



MAPLE LEAFLET

Maple Leaf International School

A Canadian International Program

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Trivia

(Answer on back page)

1. Once there was a king who was loved by millions, yet when he died no royalty attended his funeral. Who was this king?

2. What do these 3 music groups have in common:

1. The Rolling Stones
2. The Kinks
3. The Beach Boys



Rules for Dressing Up/Down

1. Absolutely NO mid-drifts 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



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

October 28th	Month-end report JK-8
November 1st	Divali Holiday
November 4th	Eid Holiday
November 8th	Mid-semester reports-Secondary Grs. 9-12
November 10th	Secondary Parent Interviews
November 15th	Carlton University visit
November 18-20th	Tri Island Exchange
November 25th	Assembly for Honour Roll Grs. 9-12
December 2nd	Reports for Elementary
December 5th	Christmas Concert for JK-6, Main Campus 6:00 pm
December 6th	JK—8 NO SCHOOL for Parent Interview Day
December 7th	Grs. 4-8 Achievement Assembly
December 9th	Last day of school (Christmas Holidays)
January 3rd	Back to school



STUDENT COUNCIL—HALLOWEEN!

Halloween celebrations will be held on Monday 31st October in both the Primary Campus and the Main Campus

Primary Campus

- On Monday 31st, students are allowed to dress up in a costume for Halloween or dress down in normal clothes (Please see rules in column on right)
- There will be Snow Cones at the Primary Campus for the children. Tickets for the snow cones will be sold for \$1.00 each prior to the 31st.

Secondary Campus

- Students are allowed to dress up in a costume for Halloween (charge \$2.00) or dress down in normal clothes (charge \$5.00).
- There will be a prize for best costume for one student in the senior school (Grades 9-12) and one for one student in the junior school (Grades 3-8)
- There will be candy grams (available to those in Grades 7-12) to send to your friends on Halloween day. Students will be informed when tickets for the candy grams go on sale. Please note in advance that they will cost \$2.00 each and final sales are made on Friday 28th at 12:00 pm!

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



From the Principal

October is a busy month of school as classes settle into their routines and work load increases in the upper grades. Our elementary students will receive a Month-End Report on October 28, 2005 and our secondary students will be receiving their Mid-Semester Reports on November 08 2005. Teachers will be ensuring that accurate assessment data is collected to support these reports.

We have had our first of a number of Fire Drills. Generally, the evacuation went smoothly with the largest building taking less than 3 minutes for complete evacuation.

Mr. Harry Amow, a staff member, works with the Administration to establish and fine tune fire drill procedures. Thank you, Mr. Amow.

Each year Grade 10 students are required to write the "Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test" (also referred to as OSSLT). Any students who were not successful in previous year are also required to write the test. The successful completion of the OSSLT is a requirement for graduation from an Ontario secondary school. This year's test will be held on March 29 2006. You may wish to note this date as alternative dates for this test are not permitted.

This test assesses the reading and writing skills that students should be able to demonstrate at the end of grade 9. It assesses the types of reading and writing that are important in all of their courses, not just in English.


All of our grade 10 teachers will be working to prepare our students. This work will begin in November and students will have specific assignments in each of their courses that assess reading and writing skills in course material. We will be identifying students who require additional assistance. Parents and students may obtain additional information about this test by visiting www.eqao.com, which is the website of the government office that conducts the test.

On Friday October 21, 2005 a number of our elementary teachers were provided in-service on First Steps Reading. This is the literacy program used by many Ontario schools and was chosen for implementation at Maple Leaf. Mrs. Hobday, Gr. 6 and Mrs. De La Bastide, Gr. 3 received training in the summertime as trainers for this program and are providing in-service training and support to teachers as the reading practices are implemented in their classrooms.

Occasionally students are absent from school for an extended period of time for a planned activity such as medical treatment or a trip. Please let the office know in advance of these absences so that strategies may be considered for keeping the student caught up with the class.

Janet Pomeroy

Principal





PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS



Joanne Crosby, Cathy Govia and Lindsay Scott attended a First Steps Reading Literacy Programme, which will be implemented in the class room at Maple Leaf.

Halloween will take place on October 31st and students may come to school in costume and participate in the Primary Campus Parade. Sharing of treats will be enjoyed by all!!!



