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Dear Parents and Caregivers

We have almost completed our second week of school and we have accomplished much already. As always at this time of year, our focus is on building rapport and positive relationships with our students and families, ensuring practices and procedures related to safety are rehearsed and understood, and to reignite the spark for the love of learning.

Our staff are engaged with students to get to know them, their cultural backgrounds, what matters to them, their strengths and areas of need. We have all been re-establishing, or teaching our new students for the first time, our common language and understanding for the Zones of Regulation and calming tools and strategies that will help us manage our emotions to get through the day comfortably. Mindfulness practice is now part and parcel of our transitions in from recesses of during challenging times of the day. If you are interested in learning more about zones, self-regulation, calming tools and mindfulness, please let us know; we can arrange for a learning session for a group in our Community Hub.

Yesterday, we ran our Caring and Safe Schools Assemblies for grades 1-3 and 4-8. The Kindies will engage in this learning in October. The focus for the assemblies was to ensure we are all aware of the Code of Behaviour, related YRDSB Policy and Procedure, including but not limited to: progressive discipline, bullying, suspension and expulsion, lunch expectations. The most important messages can be captured by our school motto: WELCOME WORTHY SAFE. We need for every student and member of the school community to feel safe, included, respected and valued so that our students can achieve their dreams and work to their potential. A letter was sent home yesterday summarizing the messages. Over the next couple of weeks we will be engaging in fire and emergency response drills: evacuation, lockdown and hold and secure.

Our Community Calendar can be viewed on the main page of the school website. We do our best to keep it accurate. You will notice that we have a Lion Pride Assembly on September 27<sup>th</sup>. In past years we have had a monthly Character Assembly where one or two students in each class would receive a certificate based on the trait of the month. This year host classes will share their learning about the 'big ideas' that have sparked their interest. We hope you will come out and experience the joy and pride in this monthly celebration.

We have a terrific Before and School program at our school for students in JK-4. This is one of the most affordable licensed programs in the Region run by Social Enterprise staff. Families in need of care before and/or after school please reach out to the staff at 905-868-4362. On the PA Day they are running a full day Camp. Please see attached.

Hours of the school day: please ensure you have communicated your child's absence or late arrival by either using Edsby or calling the school directly. If you would like assistance understanding how to access Edsby, please contact Mrs. Tammy Cooke or Mrs. Anna Agostino in the school office. Students are expected to be in class by 9:00 a.m. before the anthem begins and after lunch by 1:00. Students arriving after this time will be marked late. Our day runs until 3:30 p.m.. The end of the day is not insignificant: students are often completing agendas, engaged in dialogue with staff about upcoming events or homework, participating in DPA, and getting themselves organized so that they can begin the next day in a good way. All students are expected to remain until 3:30 when they are dismissed with their class through

their regular exit/entry door. Student attendance and time on task is an area for improvement at Maple Leaf and we appreciate your support.

Our school fundraising has begun! The milk fundraiser order form is attached. As well, you will see attached the revised pizza order form. We know that 2 of our classes received the wrong pizza order form. The revised form was sent home today. You will notice that the cost per slice has increased; this is because the vendor has increased the cost to us. The cost is still very reasonable. We hope you will continue to support our pizza lunches as this is where we raise most of our fundraising dollars.

Our first School Council Meeting is on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will consider coming out to join us at 6-7:30 p.m.. If you would like to be an elected member of Council, please submit your completed nomination by tomorrow/Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. The nomination form was sent home in the School Start-Up Package last week. Council Minutes are posted on the foyer bulletin board and on the school website School Council page. We are always looking for volunteers. School Council is only one way to learn about what is going on in the school; getting involved by volunteering to support in a way that is comfortable and convenient for you will allow you the opportunity to get to know first-hand our staff, what is going on, and experience the wonderful school spirit and pride of Maple Leaf! We are currently looking for help with our Student Nutrition Program daily at 8:10 a.m. and 3:15 p.m., library and book fair support, and adults to read with our Kinder and Primary students.

Meet The Teacher Night is on September 26<sup>th</sup>. This is an important time for you to meet in your child's class with the teacher and learn about the routines, best ways of communication, etc. Details about the event will follow but please hold the date in your calendar.

PARENT AND CAREGIVER COMMUNITY COFFEE AND TEA GATHERING ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> AT 8:30 A.M. - PRIMARY ENTRANCE

- from Mr. Derakshandeh

Maple Leaf staff and administration are excited for the start of a new academic year and look forward to working with all of you to support our students in their learning and growth. In order to start the year in a good way we would like to host all of our parent and caregiver community to a morning coffee and tea gathering on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.. We will be serving coffee, tea and hot chocolate and use this opportunity to get to know each other better and establish the very important relationships needed to successfully support our students. We hope to see everyone there!

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We are pleased to announce that we have our new permanent French teacher, Ms. Nadira Datt, starting on Monday. Please join us in welcoming her to the Maple Leaf school community.

We have a very busy school. The staff at Maple Leaf are dedicated professionals who care very much about your children. We are looking forward to working with you in positive ways this year to ensure a safe and successful year for our students!

Sincerely

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