



Le Bon Mot...

La Gazette de l'Ecole Bilingue

Week of 02/8-02/12/2010

Les Dates

2/12 Mardi Gras Party-12pm Dismissal at Audubon Park (Newman Band stand Shelter 10 - Magazine St.)

2/15-19 Mardi Gras Holiday- NO SCHOOL

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

SAINTS/MARDI GRAS SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT:

Monday, 2/8 -- Regular day with After Care/Ateliers

Tuesday -- Regular day with NO After Care /Ateliers

Wednesday -- Regular Day with After Care/Ateliers

PICK UP at 5PM PLEASE

Thursday--Regular day with NO After Care/Ateliers

Friday - Half Day with PICK UP at Audubon Park

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 whereby you can purchase a case of George Duboeuf-Cuvee Blanc and donate it to the school for the Fête. 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

FETE FRANCAISE NEEDS MARDI GRAS TRINKETS

Please, oh please, start collecting Mardi Gras toys and trinkets for our Fête prize supply. We need BEAUCOUP!!!!!! Please turn in sacks to Adeline at Perrier or put near the bar at General Pershing. Merci.

Mardi Gras Party

Join us for our Annual Mardi Gras Parade!!

When: Friday, February 12 at 9:45 am.
Dismissal at 12PM for all students at the Park. Please be on time !

Where: Audubon Park (Magazine St. side near Newman Bandstand)

What: Parade and picnic for EB kids and families

Bring: *** Throws, wagons, a picnic lunch.
*** Children enrolled in the hot lunch program will have a picnic lunch provided for them.

*** Children who are not enrolled with the lunch program will need to bring their own lunch.

*** No need for costumes, they are being made at school!

How: ***Perrier kids will walk from Perrier leaving at 9:00 am.

***Gen. Pershing will take the school bus leaving at 9:30am.

Other: ***Please return permission slip and \$3.00 for transportation fee in order for your child to participate!

***Friday is a ½ day of school with NO AFTERCARE.

***Dismissal at 12PM for all students at the Park.

Please be on time !

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.

Tournées Film Festival

When: March 3,4,6,8,9, and 10th

Where: Tulane University: Freeman Auditorium in the Woldenberg Art Center

Times: See attached sheet for dates and showing times

Price: \$5.00 for children, students, and senior citizens
\$8.00 for adults

Tulane University's French Department, Newcomb College Center for Research on Women, and Ecole Bilingue de la Nouvelle-Orléans are proud to announce they will be hosting the 2010 Tournées Film Festival in New Orleans. It will be held on the campus of Newcomb College at the Freeman Auditorium in the Woldenberg Art Center. All films will be in French with English subtitles.

The auditorium holds 200 people. Seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets may be purchased at the theatre prior to show times. If you would like to pre-book a showing for your school, class or a group, please contact

Kathryn LeMieux at 837-0128, or by email

kklemieux@cox.net.

APPEL:

Thank you again to all who were able to attend last week APPEL meeting. Below are the minutes from that meeting for those that were unable to attend. Oh, and GEAUX SAINTS!

--Your APPEL Coordinators: Erin, Todd and Scott

APPEL Minutes

28 January 2010

1. BOARD UPDATE: Will be emailed by a board member.

2. Pauline's Update

• Parent/Teacher conferences are coming up Wednesday, Feb. 3rd. Please attend your conference and reschedule with your teacher if needed.

• FIELD TRIP TO Rex Den, 4 FEBRUARY. We need chaperones.

• Mardi Gras performance on FRIDAY, 12 FEBRUARY. We will have a school performance at the Newman Bandstand in Audubon Park (Magazine entrance).

Kids will have a parade. The children will sing and dance

APPEL Con't:

with the French music teachers from the Lycee Français of New York they worked with the previous day.

• French Inspector will be touring the school on Friday, 1/29

3. Cricket Lapeyre's FETE update:

. Great line up of talent for stages. School orchestra will play. Shows will be outside (music). There will be puppet shows, gymnasts, etc. inside.

• **We need auction items!**

• Save all your stuffed animal throws and the like for game prizes (must be clean and in new condition), Mardi Gras beads are needed as well.

• Raffle tickets have gone home. Please sell as many as possible. T-shirt orders will be going home too.

4. Haiti Orphanage Donations Project:

• Please place items in closed boxes and label girls, boys, sizes, etc. no more soap. Bulk hygienic supplies will still be accepted. Additionally, a French School in Port au Prince has been closed. Looking at the possibility that kids could study at EB.

5. Committee Updates:

• Fundraising:

-- Planning uniform clothing exchange.

-- May 8th is the Spring Wine Tasting.

• Gardening Committee: Cutting and pruning. Working towards integrating food into school.

• Outreach Committee: gave out another gift card. Will be starting up freezy pop sales again and organizing a "Wigs for Kids" day (donating hair to young chemo patients).

