



Le Bon Mot...

La Gazette de l'Ecole Bilingue

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Pour la semaine du 19 au 23 avril 2010

Les Dates

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

4/21 Alliance Française Adult French Lessons starts at Gen. Pershing - 6-week session

4/26-4/30 DIBELS Testing for K, 1st and 2nd Grades

4/29 APPEL Meeting- 6pm

5/3-5/7 ERB Testing for 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades

5/8 Second Self Defence class 11am-2pm

5/12 Parent/Teacher conference- **12pm Dismissal for all students**

5/13 APPEL MEETING - 6PM

5/20 Conseil d'Ecole - 6PM

5/28 Last Day for Maternelle Students (Crèche-MS)

6/02 Last Day for Elementary students (KG-5)

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. 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.

April Birthday's

General Pershing:

Remy 4/5

Braylen 4/6

Sasha 4/19

Grey 4/25

Kadaira 4/24

Alfred 4/25

Sophia 4/24

Perrier:

Jude 4/27

Sophia 4/4

Roy 4/28

Second Self Defense class - May 8 from 11am-2pm

Our 2nd Women Self Defense seminar will be held on Saturday, the 8th of May, from 11am to 2pm at the Gen. Pershing campus.

It will be taught by Myron Gaudet, a New Orleans native who has been training in reality based martial arts for 26 years.

He is a veteran police officer since 1992. Between 2003-2005, Myron served internationally as head of the police defensive tactics unit for the United Nations Mission in Kosovo.

He has taught police, military, and civilians throughout his career. In addition to tactical training, Myron is also a Mixed Martial Arts coach and state licensed referee. Based on his experience, he has developed a lesson plan specifically for women's self defense that is now being taught in the New Orleans area.

The price will be \$25 per person : half of the proceed will be donated to the school. We will need a minimum of 10 women, and a maximum of 20.

If you are interested, please let Adeline at Perrier or Tona at General Pershing know, and you can email Magali at magali.niel@ebnola.com.

MAY 8, 2010 11-2PM
WOMEN SELF DEFENSE WORKSHOP
ECOLE BILINGUE DE LA NOUVELLE ORLEANS
821 GENERAL PERSHING NOLA 70115
5/8/10 11-2pm
(504) 896-4500
PRESENTED BY:
(504) 579-4044
(504) 915-9739

Merci Beaucoup !!

Thank you Astride for taking care of our beautiful flowers at the General Pershing Campus!

Thank you to Courtney Kloor for her hard work in the General Pershing office every week.

Thank you to Kiran Pugh for maintaining the beautiful flower and vegetable gardens at school.

Thank you to Valerie Titus for the donation of a wall mount key cabinet for the office.

Thank you to Shelley Nettles for helping us in the office and the school.

Thank you to Crickett Lapeyre and Kathryn Lemieux for cleaning and organizing the Fete closet.

WE would also like to thank Crickett Lapayre and Julie Fabian for being tour guides for the French Chaperones during their visit.

Merci Beaucoup to the Lapeyre, Dennard, Piccirillo, Titus, Borne, Bertucci, Hays, Papi, Riley, Brown and Wilkes for hosting and taking such good care of our visiting students.

Their visit and time is wonderful for our students at EB.

Welcome new EB staff member

Welcome to our new interim bookkeeper/CPA, Judy Terrell. Judy is working part-time.

Her email is judy.terrell@ebnola.com.

She has quite a bit to catch up on so please be patient on bookkeeping matters during the next week or so.

Census Reminder

This is a reminder that the deadline for responding to the U.S. census is May 1.

The federal government uses the information to determine how much money to send to each state to help pay for education, parks, roads, healthcare, etc.

The more people we have living in Louisiana, the more money we will get.

All census information is kept confidential by law.

The Census Bureau may NOT share info with the IRS (tax dept.), Immigration, or any other U.S. agency.

As a Louisiana citizen, I ask you to let the U.S. know you're here, so we can have better resources for our students, our families, and ourselves. If you have any questions, I will be happy to answer them, or help you find answers.

Rae Horton - English Teacher - rae.horton@ebnola.com

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.

Please contact Yelena Brookshire with questions and to register phone: 504.344.1661 or ybrookshire@gmail.com

Registration forms and tuition can be submitted to the front office at Ecole Bilingue.

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 SnowBall party!** A SnowBall 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!

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2010-2011

- **PRE-BACK-TO-SCHOOL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS**

Monday, August 16 through Friday August 20 : faculty orientation

Friday October 15 : $\frac{1}{2}$ day - 12pm dismissal for all students - no aftercare or activities. Professional development day for employees.

