



Maple Leaf International School Newsletter

February 5, 2014



IMPORTANT DATES AT A GLANCE

- High School Orientation - Feb 5th @ 6pm
- Grade 9 English & Math Parent Teacher Interviews –Feb 6th
- Elementary Parent-Teacher Interviews (half day for Elementary Students)—Feb 11th
- Curriculum Night—Feb 13th
- Valentine’s Dress Down Day - Feb 14th
- STUCO Candy Grams—Feb 14th
- Waterloo Math Competition – Feb 20th
- PA Day - February 28th
- Maple Leaf Golf Tournament & Family Fun Day 2014—May 18th 2014

Maple Leaf International School is a private co-educational, independent day school offering classes from Kindergarten to Grade 12. Established in 1994, and located in Alyce Heights, Petit Valley, Maple Leaf is registered with both the Ministry of Education in Trinidad & Tobago and Ontario Canada. Graduates earn an Ontario High School Diploma, in compliance with the curriculum requirements of the Ontario Ministry of Education in Toronto. The school places a balanced emphasis on academics, service achievements, leadership opportunities, as well as athletics and the arts. Maple Leaf offers a seamless transition from elementary to high school with a supportive and close-knit community of students, parents, staff and alumni.

The importance of Parental Involvement in Children’s Learning. There is a direct correlation between parents taking an interest in their children’s learning, and student success at school.

According to research performed by the Southwest Development Laboratory, family involvement improves a student’s likelihood of success in school, regardless of other factors such as economic level, race or ethnicity. The possible benefits include higher and better test scores, taking more challenging classes and greater success in classes undertaken. Improved attendance and social interactions are further enhanced, with corresponding benefits to student success immediately and in the future.

Parent Involvement boosts student motivation and improves self-esteem. According to the Michigan Department of Education, parent involvement can be as simple as showing an interest in what the child is doing. Attending parent information nights, engaging in parent interviews encouraging involvement in extra-curricular activities or reviewing student assignments and learning, are all small ways to assist, and demonstrate a parent’s involvement.

With curriculum nights, parent interviews, High School Orientation, Secondary course selection activities, PTA info sessions, bake sales and many more activities taking place at Maple Leaf, we would like to thank all of our parents for attending and being involved. Your child, our students are the beneficiaries.



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FOREST OF READING CHALLENGE 2014: Maple Leaf Reads!

Nothing compares to getting a hold of a book and entering another world or time created by an author. Books encourage us to meet new people and there are many situations to engage in. With this in mind, the Maple Leaf Library presents its Forest of Reading Challenge 2014: Maple Leaf Reads! The Forest of Reading Challenge begins on the 3rd of February and will end on the 28th of April 2014.

The Forest of Reading is an initiative of the Ontario Library Association, which aims at encouraging people of all ages and reading levels to read; and to have their say in whether these books deserve a literary award.

Maple Leaf International School Library is registered with the Ontario Library Association to officially run this program and we have the chance to make our votes count. As such, the library is throwing out the challenge to Maple Leaf's Houses to read books from the Forest of Reading collection, say whether it should be nominated for an award and win valuable points towards our houses for each nomination submitted.

There are five main categories of books in the Forest of Reading collection. These are:-

Blue Spruce	Grades JK-3
Silver Birch	Grades 4-6
Red Maple	Grades 7-8
White Pine	Grades 9-12
Golden Oak	Grade 12 & Teachers/Staff
Evergreen	Grade 12 & Teachers/Staff



Forest of Reading[®]
by the Ontario Library Association

There are both fiction and non-fiction books in the various categories. In each fiction category there are many genres such as mysteries, historical fiction and realistic fiction. This challenge open to all students of Grades JK-12, our teachers and staff. Nomination forms, available at the library, must be completed after you have read each book. On these forms you are asked to say whether the book deserves an award and why.

Students of Grade JK-3 will be encouraged to borrow the Blue Spruce category of books, read them and fill out nomination forms as well. The nomination form for the Grades JK-3 has been simplified and features a box for them to draw a smiley face or sad face with their favourite colour pencil, crayon or marker.

These forms would be tallied at the end of the challenge to determine the house that read the highest amount of books. Boxes for each house will be set up in the library for your votes to be placed in after you have read the book.

Are you ready for the challenge?

