



# Maple Leaf Foreign National School - Dalian 2016-2017 Year End Newsletter



*Hello parents and guardians,*

*With this newsletter, I would like to wish you and your family a warm farewell. The staff and I wish you a safe and restful summer holiday time.*

*If you are joining us for the 2017-2018 School Year, we welcome you and would like to update you on our planning.*

*Have a wonderful summer and see you in September.*

*Karl Dick ~ Principal*

*MLFNS-D*

## Campus Grade Planning and Staffing

I am happy to report that all teachers have been hired for the 2017-2018 school year. As well, although enrollment can change over the summer, the most likely class arrangement at the two campuses is according to the charts below. That is very encouraging as we plan to have all teachers in China for the start of classes.

### **Cai Yun Lu ~ Downtown**

Grade	Classroom
PreK	Stand Alone
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K	Stand Alone
1	Blended K ~ 1
2	Stand Alone
3	Stand Alone
4	Blended 4-5
5	Blended 4-5
ELL Teacher	
TOC/ELL Teacher	
Music/Band Teacher	
ICT Teacher	

**Note: The Kindergarten class in Downtown is now full. Additional enrolling Kindergarten students will be placed in the Grade 1 class, creating a K~1 Blended class.**

### **Kai Fa Qu**

Grade	Classroom
PreK	Stand Alone
K	Blended K-1
1	Blended K-1
2	Stand Alone
3	Stand Alone
4	Blended 4-5
5	Blended 4-5
6	Stand Alone
7	Stand Alone
8	Stand Alone
9	Stand Alone
ELL Teacher	
ELL Teacher	
TOC/ELL Teacher	
Music/Band Teacher	
ICT Teacher	

## Bus Update

Ms. Cui and Ms. Yoyo will work at changing our current buses to yellow, high visibility school buses. For Downtown campus, this work has already begun and will continue over the summer as we attempt to best match bus size to the size of our students. For KFQ campus, this process will begin in July. At this time, Ms. Yoyo will also work on securing a bus for Jinshitan students. The addition of this route will also allow us to

divide the KFQ route into two parts. I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Ms. Cui and Ms. Yoyo to solve the busing challenges with minimal disruption to the school. Thank-You!!!

### **School Start-End Time Adjustment**

Based on the information we gathered from bus route times this year, we plan for campus start-end time in 2017-2018 as follows:

- Downtown Campus ~ 0830 – 1530 ~ this is the same as 2016-2017 ~ no change
- Kai Fa Qu Campus ~ 0840 – 1540 ~ this is 10 minutes earlier than 2016-2017

### **Mandarin Program**

Maple Leaf Foreign Nationals School-Dalian is happy to announce that we will have three Mandarin teachers at each campus and will be able adjust the Mandarin Curriculum System for the 2017-18 school year.

Currently, students in our school take two mandatory Mandarin courses:

#### **Han Yu Course (Chinese as a Second Language)**

Students from Pre-school to Grade 9 take this compulsory course for 45 min daily.

#### **Chinese Literature and Culture Course**

Students from Pre-school to Grade 9 take this compulsory course for 45 min every other week.

A new, third course will be offered this fall. It is a more challenging Mandarin language course, like the one offered in Chinese public schools. We will call it the **YuWen Course**.

The **YuWen Course** will be available for students from Grade 1 to Grade 6. Students will need to choose one of either the Han Yu (CSL) Course (our current offering) or the YuWen Course (new for fall 2017). Students who plan to enroll in the more advanced Yu Wen course will need to pass certain entrance tests. More information will be available in September.

### **Summer Language Learning**

Many parents work hard to support student language acquisition in summer. Thank you! Your support is so critical for student success in fall. Traditional ways of learning language through tutors, language academies and word lists are always helpful. If you are looking for other very effective ways to bring new and useful vocabulary into your child's life, please check out the link below. The ideas here are also very effective for native language speakers.

