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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 29th	Ontario Secondary School Literacy Test
March 30th	School Closed—Public Holiday
April 3rd	Secondary Semester II First Report Card
April 5th	PTA Executive Meeting
April 6th	Secondary Parent-Teacher Interviews
April 7th	Sports Day for JK-6 at Woodbrook
	Yearbook Dress Down Day for Gr 7-12
	Last day of school before Easter Holidays
April 24th	First day back after Holidays
April 28th	Elementary Month End Reports



TIPS

We all have difficulty with ants from time to time. Here are a few tips to try.

- 1. To keep the ants out of your sugar bowl put a piece of lemon peel in it.*
- 2. Ants dislike salt. Try it! Put salt in path of ants.*
- 3. To keep ants out put baby powder at entry points*
- 4. For hummingbird feeders, cover the string with Vaseline to keep ants off or try taking a sheet of Bounce (dryer sheet) and wrap around the hanger with a rubber band of tape on the ends. Also Bounce can be rubbed on skin to keep away mosquitoes!*

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Glenis Yearwood has proudly submitted the names of MLIS winners in the recent Music Festival held at Queen's Hall. You have all done us proud and all the staff and students of Maple Leaf International School extend a huge Congratulations to all of you.

The winners are:

Sameerah Qudourah, (Girls 8-10 Solo, 1st Place)

Aimee Gibbon (Girls 11-12 Solo, 2nd Place)

Feryal Qudourah, (Girls 13-15 Solo, 1st Place)

Shari Fitzpatrick and Feryal Qudourah, (Girls 13-15 duet, 1st place with perfect score 100/100)

Championship:

Feryal Qudourah is the championship winner of classes 4 & 5 Holitzia Seecharen Trophy (Solo)



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



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

This month I wish to acknowledge the vital role parents play in our school. The communication links between parents and teachers are an important part of students' success. Parents ensure that their children's attendance is regular and support their children in their homework. We appreciate the responsiveness of our parents and the partnering we do together to support your children's education.

A special thank you is expressed to the parents that volunteer a great number of ways in our school:

- *Assisting with reading*
- *Accompanying classes on trips*
- *Being a parent Class Rep.*
- *Serving on the PTA Executive*
- *Assisting with fundraising*
- *Supporting the children on Sports Day*
- *Participating in Adventure Day*
- *Sharing their expertise in the arts, vocations, and sports.*



All of your efforts in support of our school are appreciated. You make the lives of our students and the work of our teachers so much better.

Many, many thanks.

Student attendance

We appreciate a call from parents when your child is unable to attend school. Most parents find it convenient to call the office in the morning and leave a message.

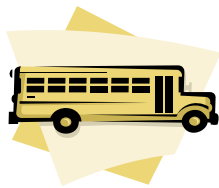
After teachers submit the attendance from their classes, we do attempt to follow-up with a call to the homes of those students for whom we have not received a message. We especially follow-up on the secondary students who may have personal responsibility for getting to school on time.

Janet Pomeroy



GUIDANCE NEWS

College and University Update: Many students have gotten acceptance letters from Colleges and Universities. For those who have not heard yet, don't worry. The procedures for admission vary from institution to institution and program to program. Colleges and Universities will continue to send out acceptances as late as May/June. If you have a concern about your application you should contact the institution's International Admissions Office.



Once you have finalized your choice and have an offer you can contact the U.S., Canadian or British Consulate and begin the process of applying for a Study Permit.

Up Coming Sessions: Sheridan College will have a representative at the school on March 28th and on April 3rd the registrar from Nipissing University will visit the school to speak to the students about the application process.

Sign-up sheets will be posed for students to register for these sessions.

Deadline: April 26th is the deadline for dropping a course without a grade appearing on the transcript.

April 28th is the final deadline for requesting a course change for the next school year.

May 15th is the deadline for a grade 12 student to drop a course for semester 2.

PTA KORNER

Easter Holidays are almost here. Elementary kids have already been given their reports. Secondary students receive their reports on April 3rd. Another term is over. Here is what has been happening:

Congrats to the winners of the recently concluded Calypso Competition. Audience and Participants had a great day. The PTA was pleased to contribute to the prizes for this event.

The PTA has recently purchased three pieces of artwork from those displayed at the Maple Leaf International Art Exhibit. These pieces will be framed and displayed soon for all

to enjoy. Many people are asking again for our Scavenger Hunt. The Student Council has expressed an interest in helping us with this event, so we will have this on our calendar for next term.

The need for definite Policy Guidelines was once again addressed at the recent PTA Executive meeting. The need to convey to our school community definite ways of reporting, presenting and accessing accurate information is quite apparent. I wish to advise the parents that this is being addressed.

A handbook is being worked on and all attempts are being made to

have this ready in time for our new school year.

