# Maple Leaf Guidance Corner



Mary Rawlings

Students applying to University and College are reminded that the deadline for applications to overseas schools is mid January. Applications to the Trinidad Schools may be sent in February.

All students returning to Maple Leaf in September should have completed their option sheet with choices for 2010-2011. The actual decision about course offerings will be made in February when stu-

dent and staff numbers are finalized. The timetable will then be built and in April students will be contacted if there are conflicts in their schedules.

Students are strongly encouraged to begin review and study for exams the beginning of January. The actual exam or culminating activity represents 30% of the final mark and this can allow a student to greatly improve the final mark.

Best wishes to everyone in the Maple Leaf family for a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas holiday.

### Guidance Mail:

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## BROWN BAG COLLECTION DRIVE

For the past 6 years, the students of Maple Leaf International School (MLIS) have engaged in assisting the needy through our 'brown bag' collection drive, during the Christmas period Student of our school are asked to fill a brown grocery bag with items of food, toys and personal items. This year is no exception and especially in light of the

downturn in the economy, we thought it was important to continue with this initiative to assist as much as we could. We hope the lives of those who receive our contributions will be enhanced and improved.

Thanks to all students, teachers, parents and well-wishers who contributed to this initiative. We take this opportunity

to encourage others in T & T to do the same and offer assistance to ensure a happier Christmas and a better life for those in need.



## MAGNIFICENT LEARNING EXPERIENCE AT PRIMARY

Mrs. Hoyte's Kindergarten's class at Maple Leaf International School recently studied a unit on "real" and "imaginary" bears which was integrated into the curriculum. The children learned about the eight different species of bears and also discovered that the Red Panda and Koala bears are not actually bears. In fact, they are not even related to bears. The Red Panda is a member of the skunk family and the koala bear is a marsupial. They learned of the various characteristics of real and imaginary bears and did a project on each bear which they presented during a show-and-tell class.

As part of their Language Arts program, the children read stories and poems and discussed the similarities and differences between them. They also wrote stories and drew pictures to illustrate their stories. The students incorporated drama as they reenacted the stories, "Where's My Teddy?" and "Goldilocks and the

Three Bears." During their Math unit they graphed their favourite bears and bear stories, created and extended patterns with bears, tallied, sorted and played bingo bears. For their Social Studies unit, they used a giant sized world map on which they located the different regions where bears are found and stuck pictures to illustrate. They created art projects at the art centre and learned many bear songs and games which they sang during music classes and played during our physical education classes. As an extension of the unit and culminating activity, they participated in a Build-a-Bear workshop where each child was given the opportunity to build their very own bear. Each bear received his very own home and birth certificate.

On returning to school the children celebrated with their teddies at a Grand Teddy Bears' Picnic, where they tasted honey and ate marmalade sandwiches,

Paddington Bear's favourite food. They read bear stories and sang the Teddy Bears Picnic song along with many other bear songs.

This was an enjoyable unit and a truly magnificent learning experience which we know these young children will never forget. What a spectacular way to learn!





### THE MEANING OF DIVALI 2010

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of November 2010, the sounds of the tassa drum vibrated throughout the atmosphere of our main campus, signifying Maple Leaf's celebration, "The Meaning of Divali 2010". The school's librarians, Glenis Yearwood and Gena Mohammed, along with the student council hosted this event to showcase and bring an awareness of the light, colour and sound that signifies the holy season of Divali by our students.

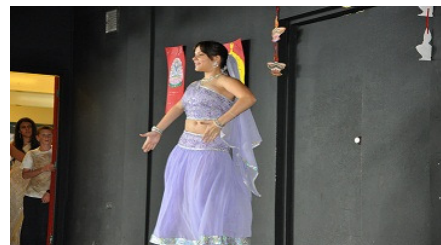


The Central Boys Tassa Group of Couva opened our festivities and Nayanika Pande of Grade 8G graced us with a *bhajan* (indian devotional song sung in hindi) about Lord Rama. With the able and knowledgeable assistance of Mr. Mark Ferdinand and Ms. Glenis Yearwood, a dramatization of the Divali story was featured, showcasing the acting talents of our students. In addition, Mr. Ferdinand assisted in our fashion show, by outfitting our students with *saris*, *kurtah tops* and men's *shalwars*. Crystal Shaw of Grade 12 brought the element of dance into the festivities. Her graceful movements depicted the *Shiv Shakti*, where two men fight for the love of a girl.

Our principal, Mr. Bill Hargreaves, Vice-

principals Mr. John Shaughnessy and Mrs. Michele Riley and Student Council Co-President Charlotte Boyack, took part in the lighting of the first *deyas*. Staff and students also took part in lighting *deyas*. Our Grade 12 Food and Nutrition class (HFA4M) displayed and sampled East Indian delicacies to all.

By the end of the day we were all left with a greater appreciation for East In-



### MAPLE LEAF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AND BENTLY POTTER BALLET SHOW BACKDROPS

The Mapleleaf art students of grade 12 and 10 as well as past students and other students of Donna Clarke came together during July to paint three back drops.



These back drops are for the Bentley Potter Ballet School's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary show, "Celebration", at Queen's Hall on 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November.

The backdrops are 22x45 feet and portray three different scenes ranging from inside a toyshop to a tropical garden and then off to the Barcelona harbor.

The toyshop scenery is filled with toys such as boats, trains, dolls, soldiers and spinning tops. The garden backdrop gives a feeling of colourful tropical flowers like the Ginger Lilies, Heliconias, Anthuriums

and Hibiscus flowers. These flowers capture the authenticity of a typical tropical garden which will provide the stage for butterflies, bees and birds to dance.



### GIANT AFRICAN SNAIL

The Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Marine Resources has asked us to remind everyone that the Giant African Snail is very destructive. If you see one please report it to the nearest Agricultural Office or call 646-6284.

For further information please view:

<http://guardian.co.tt/news/general/2009/08/15/giant-african-snails-pose-threat-diego>

Or:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.tt/foodproduction/>

