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CALENDAR

May 3-17	6 th Grade Trip
May 14	Mandatory Talent Show Rehearsal
May 18-June 3	French kids in Kansas City
May 21	4 th Grade Musical
June 2	Talent Show
June 8	8 th Grade Graduation, 10 a.m.
June 9	Last Day of School for K-7

Board mtgs are held on the 2nd Mon each month at 6:00 p.m.

FROM THE DESK OF ERIC NELIS

Effort, Dedication, Work Ethics, Responsibility... Are these hereditary, or learned? If they are hereditary, it means that a child is born lazy or hardworking... If they are not hereditary, they are learned.

If they are learned, they are learned from someone, by listening, following, but mostly observing behaviors from the direct environment, including us adults, and of course friends, TV, Internet.

If they are learned, then we, as teachers and parents are responsible for the sense of effort and the sense of responsibility in a growing child. By that thinking there are no lazy children, there are no children who are irresponsible naturally.

There are only adults who are at best poor examples, and poor coaches and mentors. We must accept responsibility for our children's behavior, including their "negative" behaviors.

Gandhi said: "Be the change you want to see in the World"... That brings us to: "Be who you want your children to be".

What a huge task! No one ever said raising children together, as teachers and parents would be easy...

-Eric

SUMMER SCHOOL UPDATE

Please don't forget to sign up for summer school. There is a slight chance that the summer school budget may be cut by DESE (Department of Elementary and Secondary Education) however, we are still waiting to hear from them and are forging ahead with summer school plans. We will let parents know when the final decision has been made.

SPEED WARNING AT WORNALL CAMPUS

A reminder that the reduced speed (school zone) signs are now up at the Wornall campus. Officers will be enforcing the new speed during school transition hours.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

The last day for this year's Academic Support is on April 30th.

EIP SIGNS

If you had an EIP sign in your yard, please return it to Katie Hendrickson at school. We will reuse them next year. Many thanks!

SPRING CONCERT

The spring music concert will be on Thursday, May 20th at 6:00 p.m. It will feature the choir, beginning band, and band. Please join us for an evening of music!

LOST & FOUND

We have a large assortment of clothing, lunch boxes, etc. in the lost & found area that need to be claimed. Please look in the auditorium if you are missing any items.

AN EVENING IN PARIS THANK YOU

On behalf of teachers, staff and administration, we would like to thank the Evening in Paris committee, the chefs and volunteers for an outstanding event.

Merci beaucoup!

SUMMER SCHOOL UPDATE

While it might be hard to believe (at least it is for me), the end of the school year is right around the corner. Fittingly, our end of the year picnic and field day are set. They will take place on **Friday, June 4**. *NOTE - this IS NOT the last day of school...that is June 9.* As in the past we will need volunteers to help with this event. If you are interested in helping with the field day, please contact Annie Moren at briggs@morenfamily.com. If you are interested in helping with the picnic, please contact Maria Dix at missmariadix@gmail.com.

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TALENT SHOW UPDATE

Mandatory Rehearsal Schedule:

Friday, May 14 (4-5:30pm-ish)

Wednesday, May 26 (4-5:30pm-ish)

Tuesday, June 1 (4-5:30pm-ish)

FUNDRAISING INFORMATION

Dinner Fundraisers

What: **Panda Express Eat Out Night**

When: Thurs. May 6

Where: Panda Express, 79th and State Line

Time: 4 pm – 8 pm

Eat in or carry out, but be sure to bring the flyer to get the credit for the school. Give a copy to all friends and family! 20% of sales will go to the 6th grade trip!

