



MAPLE LEAFLET

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BRAIN TEASERS

(Answer on back page)

Each group of words has one four letter prefix that fits in front of them to form another word or phrase. Can you figure out which word it is for each group?

1. Nail, man, out, ten
2. Sick, work, room, plate
3. Do, up, shift, believe
4. Range, shot, horn, bow
5. Back, baked, way, hour
6. Dress, band, ache, rest
7. Chair, jump, light, rise
8. Note, print, ball, step
9. Arm, fly, works, sale

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

September 29th	Parent Information Evening for Post Secondary Education at 6:30 pm Main Hall, Building B
September 30th	Month-end reports JK-12 U.S School Fair ISPS 11:00 am—1:00 pm
October 1st	Linden U.S. University Fair, Crown Plaza 3:00 pm—6:00 pm
October 1st & 2nd	British Council Education Fair , Centre of Excellence, Macoya 1:00 pm—7:00 pm
October 6th	Wilfrid Laurier University visit 9:15 am
October 10th	Canadian Thanksgiving Holiday-school closed
October 28th	Month-end report JK-8
November 8th	Mid-semester reports-secondary Grs. 9-12
December 9th	Last day of school (Christmas Holidays)
January 3rd	Back to school



INFORMATION EVENING FOR POST SECONDARY EDUCATION

On Thursday, September 29th, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. an information evening will be held in the main hall in Building B. The presentation will include:

- ◆ a review of the Ontario secondary school system
- ◆ the application process for Canadian and U.S. post secondary institutions
- ◆ how to help your child choose a career path

Gina Benvie, MLIS Guidance Counsellor, will be available to answer your questions and hopes that this presentation will help to clarify the information you need. Looking forward to seeing you there.



AEROSOL DEODORANTS

We request that students not use any aerosol deodorants as they may trigger asthma attacks.



SCHOLAR NOTEBOOKS

Scholar notebooks for Grades 3-8 are available for \$10.00. Please contact Roxanne at the Main Campus.

HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Parents may wish to check that their child/children have insurance in the event they are ill or have an accident. Last year a few children broke limbs as a result of unexpected accidents and they were not covered by insurance.

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

THANK YOU

Special thanks go to Mr. & Mrs. Nabeel Hadeed for their generous donation of a vacuum cleaner to MLIS.



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It was wonderful to see so many of our parents at Curriculum Night last week. Meeting with the teachers to hear about the subjects and programs your children are enrolled in this year is an important step in partnering with the teachers to support student achievement. If you were unable to attend but wish to meet with your children's teachers, please contact the school and request a telephone call or a meeting with the teachers.

This year, we are focusing on three priorities for Maple Leaf:

- Student Achievement
- Accountability
- Team Building

Accountability

Accountability is taking responsibility for one's duties and actions. For students it means following the Code of Student Behavior and Uniform Regulations. Both of these are found in the **Maple Leaf International School Agenda**, pgs 2-8. The agendas are available for \$25 from the home room teacher. It is expected that every student uses an agenda to record homework, assignments and events.

I am pleased to report that the great majority of our students are in proper uniform. We are still following up on some skirts that are greater than 2 1/2 inches above the knee and boys whose hair is not above the collar.

We have addressed these areas in a number of ways already during the month of September.

Student Achievement

- ✦ Curriculum Night was held to share information with parents about the educational program and to establish the parent-teacher partnership that is important to student success
- ✦ Teachers have submitted their Long Range Plans or Course Outlines for approval
- ✦ Students will receive their first Month-End Report this Friday, September 30. This report focuses the essential learning skills needed by students for success.

Team Building

Thank you to the PTA and the PTA Class Representatives who are working their magic promoting a Maple Leaf Family Feeling among the parents in each of the classes. The PTA Class Rep is a contact for you regarding ways you may assist at Maple Leaf as well as answering questions that you may have about the school.

