



Dalian Maple Leaf International School January Newsletter

To: DMLIS Parents

From: Rob Scarr, B. C. Principal
Re: Semester I Summary

Date: 07/01/19

I would like to extend greetings to you on behalf of the Chairman, Mr. Sherman Jen, and the Board of Directors of Maple Leaf Educational Systems. Our 2252 students and 200 staff at the Jinshitan campus wish you and your family a healthy and prosperous 2007 and Year of the Golden Boar!

This newsletter accompanies the Second Term Report Card that summarizes student progress for this semester. On Report Cards this year you will notice a new column to indicate a student's level of learning skill in areas such as Participation, Homework, Punctuality, Teamwork and Work Habits. A student with an M is meeting our expectations, a P is partially meeting expectations and an N is not yet meeting these expectations. To some, these ratings are as important as academic achievement since they correlate so closely with future study performance.

We have had an eventful First Semester with many exciting learning opportunities for our students in and out of the classroom. Our motto of "One Team, One Goal" has helped us be more communicative and more inclusive. We have recently asked students their opinions about our school on a number of important issues. This feedback will help us continuously improve. Students also have a voice on our School Committee, a group responsible for developing policy and procedures to attain our goals.

Some of the highlights of the 2006-07 school year so far have been the successful Terry Fox and December 9th walks that all members of our school took part in to raise money and awareness for Cancer Research and to commemorate an important Chinese historical milestone. We have successfully introduced Grade 11 students to the individual program model and have developed an English Boosting Committee and an English Ambassadors student group. A very important event was the 2nd Annual Post Secondary Fair that attracted 41 Western Universities and Colleges to provide students and parents valuable information. We have had a very successful 1st Annual Senior Boys Basketball Tournament, the Business Education Department's Halloween Party, the Student Union's Hyper Party and Christmas Party, a Sports Day, Student Run Businesses, a charity event with teachers and students teaming up to raise money for an orphanage in Dalian and many other unique events. We are looking forward to more of the same in the 2nd half of the school year!

Some reminders for parents from DMLIS Counsellor General's Office:

- Student monthly expenses should be limited to under 1000 rmb. We encourage reasonable spending habits for our students to reduce luxurious life styles.
- A reminder that students are not allowed to have mobile phones on the campus. Both "IC" and "200 telephone" as well as counsellors' office phones are available for students.
- ESL and Grade 10 students are not allowed to bring laptops to campus since they are not needed for their studies. Grade 11 and 12 students may bring them for school purposes.
- **A reminder that our school appearance rules for uniform (including outer jackets), hair style and colour will be checked daily in Homeroom during the second semester. Students not meeting the standards will not be able to attend classes until they are appropriate.**
- During the holidays help your child by encouraging him/her to read at least 1 book in Chinese and 1 book in English. Biographies and inspiring books are recommended.

Some reminders from the BC staff and the Boosting English Committee for students:

- Speak, read and listen to English every day during the holiday
- Keep a daily journal in English
- Do all winter break assignments but make sure you enjoy the holiday...you deserve it!

May Holiday – The May holiday dates have been changed. Students will be dismissed to go home on Sunday, April 29th and must return by Sunday evening study on May 6th. Classes will be held on Saturday, April 28th to make up time and will start again on Monday, May 7th.
Please do not allow your child to miss classes following the Term 3 exams in April. Missed classes =lower marks!