This week in the library

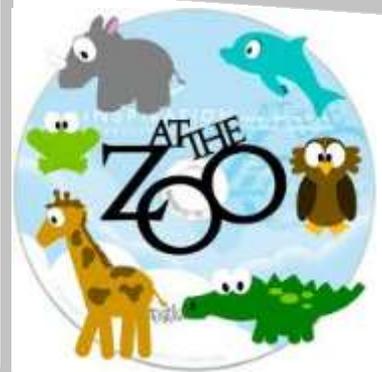
- Junior Book Club Mondays 2:15, meeting every other week
- Senior Book Club Mondays 2:15, meeting every other week
- Lunchtime Poetry Thursdays Elementary 11:40am to 11:55am & Secondary 12:20pm to 12:40pm
- Maple Express Student Newspaper Monthly Meetings on Thursdays 2:15pm



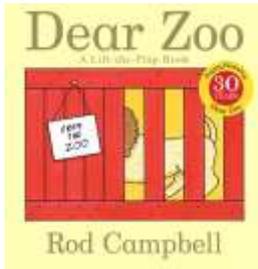
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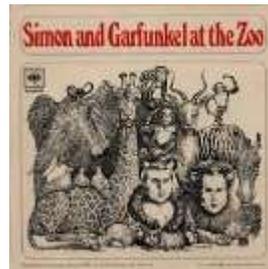
The Kindergarten class took a trip to the zoo last Tuesday, where they got to meet some of the latest additions to animal family. This great outing ended with a picnic lunch and just a bit of monkeying around!



LOVE THE ZOO? Here are some interesting things to zoo...



This classic book has been around for 30 years and a Best Seller with the kids.



This Classic song will bring joy & delight to your little ones as you sing along together.



A Classic Animation movie that will have the whole family in stitches!



Every Friday until the completion of this unit, the Kindergarten Class will be working outdoors in Rice, Water and Dough Centres. Centres like these are important for young children, giving them endless ways to develop and learn. All types of play are essential for children's development and early learning and play helps children develop and improve their gross and fine motor skills, co-ordination and concentration. Centres also teach kids how to work cooperatively and collaboratively, use all their senses to discover and explore their environment, and develop their imagination, creative thinking and ability to problem solve and experiment with solutions.





The Maple Express is inviting all students, 12 years and under, to submit poems with a Valentine's theme.

The winning poem will be showcased in the next issue of the Maple Express, and the student will also win a Movie Towne ticket with a snack included.

This is a great contest for those who enjoy writing poems and want to be recognized for it. All the submissions are to be handed to Ms. Mohammed by February 9th, and multiple entries will also be accepted.

The Maple Express would like to thank all the young writers who are participating in the event, and we hope to see more entries by the end of the month!

Thinking of going to Sheridan College?

On February 18th at 9:00 am, A representative from Sheridan College will be visiting Maple Leaf International to meet with students who have applied to Sheridan. Join the Sheridan College representative to get information on acceptance, housing, programs and much more!

For more information please contact Student Services.

A Bit About Sheridan College!

Established: 1967

Over 16,000 full-time students and 35,000 continuing education students.

Programs: Sheridan College Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning has more than 130 programs leading to degrees, certificates, diplomas, and post-graduate diplomas.

Sheridan has courses in business, animation, applied computing and telecommunications, engineering and manufacturing sciences, community service studies, digital media and communications, performing arts, visual arts and design, and liberal studies, among others.



Sheridan graduates sought the world over

- *DreamWorks is just one of many places Sheridan animation graduates end up in when they finish school. Others include Walt Disney Pictures and its subsidiary, Pixar Animation Studios.*
- *In the world of video games, Sheridan graduates end up with such key game makers as Electronic Arts, Microsoft Games Studio, Blizzard and Ubisoft among others.*



Sheridan College animation students Noah Comar (left) and Edward Coughlan work on their stop-motion animations at their internship this past summer at Toronto's Cuppa Coffee Studios.





fill the Bin & WIN!
February 3 - February 21

plasti-thon
fill the bin and win!

Here's what you do:

- Collect **USED** plastics from home, friends, school, neighbours
- Follow the "how to dispose of your plastics" instructions on this flyer or your bins. **ONLY CRUSHED PLASTIC WILL BE ACCEPTED. ALL PLASTIC MUST BE SUBMITTED IN THE CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS PROVIDED**
- Record your collections on the tally form until your bag is full
- Take the bag to school and have your teacher mark your bag and stamp your form
- Throw your bag in the Plastikeep bin
- On February 21, hand in your form to your school

EXCITING PRIZES
will be awarded to the overall

- student who collects the most
- class that collects the most
- school that collects the most

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How to dispose of your plastics

- keep your plastics
- remove caps
- rinse
- crush
- put all plastics in bags
- tie bags securely
- throw bags in bins

7 types of recycleable plastics

PET, HDPE, PVC, SPI, PP, PS, OTHER

HOW TO PARTICIPATE!

Each student receives a tally form which the teacher coordinator will sign, a pledge form as well as a new plastic bag (all materials provided by Plastikeep). Students continue to collect plastics, listing the quantities and location where collected on the tally form.

When the bag is FULL, the student brings it to school and has their homeroom teacher authorise receipt by signing the form and marking the bag with the students Name and Maple Leaf.

The plastics need to be clean, crushed (as much as possible, we understand that some plastic materials cannot be crushed) and have covers removed but included in the bag.

