

Le Journal de L'Académie Lafayette

Friday, October 23, 2009



CALENDAR

Sat., Oct. 24	Boo Barbeque
Fri, Oct. 30	End of 1st Quarter
Thurs., Nov. 15	Final Deadline for Raffle Ticket Sales
Thurs., Nov. 5	Open Forum on Building and Space Issues, 6 p.m., Oak St. Campus
Fri., Nov. 6	No School, Parent Teacher Conferences
Mon., Nov. 9	Board Meeting, 6 p.m. at Oak St. Campus
Thurs., Nov. 19	Parent Association Meeting, Raffle Drawing

FROM THE DESK OF ERIC NELIS

The main goal of Education is not preparing our children for the “tough” world out there. It is not teaching children to go to college, have a nice diploma, get a good job, and settle for a routine “comfortable” life, where they can buy ‘toys’ they do not need. Some of the above come as great by-products and serve the necessities of life, or sadly serve the survival for the many who wake up every day in a world of poverty or violence.

Education’s goal is to change the world, to make a better tomorrow. Equality, food for everyone, sanitary conditions and accessible health facilities and yes, world peace... No teacher, parent, coach, scout leader, spiritual leader, or anyone who has influence on a child should settle for less.

Merci,

TEACHER APPRECIATION DAYS

Teacher Appreciation will be Nov. 5 and 6, Dec. 7-11, Feb. 12, and May 8-12. If you are scheduled in November, you will receive your assignment in a couple days. If you are not scheduled in November, you will be scheduled later in the year. It is not too late to participate. If you would like to be involved, please feel free to email Anastasia at jezebelspirit_us@yahoo.com or call (816) 363-3818. Thank you!

PICTURE MAKE UP DAY

Picture Make-ups will be **Nov. 23rd at the K-Center** and **Nov 24 at the Oak Campus**. Children may wear casual clothes for the pictures but should bring uniforms to change into after the pictures.

RAFFLE UPDATE

Thanks for selling your first 20 tickets! All students who turned in 20 tickets stubs by Oct. 21 will receive the Académie Lafayette windbreaker.

You have until Nov. 5 to sell as many tickets as possible to win the class, grade and family selling prizes.

Class Prize - \$25 Target Gift Certificate

Grade Prize - iPod Shuffle

Family Prize - \$200 Gift Certificate to Great Wolf Lodge

We are also adding a surprise opportunity for the student who sells the most! If you need more tickets, they are available at both offices. Thank you!



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, or (816) 518-6514.

LE KIOSQUE

“For those who have seen the Earth from space the experience most certainly changes your perspective. The things that we share in our world are far more valuable than those which divide us.”

Donald Williams, former NASA astronaut

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

Just an additional reminder that tomorrow is the Boo Barbecue (formerly Bayou) starting at 4:00 p.m. at the Oak Street campus. Individuals interested in becoming a Parent-Elect Board Member will have an opportunity to speak to the group, and voting for that position will take place as well. If you are unable to attend the Boo Barbecue, yet are still interested in voting, you have the opportunity to do so Monday as well.

Classroom Halloween parties will be taking place on Friday, October 30 at 2:30 p.m. For students in

K - 5, the room parents will be contacting you with the individual class details. Middle school students are having their parties organized by the Student Council.

The next Parents Association meeting is on Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the kindergarten campus. Please set aside the time to attend.

Eric Peterson
Parents Association Vice President
peterson0529@sbcglobal.net

BOO BARBEQUE, 4p.m. to 9 p.m.

Wear your costume and be in the costume contest.

4th-8th grades: Please bring a dessert
K-3rd grades: Please bring a side dish
\$3 per person for the BBQ plate

4:00 - 4:30 DJ
4:30 - 5:30 Band, Earnest James Zydeco All Stars!
5:30 - 6:00 Costume Contest,
Prizes will be awarded
Special Guest Judge
6:30 - 7:00 Parent Assoc. speeches
7:00 - 9:00 Band
9:00 - 10:00 Clean Up



Volunteers are needed for:

Friday set up, 5-7 p.m.
Saturday set up, 10 a.m. to noon
Saturday food service, 4:30 p.m.
Clean Up, 9 p.m.

For further information, email Patrick Hopewell at
jpatrickhopewell@gmail.com

NEW STAFF FEATURE

ROBIN TALLEY, Art, Grades 2, 4, 6, 7 and 8

Robin Talley was raised in Overland Park, Kansas and attended Shawnee Mission South High school. In college, she attended the University of Kansas and Columbia College where she received two bachelor degrees in Design and in Art History. Robin's last year of college was spent living and studying in Paris, France and Florence, Italy. After college she spent time doing freelance graphic design, photo assisting, photography, and stylist assisting. She is currently a student at UMKC where she is working toward her Master's in K-12 Art Education. She will be completing her studies in the spring of 2009.



Facts about Robin:

The last book read: *Wicked* by Gregory Maguire
Favorite place to live: Paris, France
Favorite food: Cheeseburgers and fountain Dr. Pepper
Favorite activity during free time: Photography and traveling
Favorite artist: Hieronymus Bosch

Welcome, Robin!

Kindergarten Friday Folder Newsletter

Picture Day Makeups!

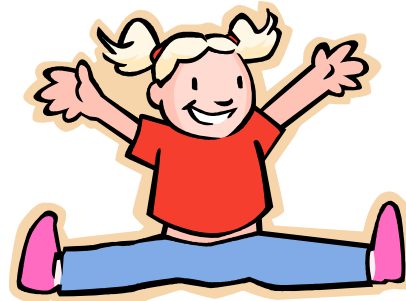
Students who missed Picture Day will have their picture taken on Monday, November 23rd. Please give your order to your child's teacher. Extra envelopes are available in the front office.

Nap Items:

Your child's machine washable nap items have been sent home for cleaning, to be returned on Monday. Thank you for your assistance in keeping dust and germs at bay.

Nurse's Corner: The best ways to ward off fall/winter illnesses (colds, influenza, bronchitis, etc.): Wash Your Hands! Eat a well balanced diet with adequate water intake. Get plenty of sleep.

Bonne santé!/To your health!
Mme. Ramona and Mme. Lori



Friendly Reminders:

Fall Farm Field Trips

Monday, October 26:
Suarez, Nelis, Thomas
and Marchand
Tuesday, October 27:
Mazari, Israel,
Farnsworth and Hyer

Halloween Parties

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

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Teachers will be scheduling Parent/Teacher Conferences between November 2 and 13. Students will not be in school on November 6.