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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

April 27th	Adventure Day for grades 7 and 8
April 28th	Intermediate grades new parents' orientation 8:00 am Library Secondary school interview day Library workshop for teachers
April 29th	Class afloat visit
May 3rd	Junior new parents for Gr. 4,5,6 orientation, 9:30 am -Room 215
May 4th	Workshop for all teachers (writing strategies, use of textbooks)
May 11th	Workshop for all teachers (assessment/portfolios)
May 13th	Sports Day, Woodbrook
May 18th	Charmaine Graves and P.D. for primary and junior teachers
May 26th	Holiday
May 30th	Holiday
June 17th	Secondary exams begins
June 20th	Holiday
June 23rd	Gr. 8 graduation
June 27th	Gr. 12 Graduation at Cascadia Hotel

NOTE:
**MAY 27TH IS A REGULAR
SCHOOL DAY**

BRAIN TEASER!!

(answer on back sheet)

Here is a group of common three-letter words. Can you take these and turn them into half as many 6 letter words. Each three-letter word is used only once.

bar, bit, box, boy, car, day, den, dim, fly, hid, low, now, nut, pan, pea, sun, ten, try, win, wit



LIBRARY BOOKS

The library has received new books to add to our resources. Feel free to come in and view them and see the exciting variety we have added to our collection. Thank you to those parents who are helping to prepare the books for the shelves-great job!



SCHOOL FEES ARE OVERDUE, KINDLY SEND PAYMENT INTO THE OFFICE ASAP.

THANK YOU

ASCD—ASSOCIATION FOR SUPERVISION AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Over the Easter break five members of staff attended the ASCD conference in Orlando: Michele Riley, Judy Sharpe, Alana Richards, Glenis Yearwood and Giselle Hobday. It was an incredible experience as the teachers came away feeling revitalized and with many new ideas that they can both share with others and use in their classrooms. Other members of staff are now benefiting from this experience as the group is hosting a series of information sharing sessions based on the following topics: Working with ESL students, Writing Strategies; Textbook Reliance—Not!, Assessment/portfolios

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On May 18th Charmaine Graves from Thames Valley will be here for a week of P.D. for primary and junior staff focusing on literacy. Dorothy McCrady, the new VP will be here as well, taking part in the training sessions. Janet Goheen, our new guidance counselor will be here to shadow our existing counselor.

LITERACY TEST RESULTS

119 students wrote the mandatory grade 10 literacy test. Only 2 of the grade 10's will rewrite next year, and 3 of the grade 12's new to our school, are receiving a remedial course to give them the credit. Passing this test is a necessary part of receiving a diploma in the Ontario system.

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



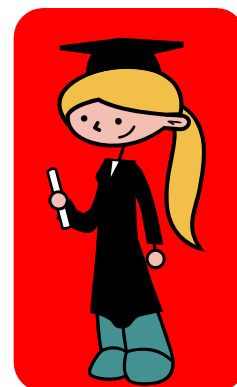
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Thanks to all the children and parents who participated in this years scavenger hunt. It was especially good to see our seniors participate in the school's activities along with the rest of our school family. A great time was had by all. The PTA has decided not to host any fund raising events this semester (do I hear a collective sigh of relief here!!!). There are many activities planned and we think we have adequate funds to see us through this term.

Our school library is really starting to take shape and we wish to again thank all those who have helped us make a significant contribution to this effort by assisting and participating in our fundraising activities.

We shall once again be taking an active role in this year's graduations, both senior and middle school events, as well as with this years sports day, which will be held next month. Your grade reps will be calling on you for assistance with these projects.



Thanks to all those who responded to the report card survey and we will be addressing those areas of concern to your satisfaction during the school year. We note the high rating given for many areas such as school security guards, availability of administration and report card information amongst others.

Having received the board's approval, we will now be enclosing our PTA invoices along with your regular school invoices, effective September 2005. This will make payment of your contributions much easier than in the years gone by. Remember that we are still looking for parent volunteers to assist with lollie sales on the primary campus. If you are interested please call 633-9500 at the primary campus and let Pamela know when you are available to help. If you require t-shirts for yourself or your kids for Sports Day, please remember to send in your contributions so that we can conclude the ordering process in a timely fashion.