- The bag must be tied securely
- The bag is then deposited into the Plastikeep bin at Maple Leaf
- At the end of the competition, students' completed forms are to be handed in to Ms. Pechlof (on February 21st).
- The school's co-ordinator tallies the forms which are then returned to the Plastikeep coordinator, who will check them against the school's results.
- Forms that are not correctly filled in will be disqualified.
- Each student must collect and bring in his or her plastic for recycling — students are not allowed to collect for other students. Students are not allowed to PURCHASE additional plastics. The idea is to only recycle already used plastics.
- Prizes will be awarded in recognition of students' success at taking up this recycling challenge and will be announced at completion of the challenge.

Happy Recycling Maple Leaf!



Waterloo Math Competition



It's Math Competition Time Again!

Maple Leaf students will be participating in the Waterloo Math Competition for the 7th year in a row!



Three math contests hosted by the University of Waterloo will give students from Grades 9 to 11 the opportunity to develop their mathematical problem-solving skills.

Students in Grade 9 will be writing the Pascal contest. Students in Grade 10 will be writing the Cayley contest and Grade 11 students will be writing the Fermat contest.

A total of 60 minutes is given to complete the test, which takes place on February 20, 2014 at schools in North and South America and right here at our own Maple Leaf.

The Pascal, Cayley and Fermat Contests are an opportunity for students to have fun and to develop their mathematical problem solving ability. Early questions require only concepts found in the curriculum common to all provinces. The last few questions are designed to test ingenuity and insight. Rather than testing content, most of the contest problems test logical thinking and mathematical problem solving. Many teachers make this a regular classroom activity, and use past contest problems as part of their regularly assigned work. Spearheaded by Ms. Sell, we know that our students are well prepared and going to be great and have fun too! Good Luck Maple Leaf!



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SPIRIT ASSEMBLY

February 5, 2014



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Mon January 20th to Friday January 31st 2014

Week 1

Monday – Chicken Pelau

Tuesday- Chinese Noodles Stewed Chicken and Veggies

Wednesday- Dhal Rice and Curried Chicken

Thursday- Lentil Peas Rice and Stewed Beef

Friday- Chicken or Fish and Chips



Week 2

Monday- Pigeon Peas Rice and Stewed Chicken

Tuesday- Roti Beef/Chicken

Wednesday- Provision, Dumplings and Stewed Beef

Thursday – Carrot Rice with Calaloo and Baked Chicken

Friday- Corn Soup

Maple Café is open from 7:00 am and offers a variety of staple breakfast items including baked goods, fruits and cereals and there is always a wide variety of snack options. Lunches are available daily and the cafeteria allows students the opportunity to make healthier lunch choices by substituting salad for their side for a nominal fee.



February 5, 2014

HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION

ready?
high school!
set?

MAPLE LEAF GRADE 8 STUDENTS & PARENTS!!!

Maple Leaf will be hosting
GRADE 8 ORIENTATION
to
HIGH SCHOOL
on
Wednesday February 5th, 2014
Maple Leaf Great Hall at
6:00 pm

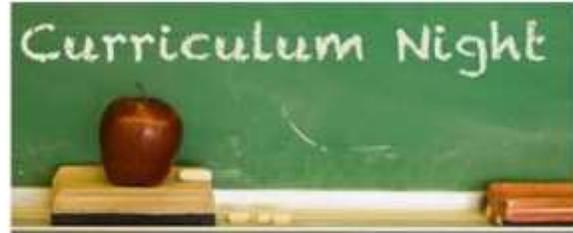
Maple Leaf is pleased to invite Grade 8 students and their parents to our Orientation to High School. Hosted by Guidance & Success Coordinator Marie Schuler, this session will help demystify navigating the high school curriculum and give you important information regarding the Ontario Secondary School Diploma, credits, volunteer hours, supports and course selections, all to facilitate an easy transition for your child from Elementary to Secondary School.

Marie Schuler comes to us from Cornwall, Ontario, near Ottawa. She is a graduate of the University of Toronto with a BSc. in Biology/Psychology, and obtained her BEd. from Queen's University. Marie has worked first as a science teacher and more recently as the head of Student Services at Cornwall Collegiate. She brings with her 31 years of secondary school experience.



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Secondary School Curriculum Night



Maple Leaf International School will be hosting Secondary School "Curriculum Night" on Thursday February 13, 2013 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Secondary CURRICULUM Night

Thursday February 13, 2014
5:30 – 7:45 PM

Elementary School Parent Teacher Interviews



Maple Leaf International School will be hosting Elementary School "Parent-Teacher Interviews" on Tuesday February 11, 2014. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Elementary PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Tuesday February 11, 2014

SAVE THE DATE! MAY 18TH 2014



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STUDENT SUCCESS

January 31, 2014



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