



## Le Bon Mot...

# La Gazette de l'Ecole Bilingue

Week of 01/18-01/22/2010

### Les Dates

1/18 MLK day- NO SCHOOL

1/19 Spring Ateliers begin

1/23 Open House 10am-12pm at both campuses

1/25 Adult French lessons starts on the General Pershing campus - see flier below

1/28 APPEL Meeting-6pm - General Pershing.

2/3 Parent/Teacher Conferences-12pm Dismissal for all students- No Aftercare!

2/5 Full-time Before & After Care payments due

2/12 Mardi Gras Party-12pm Dismissal

2/15-19 Mardi Gras Holiday- NO SCHOOL

2/25 Conseil d'Ecole-6:00pm

\*Applications for new students (EB parents- please share info with friends):

Ecole Bilingue applications forms for 2010-2011 school year are now available and you can download them from our website [www.ebnola.com](http://www.ebnola.com)

Forms may be turned in with a \$50.00 application fee to either front office.

Ecole Bilingue offers tours of the school every Wednesday at both campuses.

Please call the office (504-896-4500) to schedule an appointment.

### Wishlist:

Elodie's class (GS1) is in need of an additional CD player with a headphone audio jack. She would be most appreciative

**Here is a message from CODOFIL distributed to all the immersion schools in Louisiana:**

*An earthquake hit Haiti Tuesday night in the region of Port au Prince. The losses will be enormous.*

### Please reach out to our EB families affected by the earthquake in Haiti.

As many of you know, the EB community includes several families with family members and friends living in Haiti. Two teachers, Regine Montes-Barrau (music) and Carina Helmcke (Creche)-- whose brother, Frederick Helmcke, is an EB parent (Ian), and also our After Care Assistant, Nathalie Cadet are all very anxious about the safety of their family members.

I believe Carina and Frederick's parents are confirmed safe as well as Regine's family.

We still don't have word about Nathalie's family.

We encourage everyone to reach out to these families in this time of need. There are many ways to send aid to Haiti but they may have requests in this regard.

Regine's brother, Jean Montes-Barreau, is a renowned classical pianist and has proposed giving a benefit concert at Tulane. Proceeds will go directly to help Haitians in need. Please look out for info on this upcoming event and plan to attend.

Otherwise, Google has a link on their home page giving communication assistance and some direction for giving aid:

[http://www.google.com/relief/haitiearthquake/#utm\\_campaign=en&utm\\_source=en-ha-na-us-sk&utm\\_medium=ha&utm\\_term=haiti%20charity](http://www.google.com/relief/haitiearthquake/#utm_campaign=en&utm_source=en-ha-na-us-sk&utm_medium=ha&utm_term=haiti%20charity)  
(copy all 3 lines for the full link)

### Donation request

Donna Lindsey (Dale's Mom) will be collecting Mardi Gras beads to be recycled to raise funds for the Lego League equipment purchase. We ask that you drop off these donations at the office as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact Donna at 717-6427. Merci.

### Congratulations to:

Jen and Andy Smith (Minka's parents) on the birth of their son William.

Keith and Tysheena Blackman (Baina's parents) on the birth of

*CODOFIL and Louisiana have had ties with Haiti for many years. We welcomed a delegation of Haitian teachers in 2000. Three of these teachers, as well as other native Haitian CODOFIL teachers, are still teaching in our schools. Our hearts are with these teachers and their families.*

*Here are some possibilities of donating money:  
 Wyclef Jean says to text "YELE" to "501501" for a \$5.00 donation to Haiti Quake Fund. Or you can text HAITI to 90999 for a \$10 donation to the Red Cross (amount added to your cell phone bill).  
 Here is a web page with an entire list of organizations who are already involved if you are interested in donating: [http://itsjustlight/?page\\_id=777](http://itsjustlight/?page_id=777) They are part of our French-speaking family*

**Thank you!!**

To Donna Lindsey for the Lego League fundraiser and donation of those AMAZING oranges sold during car pool! Thank you to Shelly Nettles for helping Donna! Merci to Courtney Kloor for her help in the office at General Pershing.