DOUBLE STUDENT PROFILE

Morrison sisters

CHARLOTTE MORRISON

GRADE 5-Ms. Liverpool

Age 10

Charlotte has been on the Honour Roll at MLIS every term since entering the main campus in Sept 2003. Her love of music had her representing MLIS in the Music Festival in 2004 where she reached the semi-finals.

Recently there was a TIDCO & National Art Exhibition on the Depletion of the Ozone Layer and Charlotte won 2nd place with her art entry for the competition. Like her sister Laura, Charlotte received an excellent report in the piano prep test given by the Royal conservatory of Music. Keep up the good work Charlotte and continue to reach for your best.

LAURA MORRISON

GRADE 3-Mrs. De la Bastide

Age 8

Laura has been pursuing piano and recently sat her prep test given by the Royal Conservatory of Music and received an excellent report. One of Laura's other interests is gymnastics. She represented Trinidad and Tobago in Florida as a member of Tots & Tumblers Gymnastics Club and earned five medals. Congratulations Laura as you continue to follow your dreams.

PARKING AT MALL

As of May 1st there will be no student parking available at the mall across from the main campus. Students, and parents of students who drive must give serious consideration as to whether it is wise to continue to drive themselves to school, when the only parking available is on the street. A number of new businesses have opened at the mall, the last one being an insurance company and they will be opening its offices for their customers as of May 1st.

YEARBOOKS

The yearbook committee, teachers and students are working hard to prepare both the elementary and secondary yearbooks by June. Sponsorship is coming in to cover cost and we look forward to further support.

TERRY FOX RUN

The Canadian High Commission, in conjunction with the Trinidad and Tobago Cancer Society is staging the fifth running of the Terry Fox run in Trinidad on May 22nd, 2005 at 8:30 a.m. You are invited to show your support by participating in the run/walk on May 22nd. You can also order T-shirts to help fulfill Terry Fox's dream. Cheques can be made payable to the Canadian High Commission. Last year's run raised a total of \$40,000 TT and we hope to surpass that amount this year. Please send in your forms that were distributed last week so that we may start to place our orders as soon as possible.

THANK YOU!!!

Thanks goes to our parents for hosting the British Columbian athletes as they trained for track.



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 belongs 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.

A Note to Parents:

We do not allow the sale of items on campus and if a student brings home something new, please enquire about it. Several items have gone missing recently and we all need to work together for a safer environment as well as taking responsibility of securing our own property

PARENTS! WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The administration and staff of MLIS are being constantly “ bouffed” and criticized about the uniforms worn by our students. Please understand that in every class, in every walk-through of the halls, and every day, our staff stop and remind students to “tuck in their shirts” and remove their earrings. The tucking in of shirts is not too much of a concern, because in our active day, the shirts do come out, and students just need a reminder to tuck in.

However, our students are arriving from home with the following concerns:

- *Students wearing Timberline hiking shoes. We ask that they wear running shoes instead.
- *Girls wearing multiple earrings instead of the allowed stud or hoop in each ear
- *Girls wearing rings or studs in the nose.
- *Boys wearing earrings
- *Students wearing chains, necklaces etc. which are not religious symbols.
- *Girls wearing skirts which have been hemmed up to be shorter than prescribed.

These students are leaving home with their parents' knowledge and permission to wear these clothes and jewelry to school. Talk with your teenagers. Please start with your child leaving home with the proper uniform, jewelry, and shoes.

We appreciate your support in upholding our uniform rules.

Note that Knowledge Zone is well stocked in all aspects of our uniform, and that if they cannot fit your child, they will arrange to have the item custom made.

SHIP AFLOAT

On Friday, April 29th MLIS will be hosting visitors from the Ship Afloat . Ship Afloat is a school based on a sailboat that tours and visits numerous destinations throughout the year. Along with seeing the world, Ship Afloat students are taught according to the Alberta curriculum from Canada, and they are learning to sail and become responsible stewards. The students will be visiting MLIS on Friday April 29th. Thanks to those parents who are accommodating the students for their home stay, however we need a few more host parents. Anyone interested may contact Student Council or Doka Skryzpek at 632-9578 during school hours.



SCHOOL REPORT CARD

The School Report Card was returned by 122 families. The school has been highly rated in almost all areas. The chart has been shared with the P.T.A., staff, cleaners and cafeteria owner. Thank you for rating highly: school security guards, report card information, availability of administration, teacher interviews and monthly newsletters

We are addressing areas of concern such as the cafeteria and Mrs. Patikh is working on changes. A committee from our class reps is working to provide a healthier menu and ideas to get your children thinking about eating in a healthier way!

