

# Le Journal de L'Académie Lafayette

Friday, October 9, 2009



## CALENDAR

Mon., Oct. 12	Monthly Board Meeting, 6 p.m. 6th Grade Trip Fundraising Meeting
Tues, Oct. 13	Picture Day, Casual Clothes
Thurs & Fri, Oct. 15 and 16	No School, Staff In Service
Wed., Oct. 21	Early Bird Deadline for Raffle Ticket Sales
Sat., Oct. 24	Boo Bayou
Fri, Oct. 30	End of 1st Quarter
Thurs., Nov. 5	Final Deadline for Raffle Ticket Sales
Thurs., Nov. 19	Parent Association Meeting, Raffle Drawing

## FROM THE DESK OF ERIC NELIS

Académie Lafayette's \$10,000 raffle kicked off this week. Many students (and parents!) are already busy selling. They've taken tickets to work, gone door-to-door and reached out to family and friends. This is an exceptional school and the students represent our "mission" in action. I hope that you will use this as a learning experience for you child; practice their sales pitch in English and in French, teach them about money and the importance of following directions and meeting guidelines. Show them that it's important to celebrate victories and how to deal with the word "no".

We are a successful school that is raising the bar for education in our city. Our name is familiar and our reputation is outstanding. Asking for support should be easy and fun. We know this will be a successful fundraiser if we all work together for the benefit of our school. Your support with this, and other fundraising projects, is necessary and very much appreciated.

Merci,



## 6TH GRADE TRIP - FUNDRAISING MEETING

Monday, Oct. 12, 6:00 p.m. in the library.

## LEE DENIM DAY - BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

On Oct. 2, teachers, students and staff members participated in Lee Denim Day by donating money to breast cancer awareness for the privilege of wearing jeans to school.

**Thanks to your generosity, we collected \$436 for this important cause. That's almost \$50 more than last year! Thank you!**



## INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY

International Walk to School Day was a great success! Over 150 students, parents and teachers walked and biked to school. If this motivated your family, join our frequent walker club and try to walk to school at least once a week. If you live too far away, maybe you can walk from the Cleaver YMCA before your work-out? If you're interested in joining a walking route, please contact Beth Schaffer at 816-822-7705 or [bethschaffer@yahoo.com](mailto:bethschaffer@yahoo.com)

## B.I.S.T. PARENT NIGHT

Please join Cherie Mericle, Académie Lafayette's B.I.S.T. Consultant, and Amanda Loffin, Académie Lafayette's B.I.S.T. Coordinator, for a parent information night. The philosophy of B.I.S.T. and the role it plays at Académie Lafayette will be discussed with parents. Also, questions concerning B.I.S.T. will be addressed. This discussion will take place on Tuesday, October 13, 2009, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the auditorium. This is a parent only event so we are requesting that children not be present. Light snacks will be provided.

## NEW STAFF FEATURE

### Marie Catherine Marchand

Mrs. Marie Catherine is from Quebec, Canada. She holds a bachelor's degree in preschool and primary education. As a teacher, she is very dedicated to her students and their learning.



Mrs. Marie Catherine taught 1st grade at Académie Lafayette from 2004 to 2007. She went back to Canada, Ontario, Toronto from 2007 to 2009 where she taught in a French Catholic School. She really enjoyed that experience.

In addition to her qualification as a teacher, she has been a figure skating coach for several years. She did compete in several major figure skating events but quit in order to devote herself to teaching.

She is the proud mother of a 16 months old daughter, Marie-Claire. Being a mother has been one of the most beautiful things in her life. Having a child changed her life and gave her an entirely different perspective.

Tu ne peux pas tout enseigner à un homme ; tu peux seulement l'aider à le trouver en lui (Galileo Galilei)

### Facts about Marie Catherine

The last book read: Mes amis mes amours

Favorite place to live: Canada!

Favorite food: poutine

If Marie Catherine had one hour free, she would choose to play with her daughter and catch up on some sleep.

*Welcome back Marie Catherine!*



### ALL THIRD GRADE PARENT MIXER

WHEN: Fri., October 9, 6:30 to 9 (or beyond)

WHERE: Charlie Hoopers, 12 W. 63rd St.

ADULTS ONLY!

Happy Hour lasts until 9 p.m.

## RAFFLE - TIPS AND TRICKS

These tips came in from a parent who's daughter, as of Thursday morning, had already sold 40 tickets.