Is anyone out there interested in a School Bus for their kids.? This is a bus which will pick up your kids at your door every morning and drop them back to your door every evening after school. There must be at least 12 kids in each neighbourhood. The cost would be \$10.00 per child per day. If you can get the number required in your area, you can contact Jan Franco at jan-marie@tstt.net.tt





PUTTING THE STUDENTS' FOOTBALL PRIDE TO GOOD USE



Following the historic win of our national football team, the Soca Warriors, over Bahrain last November some teachers got together to ensure that the students' enthusiasm, national pride and love of football would continue as we head to Germany 2006. A series of football related events

have been planned for the entire student body to take part in. The first event was our very successful Soca Monarch Competition. The students composed songs using the Soca Warriors victory as their theme. Our very supportive PTA sponsored the challenge trophies for the junior, intermediate and senior schools and the winners also received gift certificates to

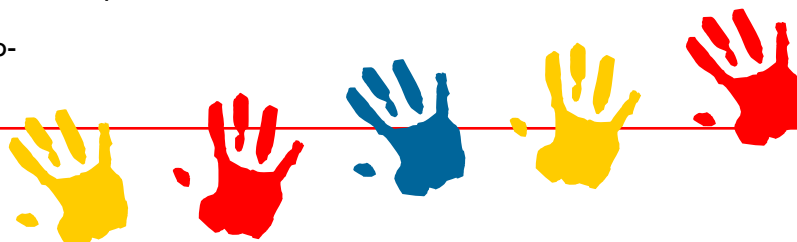
the value of \$150.00 redeemable at Mario's Pizza. All money collected from many of these events are used directly to fund the prizes awarded to the students. The other events are as follows:

March 2006	Logo and Slogan Design Contest
April 2006	World Cup Trivia Contest
May 2006	Soca Warriors Tribute
June 2006	Best Football Cake contest

At present the Logo and Slogan design contest are underway and there are over 80 entrants expected to submit designs from primary, junior, intermediate and senior. Prizes will be awarded and it is envisioned that the best overall winning design will be used to print T-shirts which can then be purchased and worn as we continue to show our support for the Soca Warriors. The entrants have also attended a workshop on logo design conducted by Steven Valdez of Valdez and Tory International. Thank you for your generous support, Mr. Valdez.

Our trivia contest will be geared towards all students and entry forms will be available starting April 1st, 2006. Students will be asked to make \$1.00 contribution in order to get an entry form. Students will be asked to sing, dance, recite a poem etc., for the Soca Warriors Tribute and it is our hope that there will be at least a couple of Soca Warriors at this event. This is carded for Thursday May 11th, 2006 from 12:45-1:45 pm.

A souvenir t-shirt with the signatures and best wishes of all students will also be presented to the TTFF representative present that day. (Any parent contact in this area is welcome). Our last event is a fun event meant to entice the students to be creative whilst using their baking skills. This event will be a celebration and we hope to have enough cake for everyone to partake.





Library News

ELIZABETH LOCHAN

'Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body'

Thank you for having me on board!

On the 20th March, 2006 The Silver Birch Book Club reopened with grades 5 & 6 reading from the award winning selections.

Many new books have been purchased and catalogued and our collection continues to grow.

Helpful hints to improve a child's reading.

Ham it up. Read a story, and then select several parts to act out. Oral language is the foundation for reading. Listening and speaking are a child's first introduction to language.

Word Detective- Select one or several words that your child can read and write them on cue cards .As you read follow the words with your finger. When you come to one of the selected words pause and allow your child to read the word.

Research it. When your kids ask those tough questions, look up the answers together using the internet, encyclopedia, a dictionary, etc.

Play- Play board games together (they'll be busy reading without even knowing it).

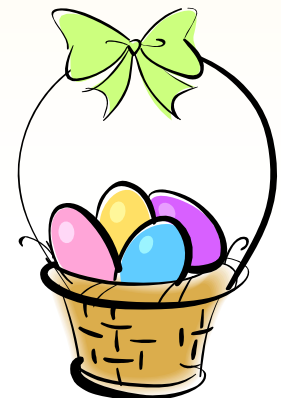
Website News:

The Ontario Reading Strategy- Grades 1-8: Reading provides teachers, parents, and students with a guide booklet. This guide is available on the ministry's website, at www.edu.gov.on.ca.

Reminder: All library books are due next week before Easter break.



Happy Easter



PRIMARY CAMPUS NEWS

The Primary Campus will be going to the Botanical Gardens on Tuesday 4th April. They will take part in their annual Easter Egg hunt and Hat Parade whilst they are there.

SPORTS DAY 2006

Date/Venue/Time Woodbrook Youth Facility, Woodbrook
8:00 a.m. sharp, hope to have a shorter day

Fewer Events 2 individual events, 4 team events, 2 house events

Practice has already begun and food and drinks will be on sale.

No child will leave empty handed and all kids must take part in team events. Please send a note if you plan to be absent and look out for the Sports Newsletter next week.