



# Le Bon Mot...

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Pour la semaine du 29 mars au 02 avril

## Les Dates

4/2 Teacher Work Day- NO SCHOOL

4/5 Full-time before & after care due

4/5-4/9 SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

**4/11 - 4/23 Visit of the French Students at EB !**

## Spring Camp 2010

JOIN US AT THE CIRCUS!

This Spring break, kids 2-12 years old will enjoy a FULL WEEK of basic acrobatics, juggling, hoop tricks, arts and crafts, stage design, face painting, balloon crafts, music and more! Classes are taught by experienced francophone Circus Arts teachers.

Hours: 8:00am-4:00pm. After Care available until 5:30

Tuition: Regular hours \$249- with aftercare \$289

Please supply a bag lunch. Snacks will be provided.

Children must be potty trained to attend.

CAMP WILL BE HELD AT ECOLE BILINGUE'S PERRIER CAMPUS @ 5818 PERRIER ST..

Please contact Yelena Brookshire with questions and to register phone: 504.344.1661 or [ybrookshire@gmail.com](mailto:ybrookshire@gmail.com) Registration forms and tuition can be submitted to the front office at Ecole Bilingue, either campus.

## March Birthday's

**General Pershing:**

Dakota 3/8

Beau 3/8

Matthew 3/13

Sylvie 3/24

Kathryn 3/8

Audrey 3/9

Madden 3/28

Adeline 3/3

William 3/24

Martha & Vivienne 3/31

**Perrier:**

William 3/11

Andrew 3/13

Olivia 3/16

Grant 3/5

Addie 3/26

Olive 3/23

## Summer Camp 2010:

**Session Dates:** Session 1: 6/7-6/18 Session 2: 6/21-7/2

Session 3: 7/5-7/16 Session 4: 7/19-7/30

**Locations:** Tots: Campers 2.5-4 years old will camp at Ecole Bilingue Preschool campus located at 5818 Perrier St.

Elementary age kids: Campers 5-12 will camp at Ecole Bilingue main campus located at 821 General Pershing St.

**Hours:** 8:30-3:30, before and aftercare available 7:30-5:30.

**Tuition:** \$429 per two week session. A 10% discount for the first ten families who register 10% discount for families camping with us the full 8 weeks.

**We look forward to camping with your little ones this summer**

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## APPEL News

Now that Fete is behind us, I KNOW you are thinking about what APPEL committee you want to chair or at least work with for the upcoming 2010/2011 school year. So do let us know so we can start working on the transitions. We've included a current description of the committees on the EB website, [www.ebnola.com](http://www.ebnola.com).

Your APPEL coordinators,  
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### APPEL Minutes

Thursday, 11 March 2010 / 6pm / General Pershing Wine and Cheese Social / Meeting opens. Approximately 28 parents attended the meeting.

#### **School Update/Administration:** Pauline Dides:

Applications and fees should have already been submitted for Fall 2010. French students will be visiting Ecole to make up for the cancelled trip due to H1N1 scare last year. Stephane Louarn will be accompanying the students.

**Fete: Fete Update:** Andrew Lapeyre/ Everything is looking good for the weekend. Talked about shirts and banners, etc.

#### **Committee Updates:**

##### **New Parents:**

- Had get-together on 27 Feb at Pat and Wale Sulaiman's. It was well-attended.
- Ariane Rung conducted a survey of new parents. 70% responded, with the Mixers receiving high marks. For the most part there is a need, the committee is addressing it and the new parents appreciate it.

**Facilities:** Did a major cleanup previous week and plan another prior to Fete.

##### **Fundraising:**

- Bookfair being organized. In negotiations with Borders but looking at other alternatives.
- Wine Tasting is scheduled for 8 May.
- Netted \$730 from Mardi Gras Parking work. MANY thanks to all who helped out here.
- Uniform Exchange is being set up. It will be available during APPEL meetings and perhaps once a month. 1-2 coordinators will be needed for this. More details are forthcoming.

**Events:** Teacher appreciation and end of the year picnic are being planned.

**Outreach:** Freeze Pop Fridays will resume by end of month if weather holds.

### APPEL Minutes con't

#### **Discussion Topic:**

How do students at Ecole do once they move on to non-immersion schools? Several parents with children now at other schools spoke or sent in comments to share. Generally:

- Students at Ecole tend to be more advanced, especially in math, once they enter other schools.
- They have had no problem adjusting to the new, English-based schools. Most end up excelling beyond their peers.
- Parents set up tutoring in groups or individually to continue French education.

Annette Borne won the drawing for the bottle of wine.

