



# Maple H.S. E.L.L. News

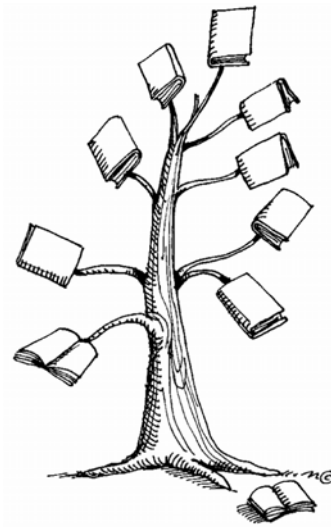
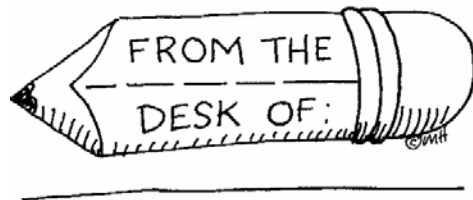
## From Ms. Sitt's Desk

**Dear parents/guardians and students,**

After leaving a few years, I am so glad that I finally came back to the English Language Learners ELL Department (former ESL Department). This semester I am teaching ESLAO, ESLBO ESLCO, and ESL Geography. Besides, I will also provide support to all ELL/ESL students to ensure their potential can be developed at optimum. Don't hesitate to drop by at my office at Rm. 229 or call me at 905-417-9444 ext. 255 (Voicemail 564).

In October, we went to Brooks Farm and everybody had a great time. It was a really great opportunity for both the teachers and the students to know each other better. We can't wait for the next one to come!

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## Student Ambassadors Throw a Party

On Tuesday, December 16 after school, Maple's Student Ambassadors will be throwing a Welcome Party for all the English Language Learners. There will be music, funny videos, games, and, of

course, food! The Ambassadors have been busy for several Thursdays fundraising for this party in the Main Foyer. The samosas they sold last week were especially popular. This semester, quite a few of our senior

ELL's are participating actively in the program. It's a pleasure for Ms. Straka to work with such an enthusiastic bunch of students. They are playing a true leadership role in our ELL community at Maple.

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ELL AWARD WINNERS!

On Awards Night, the Department was thrilled to honour the following ELL's:

Computer Studies:

\*Thagirshan Lokanathan

Drama:

\*Kanta Khalid

ELL:

\*Kameliya Brovchenko

\*Ly Heang Din

\*Anam Iffat

\*Anum Ijaz

\*Michael Iliuta

\*Rishat Izbakiev

\*Asifa Jat

\*Salman Rehan

\*Angela Samim

\*Sehrish Zaka

Health & Physical Education:

\*Violina Borisova

History:

\*Sobia Tahir

Mathematics:

\*Violina Borisova

\*Asifa Jat

Science:

\*Ny Kim

Social Science:

\*Noor Tunnoor

Visual Arts:

\*Noor Tunnoor

HONOUR ROLL

Grade 9:

\*Anush Zafar

Grade 10

\*Kameliya Brovchenko

Grade 11

\*Uzair Ahmed

\*Kanta Khalid

\*Noor Tunnoor

## Ms. Straka's ESL E Class

This semester ESL E has been very busy. Students began studying essay writing, poetry & short stories during our first unit of study. At this time they also visited the school Resource Centre to research two careers. Once they had prepared a PowerPoint, report, or poster, they began oral presentations about their choice. Soon they will role-play job inter-

views. We have virtually completed our study of *Lord of the Flies*. The students did an awesome job of conducting group seminars for the rest of the class. Much of the time was spent working in teams and playing instructive games. Ms. Straka really enjoyed watching the students be the teachers. In the meantime, the students have been working on their in-

dependent novel study. They will soon be writing essays about their books. This week we begin with Shakespeare. Since the students have already worked extensively with some of the literary devices the playwright uses so much, they are well-equipped to enjoy the humour as well as the tragedy of the play. Meanwhile, students have been debating current events.

## ESL E goes to the University of Toronto

ESL E will be going to the University of Toronto on Nov. 25 to enjoy the lovely campus of one of the most prestigious universities in the country. Students will be participating in a series of drama workshops to complement their study of *Romeo & Juliet*. After lunch, they will also see a live performance of Shakespeare's famous play about tragic lovers.



Hmmm....Maybe I'll go check out the library!

## Our Students Write

After coming to Maple High...

I feel thankful of coming to Maple High School. Everybody is so nice here: the teachers and the students. I am very lucky to have teachers like Ms. Sitt and Mr. Hassanally. They are very helpful.

Arice De Guzman

After coming to Maple High...

I feel very comfortable of going to Maple High School. I have met a lot of new friends. We hang out and we have fun. My worries at the beginning were gone. Thank God!

Val Arliegh De Guzman

After coming to Maple High ...

After coming to Maple High School, I have learned a lot. All the teachers are nice and I joined the Dance Team. I can't wait for the first performance.

Alex Kim

## The Brooks Farm Trip

My name is Michael Iliuta and I am about to tell you about how I feel after the trip. When we were there I felt good. The classes were having fun: we had joy; we had fun; we had seasons in the sun when we came back to school. The teachers were having fun, especially Ms. Sitt and Mr.

Hassanally. I can't wait until the next trip. Count me in!

Michael Iliutia



## Thanks for Sending Us Your Best!

At a recent Staff Meeting, our Principal Mr. Tsourounis spoke about how parents & guardians send us their most precious belongings—their children. As teachers we are indeed the lucky ones; we meet students every day who are full of the joy of learning. The young people at Maple H.S. have oodles of energy, optimism &

good humour. They teach us something new every day. We consider it an honour to assist our students in becoming the citizens of the world of tomorrow. Thank you for sending us your very best!

The Editor