Many of our teachers have signed up to take on Leadership Activities in support of our students and our teachers. Some are running clubs, others are supervising sports, some are providing in-service for teachers on particular topics and others are staff committee members.

Student Council elections will be occurring shortly. Our Student Council is a dynamic way in which students become involved in promoting school spirit and building a sense of team.

We all have a part to play in a successful school.

Janet Pomeroy



BULLETIN

This newsletter is the last one that will be provided only in paper copy. Beginning in October we will be sending newsletters to your email address. If your email address needs to be updated please email or call Jan Franco at janmarie@tstt.net.tt or 632 1357

In advance we will conduct a test to ensure that all families are receiving our messages. As well, look for notices posted at the school when the newsletters have been sent.

Please Note: If you prefer only paper copy, this must be indicated to the school or to Jan Franco and we will ensure that our newsletters are provided in that format to your child.

Advantages of Electronic Newsletters

- Less cost
- Fewer lost in book bags and knapsacks
- Pictures will be clearer
- Allows for interaction



To provide better communication with our parents.

**TRAFFIC****Dear Parents/Guardians**

As you are aware, traffic is always a challenge. This, we believe, is because of the increase in student population as well as new parents who are not yet familiar with the traffic system. The following are problems we have identified and areas we would like to have improved, with your assistance.

Morning Traffic:**At the Main Campus**

Teachers and guards are present to assist with off loading your child/children on a morning as well as directing the free flow of traffic. Please therefore follow their guidance and do not block the flow at any time.

- Vehicles entering the compound do not always drive right down to drop off students. Those who stop at the top of the entrance or midway, block the flow of other incoming vehicles. Please ensure that you drive right down to the first available drop off spot.
- Some parents drive down to the exit gate, stop and off load their child/children. This holds back the parents who have already off loaded their children and now have to wait to exit. Please do not block the entrance or the exit.
- Students must exit from the left side of the vehicle only (for obvious safety reasons).

Please stay in line and wait your turn. If everyone follows the rules, the traffic will move swiftly.

At the Primary Campus the following Drop Off Procedures are recommended:

- ◆ Drop your child at the gate
- ◆ Park on Schneider Gardens Road and walk your child to the school
- ◆ Drop your child at the main campus for transport on the maxis to the Primary Campus



Please do not park in front of the school as this does not allow the flow of cars to drop off quickly and causes congestion. The parking lot across from the school is not ours and we do not have permission to use it. Thank you for working with us to provide a safe environment for our children.

Afternoon Traffic:

There are quite a few reasons why we are experiencing undue traffic on an afternoon. We would like everyone to make an effort to do their part, to help ease the traffic flow. The main road is going to have a line of traffic around pick-up time as there are parents who are already in the school compound waiting to collect their children from an earlier dismissal. There is no getting away from this traffic. So we ask you all to exercise a little patience and understand that everyone wants to get out as soon as possible.

Below are some guidelines to assist you:

Grades JK-2 may be picked up at the Primary Campus or brought to the main campus by maxis for pick up.

Grades 3 to 5 are in Building A and should therefore be in the bay area of this building waiting to be collected. Dismissal time is 1:45 p.m.

Grades 6 to 12 are located in Buildings B & C and dismissal time is 2:00 p.m.

- Parking on the Alyce Heights roadside obstructs the incoming and exiting traffic on an afternoon. Please do not park in any spots that are obvious obstructions, for any reason whatsoever. You must line up like everyone else and circle if need be.
- There will be no entering through the exit gate to collect your child/children or to secure a parking spot, at any time. Available parking spots will be given to those parents already lined up in the school compound.



