



Dalian Maple Leaf International School
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Newsletter

Dear students, parents and staff of DMLIS,

On behalf of Headmaster, Sherman Jen, and BC Superintendent Susan Penner, we would like to convey our warm regards as the 2009-10 school year comes to a close. This has been an eventful year for Dalian Maple Leaf School, and for Maple Leaf systems as a whole, as we opened a new girl's campus in Jinshitan and introduced single gender learning for boys' and girls'. The students have shown great success in their new single gender environment. We are optimistic this success will continue.

This year also marked the 15th anniversary of Maple Leaf Schools. This special event was highlighted by many activities and functions, concluding in a grand 15th anniversary celebration held on May 28th, 2010. The gala event was attended by senior government officials and dignitaries from British Columbia and China.

Another very impressive event at our school was the June 5th Graduation Ceremony of our Grade 12 students. We are proud of our students and the many accomplishments they have made. They have worked hard and are prepared for the challenges ahead. We are proud to say that over five hundred and fifty of our students, the Class of 2010, have completed the BC and Liaoning graduation requirements and will be studying in colleges and universities all over the world.

In the fourth term, there were many outstanding activities for the students to showcase their academic, athletic and fine arts talents. Events planned and organized by staff included Art Shows, Musical concerts, Math competitions, Physics Olympics, and the Wizard of Oz drama production to name a few.

We would like to recommend that all students returning to Maple Leaf in August promote their summer English learning by speaking English to foreigners, writing English in a daily journal, and reading English books or magazines. These daily habits will provide students an opportunity to improve their English skills and grades next year. It is a challenging task to learn a new language, especially when expected to do so in a relatively short time. The students have met the challenges and shown great success.

On a personal note, we would like to thank all students, parents and staff of Maple Leaf for welcoming us as Principal of the boys' and girls' DMLIS Campus's. We have been very impressed by the calibre and the spirit of Maple Leaf students and the professionalism and commitment of the Canadian and Chinese staff.

Sincerely

Joe Colistro – Principal Boys' campus

Craig Davis – Principal Girls' campus