### Cold calling notes:

- Parents should *always* go with their child. I stand on the sidewalk with the dog.
- When my daughter gets rejected I always have positive words of encouragement. Cold calling is a salesman's worst nightmare and not easy to deal with at any age.
- Always say thank you.
- Always celebrate a sale - high 5 or a big smile!
- When they don't open the door for you wave and smile. It's not like you smell or something!
- When they say that they don't have any cash we ask to come back on Saturday. This has always worked, but we'll see if they open the door for us on Saturday!

### Other things to keep in mind:

- Wear your uniform.
- You have a good product to sell.
- Most people know the school name. Only two people did not know the school or where the school is located.
- Three people said that wanted to support their local schools and bought tickets from us.
- We had 2 people ask for tickets to Evening in Paris!
- Two people asked my daughter to speak French, and we practiced for these requests. People were totally surprised when she changed over to French and gave them her sales pitch without hesitation!
- Our sell ratio is 70%; slightly more than 2 out of 3 people buy tickets.
- Only one person said that they didn't have the money to spend.
- All St. Peters people that we asked bought tickets.

If you have tips, suggestions or success stories, please share them. We can always learn from one another.

	Name: _____
	Address: _____
	Phone: _____
	email: _____
	Seller No. 000001

## ACADÉMIE LAFAYETTE PARENT'S ASSOCIATION

**Next meeting: Thurs, Nov. 19, 7 p.m. Kindergarten Campus**  
Child care will be provided.



Officers: Maria Dix, President  
Eric Peterson, Vice President  
Jennifer Roe, Secretary  
Karen Smith, Treasurer

Hello parents!

Our annual Halloween extravaganza, Boo Bayou, will be on Saturday, October 24 at the Oak Street Campus. Volunteers are needed to help with this event. Please contact Patrick Hopewell - [jpatrickhopewell@gmail.com](mailto:jpatrickhopewell@gmail.com) if you are interested.

It's not too early to mark your calendar for the next Parents Association meeting on Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.

Hope you all enjoy your weekend.

Eric Peterson  
Parents Association Vice President  
[peterston0529@sbcglobal.net](mailto:peterston0529@sbcglobal.net)

### LE KIOSQUE

The theme of Hispanic Heritage Month 2009 is "Embracing the Fierce Urgency of Now." This year's theme recognizes the strength and hard work of Hispanic Americans, whose zeal for family and country has helped shape society.



Here is a one more biography of a Hispanic American who embraced the fierce urgency of his times by making great scientific discoveries.

Severo Ochoa  
Nobel Prize Winner in Medicine and Physiology  
Spanish American  
1905–1993

Severo Ochoa won the Nobel Prize in 1959 for medicine. He received the prize for his discovery of the process that would allow humans to create RNA in a test tube — a vital life substance that makes cells work and grow. This knowledge can be useful in understanding many things about the body, like why some cells stay healthy while tumors grow in others.

### CHESS CLUB

Chess Club will begin Wednesday, November 4th at 4:00pm in room 102. Please bring a chess board and chess pieces. This is parent run, so please stay to help. All are welcome - from beginners to advanced. If anyone is an expert chess player we would love your input!

For more information please contact Amy Meya at [amymeya@yahoo.com](mailto:amymeya@yahoo.com), or (816) 518-6514.



**Have a great weekend!**  
**Remember teacher in-service**  
**next week.**  
**No School Thursday or Friday!**

# **BOXTOPS CONTEST!!!!**



## Boxtops Contest!!!

Bring Boxtops by October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009!!!

Please send to your child's classroom:

- ❖ **Boxtops for Education** 10 cent labels (See example above) - Found on the following products: General Mills, Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Green Giant, Nature Valley, Yoplait, Old El Paso, Hamburger Helper Ziploc, Hefty, Kleenex, Kotex, Cottenelle, Pull Ups, Huggies and More... (each label is worth 10 cents) ([www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com))
- ❖ **Best Choice, Always Save and Clearly Organic UPC Codes** (each label is worth 3 cents) ([www.awgbrands.com/save](http://www.awgbrands.com/save))
- ❖ **Campbells**- Clip UPC code (worth points towards products) ([www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com))
- ❖ **Tyson** - save the project A+ label (worth 24 cents each!!!) ([projectaplus.tyson.com](http://projectaplus.tyson.com))

**Send the above labels with your child to the classroom By October 29<sup>th</sup>. The class that brings in the most labels will win a special treat!!!**

Contact Chris Scranton ([cscranton@kc.rr.com](mailto:cscranton@kc.rr.com)) for more info.

