



Le Bon Mot...

La Gazette de l'Ecole Bilingue

Week of 01/25-01/29/2010

Les Dates

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

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.

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.

Merci Beaucoup

Big THANK YOU to Michele Prokop for donating her time and stories to Kindergarten! While Jen was administering DIBELS, she was kind enough to provide a wonderful story-time for the children. Thanks so much for your help, Michele!

Fete News:

You, your neighbors, family, friends or friends of friends can participate in the 2010 Fête Française. Ecole Bilingue, in cooperation with Hopper's Wines & Spirits has established an Adopt-A-Case program where you can purchase a case of George Duboeuf-Cuvee Blanc and donate it to the school for the Fete. Ric Hopper of Hopper's Wines & Spirits has arranged an outstanding price of \$60.00 a case. That's just \$5.00 a bottle.

For more information regarding this program, please contact Erin Ribka: peribka@mac.com or 504-256-0714

Annual Giving

Tax write-off time!

Thank you so much for those end of year charitable contributions, and we especially thank the parents in our youngest groups (Perrier) for helping our school grow along with your kids. We appreciate the strong showing. Please let the office know if you do not receive an acknowledgment of your gift in a timely fashion, and we will get the proper paperwork to you for tax purposes.

Our Snow Ball Competition is still underway. Moyenne Section 1 is still in the lead, but Section 2 is close on their heels. But what about Grande...? They are falling behind.... Don't those kids like Snow Balls? Impossible! We look forward to their contributions in the coming months. Everyone loves Snowballs as much as we love EB!

January's Birthday's

General Pershing:

Tessa 1/12

Boyd 1/14

Eve 1/15

Rasheed 1/26

Grey 1/11

Perrier:

Legend 1/28

Finneas 1/16

Euan 1/26

Nora 1/25

Damon 1/25

Nate 1/23

Rahim 1/10

Amelie 1/3

Education:

This Friday we had the pleasure of welcoming Barry Ancelet in 1st-5th grade classes. As well as being a professor of French at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette, Mr. Ancelet is a renowned scholar, author, and folklorist. He has been promoting Cajun French in Louisiana since the 1970's and has been an integral part its resurgence. For the past 10 years he has been working on a Cajun French/English dictionary, which was recently released and sold out of its first printing (Dictionary of Louisiana French, UP Mississippi, available on Amazon). He is an expert in the field and had wonderful things to offer the children. During his visit he read Cajun French folktales that he had collected with the 1st and 2nd graders. With the older he presented other aspects of Cajun culture. We are incredibly lucky to have him visit the school. The children were exposed to a different type of French, and learn about some the rich culture in Louisiana. Thank you to Barry for visiting us and thank you to Katy for organizing this event for the children to enjoy!

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. 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 They are part of our French-speaking family

Congratulations:

Mr and Mrs Richard (Adalise's parents) on the birth of their daughter.

French classes for Adults:

Please call the Alliance Française at 568-0770 to register. Classes will start on January 25th at Ecole Bilingue and 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
www.af-neworleans.org 1519 Jackson Avenue



Parents can
speak
French too!



A partnership Alliance Française & Ecole Bilingue



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 or 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

EB to help children at an orphanage in Haiti.

Leslie Bertucci-Ness (EB Board President) has passed to us a request to assist a group of children at an orphanage in Haiti. We have been looking for a way to galvanize and put into action our collective desire to help children there as part of an Ecole Bilingue effort, and this opportunity seems perfect.

Please read on.

Maryse Dejean, the Volunteers and Outreach Coordinator for WWOZ-FM in New Orleans is putting us in touch with Ms. Marie Joe Poux, who runs an orphanage in Port-au-Prince, where the children are reportedly safe but in desperate need of basic supplies. In addition to the orphanage, Ms. Poux runs a New Orleans based 501 (c) 3 charitable organization, Hope For Haitian Children Foundation (HFHCF), (<http://hopeforhaitianchildrenfoundation.org/>). The HFHCF and Vera Warren-Williams, founder of the Community Bookstore in New Orleans, would like to organize a drive in which children of New Orleans connect with and help children of Haiti and her orphanage in particular during this very difficult time. They are hoping that our school would be willing to have our students each prepare a care package including personal hygiene items and maybe a small toy or two, AND, a hand-written note in French, or for the younger ones, a picture.

We are asking that each child at EB bring to school by Tuesday at the very latest a gallon-sized ziplock bag including some or all of the following items:

Hygiene Items: Toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, handi-wipes, individual packs of tissue.

New toys: Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, etc.

Treats: Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy).

****If any of you would like to send in extras of any of the above items we will distribute to bags that might be missing those items.****

DO NOT INCLUDE used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures, chocolate or food, out of date candy, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items such as snow-globes, or glass containers or aerosol cans.

We ask the teachers to organize the note-writing in class to take place on Monday or Tuesday and to explain the value of this project.

Please feel free to contact us with questions. We hope that you will readily participate in this important project.