BRIO Fundraiser

Would you like to meet other AL parents in an elegant setting where you have the chance to drink, dine, and dish? Would it make it even sweeter if you were supporting AL while doing so? Then join us for "Parents' Night out at BRIO!" BRIO has agreed to welcome AL parents (plus grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles, neighbors, friends) on Sunday, May 2nd AND Wednesday, May 5th from 6 - 10 pm at their Plaza location, 502 Nichols Drive. Attention 6th Grade Parents: Thursday, May 6th was selected just for you! Here's your chance to commiserate / celebrate the "minus one" in your household while the kids are abroad. For menu and restaurant details, visit www.brioitalian.com/ or call for a reservation at 816-561-5888. **Be sure to tell your waitperson that you are with the school, and they will allocate 15% of your bill to AL.**

READING AND DISCUSSION GROUP: RAISING AND EDUCATING BOYS-RESCHEDULED

The first meeting of this reading and discussion group has been rescheduled for Monday, May 3 at 6PM. The meeting will be held on UMKC's campus at the African American History & Culture House located at 5245 Rockhill Road Kansas City, MO 64110.

We will begin with a book called "The Wonder of Boys" by Michael Gurian. It is not necessary to read the book prior to this first meeting. Please bring your thoughts, ideas, and questions about raising and educating boys. Academie Lafayette staff are also welcome to attend.

Parking is available on street. Here is a web address for a UMKC campus map. The AAHCH is #37.

<http://web2.umkc.edu/pdf/maps/locator-2pg.pdf>

Please RSVP to Navvab McDaniels at navvabm@yahoo.com or call 816-361-6134.

Hope to see you there!

ASTHMA CAMP INFO

Super Kids Camp is a one week program for asthmatic children who have finished grades 1-6.

Your child will learn about asthma management through games, crafts, and other fun activities from experienced health care professionals. Our teen counselors, who have asthma, will help reinforce that asthma does not have to slow you down.

Cost: \$30

Dates: Grades 1-3, July 12-16

Grades 4-6, July 26-30

Time: 9 am – 4 pm

Where: Jewish Community Center, Overland Park, KS

What: swimming, activities, games, field trip

More info: www.aafakc.org 816-333-6608

EVENING IN PARIS UPDATE

The EiP committee wish to thank all who attended, volunteered and/or donated to last weekend's Evening in Paris. Thanks to your contributions, this year's event was a huge success, with gross proceeds of \$86,146.00, a record high! Our net profit is yet to be determined but this our gross proceeds exceed last year's high by over \$20,000.00! All of the money raised goes back into our school, which is especially important in these times of severe budget cuts.

A special thank you to our amazing chef-parents!! We truly could not do this event without their generosity and culinary talents!

We ask that you please remember to patronize those establishments which give so generously to our school through their donations to Evening in Paris! All are listed in the event program and many of those, including our chefs, completely donate their products and services, so please keep this in mind when choosing where to shop, dine, etc. in Kansas City.

For those who bid successfully in the silent auction but left without receiving and paying for your item, you will be contacted this week to make arrangements to pick up your item. If we missed you, please contact Ann Woolley by email at awoolley@kc.rr.com or call 816 509 4783.

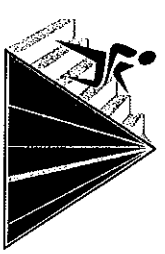

If you missed out on the live auction "Fund a Need" bidding, to help the school purchases new projection equipment for the auditorium, and would still like to donate, please contact Shelly Doucet at sdoucet.lafayette@gmail.com or Ann Woolley at awoolley@kc.rr.com. The donation levels available are \$500, \$250, \$100 and \$50. and all levels are 100% tax deductible!

If you are interested in participating in the planning of next year's Evening in Paris, an informational meeting will be held in the near future. Watch for details in upcoming newsletters.