# Your Child's Trip Abroad

## 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to France

This is one of the most exciting experiences of our immersion program. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade, your child will have the opportunity to travel with their class and chaperones to a French speaking country; students have traveled to France and Belgium on past trips.

Benefits of traveling abroad:

- First hand experience in using their language skills in a variety of circumstances
- Building relationships with families from France
- Learning about the culture
- Learning about the monetary exchange rate

Your child must be in good academic & behavioral standing to participate and the trip will cost approximately \$2,600\*. **It is your responsibility to begin preparing for the cost of the trip.** The school will help with some fundraising, but the majority of the expense comes from you.

Here is a savings schedule to get you started.

If you begin saving at:

Kindergarten	1 <sup>st</sup> grade	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	3 <sup>rd</sup> grade
\$36/mth for approx. 6 years	\$43/mth for approx. 5 years	\$55/mth for approx. 4 years	\$73/mth for approx. 3 years
Total saved: \$2592	Total saved: \$2580	Total saved: \$2640	Total saved: \$2628

The sooner you start, the more manageable this will be. We suggest you talk to your employer and bank about how to set up an automatic savings just for this purpose.

\* \$2600 is the 2009 cost of traveling – this is subject to change.

# Kindergarten Friday Folder Newsletter

## P.E. CLASS

We are starting our formal physical education (P.E.) classes next week. Please have your child wear appropriate shoes (tennis) on the day they have this class.

### Tuesday

M. Nelis

Y. Israel

R. Hyer

R. Thomas

### Wednesday

M. Mazari

K. Suarez

E. Farnsworth

M. Marchand



## Picture Day!

Picture Day is October 12<sup>th</sup>  
**MONDAY.**

Students should wear  
casual clothes.

## Fall Farm Field Trips: Group 1 Rescheduled!

Classes of Suarez, Nelis, Thomas and Marchand will go on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> instead. Classes of Israel, Mazari, Farnsworth and Hyer will still go on Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Dear Parents: During arrival, please pull up to the school going west-bound on 74<sup>th</sup> Street (turning from Wornall Road) so that your children may exit the car to the sidewalk.

Our interns and staff are happy to help them out of the car and to the door with their bags. We feel this is safer for our children and helps with traffic flow (also a safety factor).

Thank you for your assistance with keeping arrival safe and smooth!



Join us for Soccer Games  
**TODAY** Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

\*\*\* At the Main Campus \*\*\* Parents vs. Staff

Game 1: 4:00-4:40, Game 2: 4:55-5:35



Academie Lafayette

# ★ STARS ★

## Cheerleading and Dance Team



**Join us and learn how to shine!**  
*Academie Lafayette presents a new cheerleading and dance team for students who want to learn dance technique and cheer skills with opportunities for community performances and athletic team support.*

*1st - 4th grade                      3:45 includes class pickup*  
*5th - 8th grade                      4:30-5:30*

*Each team member will receive a t-shirt, shorts and a set of pompons! There is a small fee for participation, but there will also be fundraising opportunities! Please call **Sandie** with any questions! 816-885-2301 or email [cheer4AL@gmail.com](mailto:cheer4AL@gmail.com)*

DAY	DATE	TIME	WHERE	
Wednesday	10/14/09	3:45-4:30/4:30-5:30	Auditorium	Registration
Wednesday	10/21/09	3:45-4:30/4:30-5:30	Auditorium	Dance
Wednesday	10/28/09	3:45-4:30/4:30-5:30	Auditorium	Tumble
Wednesday	11/4/09	3:45-4:30/4:30-5:30	Auditorium	Cheer
Wednesday	11/11/09	3:45-4:30/4:30-5:30	Auditorium	Dance
Wednesday	12/2/02	3:45-4:30/4:30-5:30	Auditorium	Tumble
Wednesday	12/9/09	3:45-4:30/4:30-5:30	Auditorium	Cheer
Wednesday	12/16/09	3:45-4:30/4:30-5:30	Auditorium	Dress Rehearsal

★ **Complete and return by Oct. 12th**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ PARENTS \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_