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The Character Trait for April is

Integrity

We are truthful and sincere. We ensure consistency between what we say and what we do as well as between what we believe and how we behave.

National Jersey Day Today students were invited to wear a favourite team sweater for National Jersey Day. Our Student Leadership Team spoke with their staff leaders about wanting to participate. Wearing a sports shirt on this day is certainly a respectful way of remembering the Canadian teenage hockey players who were killed recently in the bus accident in Saskatchewan. We are aware that many young students do not know about this tragedy. We certainly do not want to cause any unnecessary anxiety about accidents and fatalities. Schools are places that provide a neutral and emotionally safe place for students, including, at times, following tragic events that occur outside the school community. For this reason, we will not be making any specific announcements about the Humboldt Broncos hockey team. We will simply be calling Thursday, National Jersey Day. Teachers have resources to speak to students about tragedies. In some classes, the students have been talking with the teachers about the bus accident and in other classes, the students seem unaware. As parents, if you need any assistance in speaking to your child about this tragedy or in assisting your child to deal with other difficult personal or global events, please do not hesitate to contact us for support.

Family Sports Night at Maple Leaf P.S.! Our School Council Parent Engagement Committee has arranged for families to join us for an hour of family-oriented fun & fitness in our school gym on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.. Families would enter through the Longford Drive parking lot doors and enter the gym through the main hallway entrance. *This event is geared to families that are interested in participating in sports with their child. Parents/guardians are to remain with their child for the duration of the hour. See the attached flyer.*

27th Annual Maple Leaf Plant Sale Fundraiser It's that time of year again, where the warm weather is upon us, and that means that the beautiful sights and smells of spring time are upon us.... And that can only mean one thing... PLANT SALE TIME!!!! This fundraiser is an important event for our school and is a tradition we have had for **OVER 25 years!** Spruce up your home and garden with a beautiful assortment of flowers that will put a smile on your face all summer long!!! **ORDER DEADLINE: Wednesday April 25th - 9am. See the attached flyer.** Paper copies have only gone home to those families that have requested a paper newsletters. If you don't usually receive a paper copy and would like one either give us a call and we will send it home for you or drop in to pick one up.

School Yard Clean Up Our School Council is hosting the annual School Community Yard clean-up is happening on Saturday April 28th from 10-12. Bring your family, gardening gloves and trowel to do some weeding. Let's hope for perfect weather. We will meet at the front entry doors of the school. If you are planning to join in, let us know.

Pink Day Assembly The Student Leadership Team has been delivering lessons in all classes to help Maple Leaf students gain a better understanding about bullying and how to stand up to bullying. The student leaders also co-created with each class 'I Am' poems from the perspective of the bully, the bullied, and the bystander. These poems were shared at our Pink Day student assembly yesterday and were very well received. During the assembly the definition of bullying was revisited students heard ideas and strategies they could use when they witness or are experiencing bullying. The assembly concluded with each class being challenged to create their own Anti-Bullying Pledge to be shared at our April Character Assembly. Parents and caregivers are welcome, as always, to join us for the **Character Assembly on April 26th**.

Summer Institute Looking for summer learning and fun activities for students entering Senior Kindergarten to Grade 8? Summer Institute offers academic, recreational and athletic programs and activities with intentional links to the Ontario Curriculum. The program runs for six weeks during July and August. It is offered at 11 school sites around York Region, including right here at Maple Leaf. For more information on dates, programs and locations, please visit the Summer Institute page on www.yrdsb.ca. Registration opened March 7. Families can now register online, as well as in person or by mail.

There is a lot going on at the school over the next few months. Please be sure to check our Maple Leaf PS Community Calendar that is on the home page of our school website <http://www.yrdsb.ca/schools/mapleleaf.ps>

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