

# Le Journal de L'Académie Lafayette

Wednesday, October 14, 2009



## CALENDAR

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
Fri., Nov. 6	No School, Parent Teacher Conferences
Thurs., Nov. 19	Parent Association Meeting, Raffle Drawing

## FROM THE DESK OF ERIC NELIS

“We become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams.” - Jimmy Carter

The Board of Directors adopted a diversity statement at Monday's Board Meeting. This statement reflects the goals of the board, and the reinforcement of our mission as we move forward.

### *Diversity Statement*

Académie Lafayette is an inclusive school community where everyone is welcome and everyone can be successful.

We believe that the best education occurs in a school made up of students, families and teachers drawn from many different cultures, socioeconomic backgrounds, races, religions, and family structures. As a public school that serves families living within the boundaries of the Kansas City School District, our students will be a reflection of the rich diversity that characterizes the population of this District and the wider world in which we live.

We demonstrate our commitment to diversity in school practices regarding the recruitment of a diverse pool of student applicants, teaching methods, programs, and the hiring and training of our teachers and staff.

If you have any questions about this, please let us know.

**Merci,**

## NEW STAFF FEATURE MOULAYE SEYDI

Moulaye received his M.A. from Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar, Senegal. He has six years of teaching experience and drama club supervision. He loves teaching kids as well as having fun with them.

Moulaye's philosophy has always been to turn school life into a positive community life. As the saying goes: "It does not matter how slowly you walk, just as long as you don't stop."

### **Facts about Moulaye**

The last book he read: A Good Man in Africa by William Boyd

His favorite place to live is Kansas City

His favorite food is chicken.

Moulaye would like to dedicate his spare time to the kids at school to help in extra curricular activities.



*Welcome Moulaye! We're glad you're here!*

	Name: _____
	Address: _____
	Phone: _____
	e-mail: _____
	Seller No. 000001

## RAFFLE UPDATE

### **Early Bird Deadline - Oct. 21**

The early bird deadline is quickly approaching! If your child sells 20 tickets (and turns in the ticket stubs and the money) by Oct. 21, he/she will receive a free Académie Lafayette windbreaker. Please return at least 20 ticket stubs, money and your windbreaker order form to your classroom teacher before next Wednesday, Oct. 21. You can continue selling tickets through the November 5 final deadline. If you need more tickets, please ask in the office.

## 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



Jackson et moi, on a exactement le même  
âge, mais nous sommes différents.

Lui, il est gaucher !

(être gaucher = écrire de la main gauche)

### 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.

### UNIFORM CLOSET - PLEASE DONATE

Thank you for your donations! The uniform closet is well stocked from donations alone this year. However, we could use size 5, 6X and 7 pants and any size husky pants. As always, plaid items and underwear are also needed. Thank you very much.

Derri O'Brien

Have a great weekend!  
Teacher inservice -  
tomorrow and Friday.  
See you Monday!



## Kindergarten "Wednesday" Folder Newsletter

### Community Time is a great success!

Thank you for helping us make our first Community Time last Friday a success. Everyone had a great time as all the kindergarteners, teachers and many, many parents gathered for songs, games and a special presentation by M. Thomas' class.

Our next Community Time is Friday, October 23 from 8:20-8:45 a.m. Mme. Nelis' class will be sharing that day. The Keystone Coffeehouse will be open from 8:00-10:30 a.m. Come for Community Time, stay for the coffee!

### Dates to Remember:

#### Fall Farm Field Trips: UPDATE!

Group 1: Classes of Suarez, Nelis, Thomas and Marchand will visit Fahrmeier Farms on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.

Group 2: Classes of Mazari, Israel, Farnsworth and Hyer will visit on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### *Halloween Parties*

Halloween Parties will be at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. We encourage you to bring healthy snacks.

#### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Teachers will be scheduling Parent/Teacher Conferences between November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Students will not be in attendance on November 6.

*"Making the simple complicated is commonplace; making the complicated simple, awesomely simple—that's creativity." -- Charles Mingus*