Also we are addressing the athletic program/facilities issue and will be renting the Woodbrook's gym, a classroom and the fields for next year for our secondary classes. This will free up more gym space here at the main campus.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

A Celebration Assembly was held to congratulate our students who excel outside of school—the number of students such as Mathew Scott, who is being sent to Switzerland for Olympic involvement, golfers, tennis, racquet sports and riding participants, was astounding. Mr. Keens-Douglas was an excellent guest speaker. Our pan classes played well. The assembly ran too long—but who would have thought so many achievers were present in our midst!! Congratulations to all those parents who provide such opportunities for their children.

ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

The achievement assembly is planned for April 29th for those over 80% in grades 4—12. Passes to Movie Towne will be given out. A speaker is being arranged for the day (and a shorter assembly is planned!)



PARENTS' NIGHT-SECONDARY STUDENTS

Parents' night is on April 28th for parents of secondary students to meet with the teachers. Appointments are being made through the slips carried by the student. Please indicate the time you wish to meet with our child's teacher. If you cannot come on April 28th, feel free to contact the teacher and arrange a time convenient to you both.



STAFFING

Staffing for secondary teachers' positions is completed. Juliette John, the music teacher is leaving and a replacement is being sought. Alicia Carew has been hired on a temporary basis to support our JK class.

UNIVERSITY/ COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE

Secondary Students' acceptance for universities and colleges are going very well, with many receiving several offers from various institutions. More details to follow!

PRIMARY CAMPUS

GUILLOTINE

Many thanks to Debra Scott for donating the guillotine for use at our primary campus. A long overdue need has brought much ease to the administrative office.

ORIENTATION MEETINGS

Orientation meetings are being organized for new families who wish to enter Maple Leaf. We have already met at the Primary Campus for JK,SK and grade I on April 21. Meetings are scheduled for **Gr. 4-6 on May 3rd** at the Main Campus and for **Gr. 7-8 on April 28th** also at the Main Campus. The curriculum is reviewed and the expectations of the school are explained so when families join us, they understand the nature of the school they have chosen for their child.



PSSSSSSSS!!

Now that we have your attention, please be reminded that the **ONLY** jewellery permitted for females is one pair of small hoops or stud earrings (in ear lobes) and a watch, and for males the **ONLY** jewellery allowed is a watch. A small religious artifact may be hidden under the shirt. Any inappropriate jewellery may be taken and held in the office at the Principals' discretion. Shirts are to be tucked in at **ALL** times and **MLIS** considers it important that students appear neat, clean and well groomed at all times.

CRICKET

Maple Leaf has two cricket teams—the under 11 which played in the oval on Sunday and another team of under 15 has just joined the league.

1ST MAPLE LEAF CUB PACK

If you are between the **ages of 7 and 10** years (Grades 2 – 5) and enjoy the outdoors, going on hikes, camping and learning how to make neat things and think you may like to become a cub, you are invited to come along to one of our meetings. Meetings are held every **Monday at the Main Campus in Building B from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.** A weekend camp is planned for April 30th—May 1st at Balandra and we will be turtle watching at Matura during this weekend. Mr. Harkness will not be leading the pack next year and will be looking for a parent who may be interesting in taking on this role. Please contact Mr. Harkness at 632-5351 if you are interested.



GOLF ANYONE?

Anyone interested in learning how to play golf, or improving their game under the supervision of professional coaches? Then why not join other Maple Leaf students every **Tuesday and Friday at the Chaguaramas Golf Club.** Mr. Chris Richards and Mr. Bishop, are our professional coaches. On Tuesdays sessions are from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. and on Fridays sessions are from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. The cost per month is \$350.00. For further information please contact **Mr. Richards at 763 0494.**



TAE KWAN DO



Are you interested in learning a form of self defense that incorporates both discipline and staying focused? Then Tae Kwan Do may be what you are looking for. Classes are every **Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4:30 – 6:00 pm.** Contact **Mr. Sherland Flores at 732-1685 or 645-9330** for more information.

Brain Teaser Answer:

- Barfly
- Bitten
- Boxcar
- Lowboy
- Sunday
- Hidden
- Dimwit
- Winnow
- Peanut
- Pantry