



# Le Bon Mot...

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## Les Dates

4/5 Full-time Before & After Care payments due

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

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

## News of the week :

We have been very happy to receive 38 new mini laptops for our students. They are all connected to the internet and are equipped with webcam and microphone.



Photo courtesy of Sébastien Pastor

## April Birthday's

### **General Pershing:**

Remy 4/5  
Braylen 4/6  
Sasha 4/19  
Grey 4/25  
Kadie 4/24  
Alfred 4/25  
Sophia 4/24

### **Perrier:**

Jude 4/27  
Sophia 4/4  
Roy 4/28

## Merci Beaucoup !!

Michele Prokop for donating rugs for the General Pershing Campus - they look great!

## 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's Pre-school campus located at 5818 Perrier Street.

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

**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 and a 10% discount for families camping with us the full 8 weeks.

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

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.

## 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. The drawing will be held later in the year. Winner will be reimbursed any tuition already paid.

## 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.

**APPEL:**

Hello all,

The Uniform Exchange is coming together. Right now we are looking to build up our inventory of gently used uniforms. We are asking all parents who have items that they no longer need to either donate or exchange these clothing items.

Regardless of donation or exchange, we request you make sure the item(s) are washed, clean, spot and hole free and are color appropriate. If you have hangers for them, please provide. We are still establishing the drop off space for the clothing. We would like parents to assess what you can have available and bring them to school during the two weeks after we return from break (April 12-23).

A form will be emailed to all parents which will be used to declare the items you plan to put in for exchange. You only need to do this if you want to exchange these items for other uniform items during the next exchange day.

For every item you drop off, you will receive a chit that can be used at the Uniform Exchange during our next APPEL meeting and End of Year Picnic in May. These chits will be sent home in your child's folder. The chit will give you 50% off another item that is already in inventory. These chits will need to be used at one of these two Exchange dates until we determine if we can have these chits extend for longer periods.

Please note that we are NOT trying to set up an ongoing uniform store, rather we are trying to establish a workable way for parents who have uniform items that still have good wear left in them to be able to get them to other parents who need those sizes and items. And if they need items in return that are available, they can get those too.

Of course we welcome straight donations of gently used uniform items as well. Please drop them off at the office with a note indication "Uniform Donation."

Ultimately we would love to have a searchable database of the inventory and 2 coordinators that will monitor and run the donations and exchanges; please let one or more of us know if you would like to spearhead this program!

Your APPEL coordinators,  
Erin, Todd and Scott

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PS: please email us and not Tona on this! Thanks.

**APPEL Meeting Date change**

The APPEL meeting that was scheduled for April 29 is being moved. The tentative new date is May 13. We will send out a notice when this is confirmed.

**Annual Giving News:**

Last chance to give this year!

The 2009-2010 Annual Giving Campaign wraps up April 30, 2010. **Only a few weeks left to earn your child a SnoBall party!** A SnoBall party in May goes to the class with the highest percentage of participation. As the Campaign ends April 30, 2010, please make good on your pledges and/or participate by Friday, April 30, 2010. Donation forms are linked on the website or you can merely send in a check with the notation "Annual Giving 2010." Do not forget to tell us if you are affiliated with the following local matching companies so we can increase the size of your gift: **Bank of America, Baptist Community Ministries, Capital One Bank, Dominion Foundation, Entergy Corporation, Freeport-McMoRan, McKessonHBOC Foundation, Microsoft Matching Gifts Program, Shell Oil Company Foundation, UBX/PaineWebber, Wachovia Foundation, and WellsFargo Community Support Campaign.**

Thanks for all your help in making this a great campaign and a rewarding way to support our school. We appreciate it!

**Fete update :**

We are still in the throes of trying to figure out the final tally for the Fete 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, Fete 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

### 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)