• Yearbooks: Layouts are going in for review soon. Still able to take orders. NO extras will be ordered.

• Facilities: We will have a work day before Fete. Date will be set next week.

• New Parents: Mid year mixer for new parents Feb. 28th at Pat Suliman's house.

• New Applicants letters of acceptance have been sent out. Still need tuition deposits to save spots.

6. Julie Fabian: Working with Newcomb College on French Film Festival on March 3rd through 10th. Children's Films, etc.

7. EVALUATION OF APPEL:

--Petit APPEL: An APPEL specifically for Perrier.

• Open house at GP for Perrier Families.

• Parent Fair: Connect parents to meet teachers.

• Calendar of Events.

• Goals for year for each committee.

• How to engage people who do not attend meetings. Texting, etc.

• In registration packets: Committee bios/info

• Better use of classroom reps/room parents

• APPEL reps in classes to pass the word.

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!

Please join us in thanking the following:

Dennard, Malise
Riley, Katonya LBM, Inc.
Nelson, Mardi
Finkelstein, Courtney
Growney, Emily and Patrick
Ribka, Erin and Paul
Pugh, Mary Dawn
David M. Borne, Annette M. Sojic
Victor L. Papai, Jr, Nancy Mock
Wilkes, Andrea & Ren
Pugh, Jonathan & Kiran
Scarmuzza, Keith
Lapeyre, Andrew
Stafford, Mrs. Frederick
Chapman, Kathleen
Amy Powe
Barrau, Fritzgerald
Flanagan, April & Thomas
Holm, Carolyn
Leslie Bertucci/Dan Ness
Carole Butler-Wallin
Braylen Burrell
Na'imah, Shaka Zulu
Bill & Brenda Powe

Annual Giving Con't:

Leah and Carlton Todd
Ian Zlatkiss
Samuel Michele Prokop
Alistair & Virginia Papai (Peter G. Pierce Trust)
Paul & Alisa Brierre
Mr. J. Berchmans Borne
Laure Lecoq
Pauline & Carl LeBoeuf II
Tracy A. Breaux
Hernan Bazan
Meredith and Mark Cunningham
Agnes & Didier Bouysse
Alexandra Stafford
Chris Laibe
Katy Ancelet
Dominique Mendy/Ripples
Michel Moutin
Cecile Rocher
Lydie Dutarte
Julia Berille
Dr & Mrs Frederick Helmcke
Sebastien Pastor
Adam & Melanie Krob
James, Astride Klick
Elisa Knotts
Scott Sonnier
William M. Hammack/Janice Parmelee
William Goetze
Dr. Stephen & Shanee Holmes
Paul Wiesneskey Holly Sheib
Stephen Majors & Todd Leavitt
Marina & Roger Cunningham
Floriane Moutin-Faure
John S. Gray
Helen and Charles LeBourgeois
Mae Fern Shroeder
Courtney Anne Sarpy Fund
Rae Horton
Melissa Piazza Richard
Elizabeth and Daniel Hudson

Annual Giving Con't:

But Annual giving campaign is NOT OVER!!!

There is still time to participate so send in your contribution to be part of the 2009-2010 Annual Giving Campaign. For those who have pledged but not yet sent in your donations, please look for your **pledge reminders** in the coming weeks.

Thank you so very much! We cannot do it without you.

Visiting teachers

Two IUFM interns - French teachers in the final stages of training - from Lyon are visiting Ecole Bilingue until February 12, 2010.

Sonia is training and assisting Cecile's class and Bérangère is in Michel's class.

Sonia and Berengere will both be visited by Mr. Dominique Senore, their Coordinator from France on Tuesday February 9.

Merci Beaucoup

Thank you to Crickett Lapeyre and Courtney Kloor for their help at the General Pershing office in Tona's absence.

Classroom Update

The CP class proudly announces that the students just finished the first Mini-Loup book and started the second. The texts are much longer. They also started a new writing book with little tiny lines.

February Birthday's

General Pershing:

Phineas 2/4

Aspien 2/4

Tierney 2/11

Kaden 2/18

Alvaro 2/10

Victoria 2/2

Perrier:

Callum 2/6

Patrick 2/6

Temporary Housing Request from a friend of Xavier:

I'm a 25 year-old French sociology student, staying in New Orleans until the first week of June.

I used to go to LSU in 2004-2005, by now I'm going to college in France but I'm in New Orleans to conduct research for a PhD (my focus is on food policy and foodways). I've also been living here for six months last year.

As I am currently staying with some friends temporarily, I'm looking for a room to rent for the next four months. 400 \$ a month would be ideal.

I am quiet and responsible, enjoy cooking, debating and discussing about anything - from the nature of numbers to pop culture trivia -, I also like outdoors and simple things in life

You can reach me at 504-319-7330 or email me at

nicolaslarchet@yahoo.fr

Wishlist:

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