- Vehicles are not allowed to enter the Alyce Glen Plaza to cut the line and cross into the school's entrance. Anyone coming out of the Plaza will be directed to turn right to exit Alyce Heights. If you have been shopping and are parked in the Plaza, you will need to walk into the school and collect your child/children and take them back to your vehicle.
- If you have arranged to collect your child/children in the bay area outside the school's guard booth, please ensure that they are there promptly to be collected so as not to hold up traffic on this stretch. If your child is not present, you will have to move along and circle around again.
- Remember that only children from Grades 11 & 12 are allowed to leave the school compound for security reasons. If you have arranged to collect your child/children outside, you will need to advise the school and note that you are doing so at your own risk and the school will not be held liable for any reason.
- We do not have permission to park at the Plaza and available spots to the school have already been assigned to teachers. Please be aware that remaining spots are to be available for shoppers patronizing businesses in the Plaza.
- In the past, we have had complaints from residents who live in apartments surrounding Maple Leaf that either parents are parking or waiting in their compound for students, or students are coming into their compound to wait to be collected. Please note there is to be absolutely no parking or waiting in any of these compounds.

In closing, we all need to acknowledge that no school in Trinidad is free of traffic problems and if we all co-operate and follow the rules, hopefully very soon, the flow of traffic can move more smoothly.

Please share this information with drivers who may be picking up your children on your behalf.

Thank you for understanding and doing your best to help the situation.

Janet Pomeroy
Principal
Maple Leaf International School



PTA KORNER
Juliette Petit, President

On behalf of the Maple Leaf International School PTA, I wish to extend a warm welcome to all our new kids and their parents. We hope you enjoy your experiences here with us at Maple Leaf. To those of us returning, welcome back to a new school year. Please take the time to pay a visit to the library to see where your contributions and fund raising monies went over the last year. The library has been upgraded and improvements have been made. Our kids are enjoying all that it has to offer! Thank you for all your assistance in this year, the PTA was very pleased to offer to our graduating class of 2005, twelve (12) monetary prizes of One Thousand Dollars each to reward academic achievements in different fields.

As you may have noticed, this year you have received separate invoices for our PTA contributions. The response has been tremendous and we thank you all. Our teachers and groups have yet to complete their requests for assistance from us, but we are certain that they will be coming forward very soon, so keep those contributions coming.

UPDATED INFORMATION

In the event of an emergency correct contact information is essential. Any change of address or telephone number please contact the office so that we may bring our files up to date. Many thanks.



LIBRARY NEWS

I'VE LEARNED.....

I've learned...
That everyone you meet
deserves to be greeted with
a smile.

I've learned...
That to ignore the facts
does not change the facts.

I've learned...
That opportunities are
never lost; someone will
take the ones you miss.

I would like to introduce myself as your school teacher librarian. My name is **Shelley Grose** and I came to Trinidad with my 2 daughters and husband. We come from Drayton, a small rural village in Ontario. I have been an Ontario teacher for the past 16 years and a teacher librarian for the past 5 years. Each month I will write some monthly news about your Maple Leaf Library and add a website you might want to check out.

During September I have been rearranging the layout of the library to accommodate a story area. I have also been assessing what we have and what we need.

WEBSITE NEWS:

www.artsconnected.org/toolkit/index.html

The Artist's Toolkit focuses on visual elements and principles such as line, shape, space, movement and rhythm, colour and balance. Students can create their own art toolkit. This site is colourful and will appeal to students in all grades.



SECURING STUDENT PROPERTY

To minimize the loss of student property, please label all your belongings, including, books, clothes, laptops, calculators etc.



Students are responsible for their own belongings whether they are locked in their locker or in their possession. Locks can be bought to secure the laptop to a desk and students are reminded not to leave their items where others may have access to them.

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.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Thank you students for making an effort to wear our school uniform appropriately and adhering to the uniform rules. We have seen the difference!!!

Brain Teaser

Answer

1. Hang
2. Home
3. Make
4. Long
5. Half
6. Head
7. High
8. Foot
9. Fire

CELL PHONES/CD PLAYERS

Cell phones continue to be monitored. Please note that if a cell phone is taken away in any of the buildings, parents will be asked to pick them up in the main office. We cannot take responsibility for these items.