Friday April 15 : $\frac{1}{2}$ day - 12pm dismissal for all students - no aftercare or activities. Professional development day for employees.

- **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

Monday, August 23 : (Kindergarten / 1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th & 5th)

Monday, August 30 : (Creche / Toute Petite PreK2 / Petite PreK3 & Moyenne PreK4)

HOLIDAYS

Monday, September 6 : Labor Day

Monday, January 17 : Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

- **VACATIONS**

Mid-term break : Friday, October 15 noon to Monday, October 25 morning.

Thanksgiving : Wednesday, November 24 after class to Monday, November 29 morning.

Winter break : Friday, December 17 noon to Monday, January 3 morning.

Mardi Gras break : Friday, March 4 noon to Monday, March 14 morning.

Spring break : Friday, April 15 noon to Monday, April 25 morning.

- **LAST DAY OF CLASS**

Tuesday, May 31 : (Creche / Toute Petite PreK2 / Petite PreK3 & Moyenne PreK4)

Friday, June 3 : (Kindergarten / 1st / 2nd / 3rd / 4th & 5th)

French for Parents

Starting April 21st 2010

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

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

Group classes are offered conveniently at the Ecole Bilingue, 821 General Pershing, from 6 to 7:15 pm every Wednesday

\$120 for a 6-week session without Baby-Sitting
\$160 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!



An Alliance Française & Ecole Bilingue Partnership



For Immediate Release

Please help Ensemble Fatien celebrate the release of their first CD, titled "Seguonon Presents Ensemble Fatien". Recorded in New Orleans, it contains 8 original compositions plus the traditional "St. James Infirmary". The CD's release is scheduled for Friday, April 9, 2010.

Ensemble Fatien blends New Orleans jazz and West African percussion. Formed in 2008, the group has showcased at many of New Orleans' top festivals and venues and is proud to present this recording to you.

Media Party / CD Release

Where: Maple Leaf, 8316 Oak (504.866.9359)

When: Wednesday April 21 7pm – 8pm

Public Performance

When: Wednesday April 21 10:30pm – 1am

For additional information, please contact

Seguonon Kone / 504.220.1570 (cell)

seguononk25@gmail.com / www.seguonon.com

Ensemble Fatien is

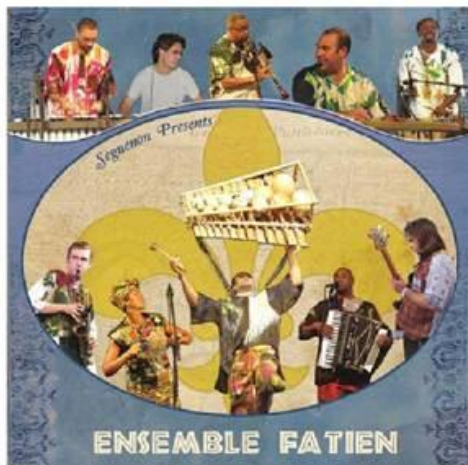
Seguonon Kone ~ Matt Perrine

Dr. Michael White ~ Marc Stone

Jason Marsalis ~ Margie Percz

Rex Gregory ~ Boubacar Cissoko

Bruce Sunpie Barnes ~ Michael Skinkus



Drum Call – an exercise to learn how our different instruments dance and play together

On Sen Vas – this is a prayer requesting good fortune for people entering into a new venture

St. James Infirmary Blues – A popular standard among traditional New Orleans jazz bands and fans. Here the minor blues and doge-like feel are given a "Fatien" treatment with balafon and djou-djou rhythms, and mournful horn parts underlying Margie's vocal.

Bolohi – a praise song about democratic cooperation and group effort, which lifts us up and sets a good example for others

Pemon – a cautionary tale about those who expect blessings but will not share or help others

Ngoron, Part 1 – spiritual music from the Poro, an ancient collection of art and wisdom given to us so we can improve our minds and hearts

Famicho – a reminder that all things are decided by God, who watches over us throughout our lives, beginning with guiding our parents

Ancestral Reunion – The strong ancestral, mystical and spiritual bond between West Africa and New Orleans' African American population are often cited but rarely actualized today. This song represents a joyous celebration of ours that rings of brotherhood, freedom and optimism. The song leads us through a musical "reunion" of African and American personalities.

Apollo – a descriptive Senoufo word relating to something that is new and pleasing, while also spiritually good and wholesome

All tracks by Seguonon Kone except St. James Infirmary Blues (Traditional, arrangement by Ensemble Fatien) and Ancestral Reunion (music by Dr. Michael White, lyrics by Seguonon Kone)

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