<http://blog.asha.org/2012/06/07/making-the-most-of-summer-fun-language-based-activities-for-children-their-families/>

# Maple Leaf Foreign Nationals School – Dalian 2017-2018

Kai Fa Qu (KFQ) and Dalian (DT) Campuses  
School Calendar Of Events

*Dates are the same for both campuses except as indicated*

## **2017**

- September 4 - First Day of Classes
- September 7 - Meet the Teacher Night – 6:30 p.m. (DT)
- September 8 - Formal Uniform Day – Class Pictures (DT)
- September 13 - Parent Advisory Committee Meeting (PAC @1:30) (DT)
- September 14 - Meet the Teacher Night – 6:30 p.m. (KFQ)
- September 15 - Formal Uniform Day – Class Pictures (KFQ)
- September 20 - Parent Advisory Committee Meeting (PAC @2:00) (KFQ)
- September 21 - International Walk For World Peace ~ Combined Campus ~ Location and Time TBA
- September 22 - FNS Common Meeting Day #1 ~ Classes Dismiss at 11:30 am
- September 29 - Student Presenting Assembly ~ Campus times to be announced
- September 29 - Last Day of Classes before National Holiday Week
- Oct 2 -6 - National Holiday Week
- October 9 - First day of classes after National Holiday Week
- Oct 9 - 13 - School Wide Reading Assessment
- October 18/19 - Parent/Teacher Conferences (2:00 p.m. dismissal both days)
- October 20 - Student Presenting Assembly ~ Campus times to be announced
- October 27 - FNS Common Meeting Day #2 ~ Classes Dismiss at 11:30 am
- November 10 - Remembrance Day Ceremony ~ Campus times to be announced
- November 15 - Parent Advisory Committee Meeting (PAC @1:30) (DT)
- November 17 - Student Presenting Assembly ~ Campus times to be announced
- November 22 - Parent Advisory Committee Meeting (PAC @2:00) (KFQ)
- November 24 - Last Day of Term 1
- December 8 - Term 1 Formal Report Card Issued
- December 8 - Student Presenting Assembly ~ Campus times to be announced
- December 15 - Holiday Concert ~ Combined Campus – Formal Dress Day – Location and Time TBA
- December 22 - Last Day of Classes before MLFNS – Dalian School Holiday
- Dec. 23 - Jan. 1 - School Holiday Break

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## **2018**

- January 2 - First Day of Classes back after the Holiday Break
- January 17 - Parent Advisory Committee Meeting (PAC @1:30 or 4:00) (DT)
- January 19 - Student Presenting Assembly ~ Campus times to be announced
- January 24 - Parent Advisory Committee Meeting (PAC @2:00 or 4:00) (KFQ)
- February 2 - MLFNS - Dalian Student Talent Show ~ Location and Time TBA
- February 2 - Last day of classes before Winter Holiday Break – Chinese Spring Festival
- Feb 5 - Mar 2 - Winter Holiday – Chinese Spring Festival
- March 5 - First Day of Classes back after Spring Festival
- March 12-16 - Anti Bullying Week
- March 16 - Student Presenting Assembly ~ Campus times to be announced
- March 23 - Last Day of Term 2
- April 4/5 - Student Led Conferences (2:00 p.m. dismissal both days)
- April 6 - Term 2 Formal Report Card Issued
- April 13 - Student Presenting Assembly – Formal Uniforms ~ Campus times to be announced
- April 13 - School Wide Student Photo for Yearbook – Formal Uniforms For All Students
- April 16 – 20 - Earth Week
- April 27 - Last day of Classes Before May Holiday Week
- Apr 30 – May 4 - May Holiday Week
- May 7 - First day of classes after Holiday
- May 7 - 11 - School Wide Reading Assessment
- May 16 - Parent Advisory Committee Meeting (PAC @1:30) (DT)
- May 18 - Student Presenting Assembly ~ Campus times to be announced
- May 23 - Parent Advisory Committee Meeting (PAC @2:00) (KFQ)
- May 24 - Annual Primary Public Speaking Celebration ~ Campus times to be announced
- May 25 - Annual Int/Sr Public Speaking Celebration ~ Campus times to be announced
- June 8 - Student Presenting Assembly @ Time to be announced
- June - MLFNS - Dalian Sports Play Day ~ Campus date and time to be announced
- June - Year End Music Concert ~ Campus date and time to be announced
- June - Gr.6 & 9 Graduations ~ Campus date and time to be announced
- June 27 - Term 3 Formal Report Card Issued – Last Day for Students
- June 28 - 29 - Administration, Professional Development, Planning for 2018-2019

Additional Dates to be determined for SMART Museum and Science Celebration

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