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Cinco de Mayo - Mexican food has been changed into something unrecognizable by the fast food industry, which means that many people assume that all Mexicans live on a diet of Taco Bell style food. Nothing could be more untrue and authentic Mexican food is known for its nutritional benefits, its variety, and its ease of preparation, as well as its incredible flavors. Mexicans love to cook with fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as fresh meat and fish wherever possible. Mexican cheese, chiles, cilantro, avocado, beef, chicken, and tomatoes are also popular ingredients in Mexican cuisine and it is fun to make a range of Mexican recipes, so you can experiment with these flavorful ingredients and more.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>3 Frosted Mini Wheat Cereal Apple Cinnamon Muffin Orange Juice</p> <p>Open Faced Turkey Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Peas Apple</p>	<p>4 2 Pancakes w/ Syrup & Margarine Banana</p> <p>Burger on Bun (Cheese on side) w/ Ketchup & Mustard Potato Wedges Applesauce</p>	<p>5 Yogurt Nutrigrain Bar Apple Juice</p> <p>Quesadilla with Taco Sauce Nachos Chips Shredded Lettuce with Diced Tomatoes Diced Peas Cinco de Mayo</p>	<p>6 Mini Strawberry Pancakes Apple - Fresh Fruit</p> <p>Chicken Strip Fries Broccoli & Cheese Sliced Peaches</p>	<p>7 French Toast w/ Margarine & Syrup Orange Juice</p> <p>Fish Treasures Cole Slaw Strawberries & Pineapple Tidbits</p>
<p>10 Raisin Bran Cereal Apple cinnamon Muffin Orange Juice</p> <p>Hot Dog on Wheat Bun w/ Ketchup & Mustard Mixed Vegetables Diced Peas</p>	<p>11 Pancake on a stick Banana</p> <p>Beefy Cheesy Nachos Mexican Beans Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>12 Yogurt Granola Bar Apple Juice</p> <p>Sloppy Joe Potato Wedges Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>13 French Toast Sticks w/ Margarine & Syrup Apple</p> <p>Country Fried Steak Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Tossed Salad with Spinach & Ranch Dressing</p>	<p>14 Biscuits & Gravy Orange Juice</p> <p>Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Carrot Sticks w/ Ranch Dressing Goldfish Crackers Fresh Apple National Biscuit Day</p>
<p>17 Apple Cinnamon O's Cereal Blueberry Muffin Orange Juice</p> <p>Chili Dog Carrot Sticks w/ Ranch Dressing Lunch Bunch Grapes</p>	<p>18 2 Waffles w/ Syrup & Margarine Banana</p> <p>Taco Salad w/ Taco Sauce Mexican Corn Apple</p>	<p>19 Yogurt Parfait Granola Bar Raisins Apple Juice</p> <p>Chicken Ala King over Biscuit Seasoned Green Beans Chilled Peas</p>	<p>20 Bagel w/ Cream Cheese w/ Jelly Red Delicious Apple</p> <p>BQ Beef on Wheat Bun Potato Wedges Fresh Orange</p>	<p>21 2 French Toast w/ Margarine & Syrup Orange Juice</p> <p>End of Year Picnic Day Chicken Thigh Potato Salad Sun Chips Watermelon Wedge</p>
<p>24 Toasted O's Cereal Super Cinnamon Bun Orange Juice</p> <p>Turkey Fritter Sandwich w/ Salad Dressing Mixed Vegetables Grapes - Hand Fruit</p>	<p>25 Pancake on a stick Banana</p> <p>Beef Burrito w/ Shredded Lettuce, Diced Tomatoes Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p>26 Yogurt TA Muffin Apple Juice</p> <p>Corn Dog Carrot Sticks w/ Ranch Apple Slices Pretzels</p>	<p>27 Breakfast Burrito Pear</p> <p>Chicken on a Tossed Salad String Cheese Sliced Wheat Bread Mixed Fruit</p>	<p>28 Toasted O's Cereal Blueberry Muffin Orange Juice</p> <p>Sub Sandwich Carrots w/ Ranch Dressing Apple</p>
<p>31 Holiday</p>	<p>May is :</p> 		<p>National BBQ Month National Salad Month National Hamburger Month National Egg Month</p>	

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Menu subject to change

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