Meeting adjourned @ 7:20

#### Earth Day:

This Saturday, March 27 at 8:30 pm is Earth Hour. Around the globe, people are turning off their lights from 8:30pm-9:30pm local time, as a statement of solidarity for conserving energy. The Eiffel Tower, Big Ben, the Parthenon, the Pyramids of Giza, the Empire State Building...all over the world nearly one billion people participated last year with their landmarks and in their homes. This fits in quite nicely with our initiative for conservation and recycling, and is a good reminder for Earth Day, coming up on April 22. Let's all join in and teach our kids that something small, when done together, can make a difference. Light some candles and play or board game, or put the kids to bed early! Find out more at [www.myearthhour.org](http://www.myearthhour.org).

Thanks for your participation!

Sincerely,

Katy Ancelet / ad hoc Conservation Chief

#### Tuition Raffle Tickets on sale now!

Tickets are \$100 each for a chance to win tuition for one child for the 2010-2011 school year at Ecole Bilingue. You may purchase these tickets at the General Pershing or Perrier campuses during office hours. Drawing will be held later in the year. Winner will be reimbursed any tuition already paid.

### Community Event:

**Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010** - Coyote Ugly Saloon is running a national hair drive at all of its corporate-owned United States locations (Denver, Ft. Lauderdale, New Orleans, New York City, Oklahoma City, Memphis, Nashville, Austin and San Antonio). Donations will go to Children With Hairloss and will be made during a "Cut Off Party" event held at each bar location.

Cut Off Parties will be held in nine cities across the country and will involve professional hair stylists, food, drinks, great music, and the world famous Coyotes. Founder Liliana "Lil" Lovell will be donating her own hair at the New Orleans location and Coyote Ugly (CU) staffers have begun growing their hair (men and women) in anticipation of the June 27<sup>th</sup> event. In addition to staff participation, CU is hoping to involve friends, family, bar patrons, and anyone else who would like to attend a fun event that will help children in need. Please plan accordingly at the time of donation as hair needs to be at least 8 inches long and in a ponytail or braid at the time of donation. Children With Hairloss was created as a resource for all children who have medically-related hair loss. It is their mission to empower children of financially challenged families to become whole again by making hair available to those who might otherwise have no means of obtaining the hair they need. [www.childrenwithhairloss.us](http://www.childrenwithhairloss.us)

The idea for this national hair drive was inspired by Lil's nine-year-old son, Jackson, who grew his hair for a year to meet the requirements of this charity. His only concern came with choosing a charity that helped not only sick kids but kids who were also poor. "Jackson was unfazed by the cruel comments that came at the expense of being a little boy with exceptionally long hair," stated Ms. Lovell. "He just wanted to help a child in need." A nationwide hair drive fueled by the powerful and world famous Coyote Ugly Saloon seemed like the perfect way to put Jackson's passion for helping children into widespread action. Jackson will be helping Lil collect donations in New Orleans and, to those who have reservations about donating, he says: "What is the big deal? Your hair will grow back!"

### Community Event Con't

Coyote Ugly Saloon became a worldwide social phenomenon when Touchstone Pictures released a major motion picture in 2000 based on Founder Liliana Lovell's unconventional approach to the bar business. With bars all over the country and recent international expansion, CU is not only a household name, but a thriving and expanding enterprise which has and will continue to touch millions. Liliana and her team have always made it a priority to use this renown in an effort to raise money and support for those less fortunate, and they hope to make this event their most far-reaching yet. [www.coyoteuglysaloon.com](http://www.coyoteuglysaloon.com)

### Carpool and Parking information :

Please note that NO PARKING- PASSENGER ZONE signs have been placed on General Pershing Street in front of the school. The No Parking times are 7-9am and 2-4pm from Monday to Friday. Meter maids are ticketing.

Thanks for your attention and the support in the safety of our students.

### Fete update :

We are still in the throes of trying to figure out the final tally for the Fête but we'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for all that you did to make the Fete the obvious success that it was. So much effort and energy goes into this event each year and it helps to know that, while it brings considerable proceeds and awareness to EB, Fête Française is for the greater community as well. It has become a staple of the annual New Orleans cultural calendar. We, the EB school community, make a tremendous contribution to New Orleans each year, and each year that contribution grows.

Thank you all so very much.

Julie Fabian and Pauline Dides

Thanks to Scott Saltzman for sharing his beautiful pictures of Fete Francaise 2010. His pictures are available on [http://www.barefootphotography.com/ecole/20100320\\_fete/](http://www.barefootphotography.com/ecole/20100320_fete/)