**January's Birthday's**

General Pershing:	Perrier:
Tessa 1/12	Legend 1/28
Boyd 1/14	Finneas 1/16
Eve 1/15	Euan 1/26
Rasheed 1/26	Nora 1/25
Grey 1/11	Damon 1/25
	Nate 1/23
	Rahim 1/10
	Amelie 1/3

**Au Pair information:**

Marie Forestier (Elodie's sister) will be visiting New Orleans this Spring from April 12-June 2. If you are in need of an Au Pair or babysitter during that time, please contact Marie or Elodie at [dannykym\\_78@hotmail.com](mailto:dannykym_78@hotmail.com) or [elodiefor@yahoo.com](mailto:elodiefor@yahoo.com)

**\*\*She is also available for piano lessons in French\*\***

**Nanny position offer:**

Alice (15 years old) is offering to be an au-pair for a family in July, 2010 for 2, 3 or 4 weeks.

For more information please contact :

[Veronique.tesniere@gmail.com](mailto:Veronique.tesniere@gmail.com)

**French classes for Adults:**

Please call the Alliance Française at 568-0770 to register.

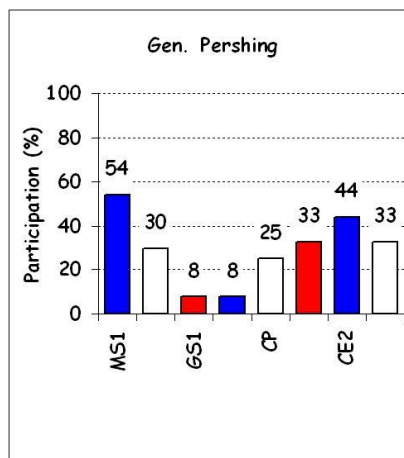
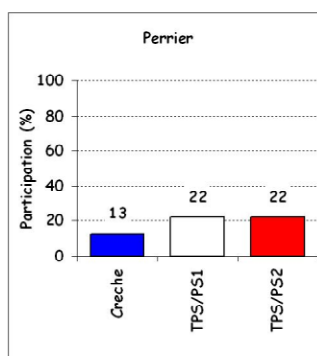
Classes will start on January 25th at Ecole Bilingue and

their son Keith.

**Annual Giving**

Grandparents Rock! Thank you to the family and extended family members who have participated. Please pass on our donation forms and encourage them to give to EB. They get the tax benefit and your children's school gets the money.

Send in your donations now to get your 2009 charitable tax benefits! Remember, your gifts are fully tax deductible and go directly to enhance your child's educational experience. Donation forms are on line at the EB website, or available through the school. If you pledge now, you do not need to pay until April 2010.



**Classroom News:**

The CP and CE1 classes are very happy to have received letters from our friends of Ecole Ambroise Vallard in La Réunion Island. It is a little French Island near Madagascar. Each

baby-sitting will be available.

## French for parents

Starting January 25th 2010

Why should your child be the only  
lucky one to become fluent in French?

Because you want to be able to help your children with their homework or plan a family vacation to France, the Alliance Française of New Orleans offers French classes for adults with dedicated native French speakers.

Group classes are offered conveniently in the school premises,  
from 6 to 7pm every Monday

\$110 for a 7-week session without Baby-Sitting  
\$150 for a 7-week session with Baby-sitting  
6 students minimum

Contact Alliance Française for registration & information:

504 568 0770 [afno@af-neworleans.org](mailto:afno@af-neworleans.org)

[www.af-neworleans.org](http://www.af-neworleans.org) 1519 Jackson Avenue



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speak  
French too!



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letter contained a little amount of the volcanic sand of the island. Their teacher is Pierre-Alain Rinino, who used to be an assistant at EB