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Dear families, please find below an October update and attached is our School Council Minutes from October.

Math is an important part of our School Improvement Plan for Student Achievement (SIPSA).

Did you know that the YRDSB website is packed full of useful information. Under the Programs and Services tab you can find a Math folder. It has a monthly newsletter and monthly math problem for the family to solve. The focus of the newsletter this month is growth mindset.

"In a **growth mindset**, people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work—brains and talent are just the starting point. This view creates a love of learning and a resilience that is essential for great accomplishment." (Dweck, 2013)

"Before your child can learn mathematics, he or she needs to believe in his or her ability to do so. That's where you come in. You can be your child's 1st role model for learning. When you engage with your child in a supportive, relaxed atmosphere, your child will enjoy exploring the world of mathematics." (*Doing Mathematics with Your Child, Kindergarten to Grade 6*)

Check out the [Which One Doesn't Belong Activity](#) (hyperlinked here).

During our October PA Day staff were engaged in professional learning about the Comprehensive Math Program and [Examined Focusing on the Fundamentals of Math: A Teacher's Guide](#). You can find information about the Comprehensive Math Program in the [YRDSB Math folder](#) (hyperlinked here).

School Fundraising Plan

Consultation with students, staff, community and Council has take place. A draft plan was shared at the October School Council Meeting. A finalized plan will be shared in the near future. Thanks to all families who took part in our QSP magazine and cookie dough campaign.

Dress Purple Day on October 24th

...to show support for children's rights to safety and well-being, all schools in York Region are invited to dress purple.

Help spread the word and speak up for kids. Find more information on the YRDSB website at:

<http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/Repository/NewsEvents/Pages/BoardNews/Child-Abuse-Prevention-Month.aspx>



Fall Dance

Maple Leaf students have been working really hard at school and it's time to have some Fall fun! Our Student Leadership Team is hosting a Fall Dance on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Students will have the option of going to the dance or a games room. Students may choose to wear a costume, wear orange and black, wear Autumn colours or dress in regular school clothes for this Fall Dance. Students choosing to wear a costume need to leave replica weapons at home and not wear scary costumes. Costumes should be respectful of others: if something is representative of a

person's culture or religious beliefs, then it should not be worn as part of a costume. It is also important that costumes not trivialize and devalue the lives of Indigenous peoples in Canada.

As part of our ongoing social justice focus at Maple Leaf we are asking students to consider bringing in old pairs of running shoes they are no longer using, as well as an empty clean plastic containers with lid e.g. yogurt/margarine/sour cream containers to be sent to developing countries. All of these items would normally be put into the garbage or recycling bin and doesn't cost a penny!

GLOW STICK SALES: Student Leadership Team members will be selling glow sticks during the dance for \$0.25 each.

9:15 - 10:40 → Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2

11:15 - 12:50 → Grade 3, Grade 4, and Grade 5

2:00 - 3:30 → Grade 6, Grade 7, and Grade 8

Students will be engaged in instruction for the remainder of the day.

Free Coats for Kids

See attached information about the Lion's Club **Free Coats for Kids**.

Seneca College Employment Services

We have invited **Seneca College, Employment Services**, to conduct an information session at Maple Leaf.

Child care will be provided in the gym free of charge!

Wednesday, Nov. 28th – 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Join this session to learn about Employment Services in the community, supports to help get job ready. In the session we will discuss resume writing and job search tools.

Wednesday, Dec. 5th – 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Join us once again for a quick review of what makes a resume stand out and learn about online job search resources. We will also discuss effective and proven interview techniques.

Please R.S.V.P. your attendance by completing and cutting off the form in the school's office or by emailing farshad.derakshandeh@yrdsb.ca by November 23rd. Questions can be directed to Mr. Farshad Derakshandeh, our Performance Plus Teacher.

Every Student Counts Survey

In November 2018, York Region District School Board will invite all students to participate in the **Every Student Counts Survey (ESCS)**. The purpose of this census survey is to better understand YRDSB's diverse student population as well as students' experiences in school and outside of school. Families with a child in Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be invited to complete the survey online with their child at home. Students in Grades 7-12 will be invited to complete the survey online during class time.

The surveys are voluntary and confidential. Information about the surveys and the process is available at www.yrdsb.ca/escs. This important initiative will help us work together to create equitable and inclusive school environments.

We are looking for volunteers to help out in various ways around the school. If you would like to read to or listen to children reading, help run a learning centre in a classroom, help one morning a week at 8 a.m. with our Student Nutrition Program, hand out QSP cookie dough orders for an hour... please reach out because we need you.

Dressing for the Weather

The weather has definitely turned colder. Dressing for the cold Canadian weather is an important consideration when preparing children to come to school. We maximize the opportunity to get our students outside for exercise during morning and lunch recess and this means students need to have warm clothing. Please see the attached poster to help guide your thinking.

This is a busy week at Maple Leaf. Check out our calendar on the [Maple Leaf PS](#) website home page (hyperlinked). This week we have Dress Purple Day and Character Assembly hosted by the Kindergarten classes. Remember that our emailed newsletters are also posted on the website.

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