Birds In the Sky

Birds in the sky
 Blue sky, gray sky
 Skies to fly in
 Skies to glide in
 Blue sky, gray sky
 Birds in the sky
 Sonrisa

Flowers in the Garden

Flowers in the garden
 Pretty flowers, fragrant flowers
 Flowers to smell
 Flowers to pick
 Pretty flowers, fragrant flowers
 Flowers in the garden
 Jacob



Ride a Bike

Ride a bike
 Orange bikes, Green bikes
 Bikes to have fun on
 Orange bikes, Green bikes
 Ride a bike

Grade 2 Poetry

Fish in the Sea

Fish in the sea
 Dark sea, light sea
 Sea to swim in
 Sea to eat in
 Dark sea, light sea
 Fish in the sea
 Luis



Water is Great

Water is great
 Dirty water, clean water
 Water to swim in
 Water to drink
 Dirty water, clean water
 Water is great
 Marques

Meadows for Rabbits

Meadows for rabbits
 Big Rabbits, small rabbits
 Rabbits hop
 Rabbits sleep
 Big Rabbits, small rabbits
 Meadows for rabbits
 Majet

Tennis is Fun

Tennis is fun
 Exciting tennis, cool tennis
 Tennis to play
 Tennis to win
 Exciting tennis, cool tennis
 Tennis is fun
 Michael



Horses in the Field

Horses in the field
 Galloping horses, trotting horses
 Horses to play with
 Horses to groom
 Galloping horses, trotting horses
 Horses in the field

Angel



Amber



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LIBRARY NEWS

Shelley Grose

Guidance News

November is a **big** month in the Guidance department. Grade 12 students will be receiving passwords towards the end of the month to give them access to the on-line application service in Ontario. They can then go on-line and start applying.

November 15th will be the last day for Grade 12 students to drop courses before they appear on the transcript. Anyone considering a course drop should make their appointments early. Please remember that only Grade 12 students are allowed free periods.

Also on November 15th, Carlton University will be visiting the school. Carlton University is located in Ottawa, Canada's capital city. It has a wide range of programs in various areas, but is especially noted for its programs in Journalism, Criminology, Architecture and Law. Ms. Benvie will be meeting with students, who have been identified by their teachers as having difficulty after mid-term reports are available October 26, 2005.

Happy Halloween, Happy Divali and Happy Eid! Wow what a busy multicultural country! During the primary story time I have been reading stories related to these celebrations in attempts to inform the students (and myself) of the meaning of these events.

The library is looking for donations. If you have a good rocking chair or glider that you no longer want, please consider donating it for the primary story centre in the library. Also if you have pictures books, novels, factual books or magazines that are in good condition and your children are no longer reading them, again consider donating them to the library. Please note that I will check with the Ontario guidelines for book titles which apply to the Ontario Curriculum. If they are not used in the library they may be passed to the classrooms.

WEBSITE NEWS:

You have probably heard of the Oprah reading list but did you know that she also has a kids reading list? www2.oprah.com/obc/kids/obc_kids_main.jhtml This site offers great ways to encourage kids to read along with recommended reading lists of books that will be certain to keep their interest.

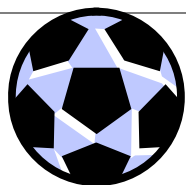
CELL PHONES/CD PLAYERS

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.



TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Elvis Presley
2. They are the only bands in history to have #1 hits in the 60's, 70's,



Possible Additional Extra-Curricular Activities

1 A football coach, Kerry Franklyn is interested in offering football for ages 7-12. He would like to have practices and games on Tues and Thurs from 2:30 to 3:30 at a nearby field. The cost would be \$150 per term. If you are interested in having your sons and daughters involved in this program please submit a note to the office and we will pass it on to Kerry Franklyn. He will need a minimum of 20 students. The transportation, safety and supervision of the students remains the parents' responsibility for this activity.

2. We were recently approached by an organization, **Youth Forum T&T**, which provides after-school and weekend athletic programs for secondary students (**ages 11-18**). Trinidad and Tobago's Ministry of Education has granted approval for this group to conduct projects with schools. The National Coordinator for Youth Forum T&T is Mr. Claudius Phillips. There are quite a number of activities offered including water-based sports. The cost is \$20 for the first sport and \$40 if two or more are chosen. Mr. Phillips has assured us that the coaches and leaders are fully qualified in their activities. The activities are held in a variety of places including Diego Martin Secondary, Corpus Christi College, and St Anthony's College. Please pick up an application form at the Reception Desk if you are interested in this program.

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.