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| January 2018 PTO Newsletter  **January PTO Meeting**  The January PTO meeting on January 11 will feature presentations by staff from Ramsey Middle School and Central High School on the French immersion pathway after LNFI. If you miss the meeting and would like more information, please send an email to [communications@lnfi-pto.org](mailto:communications@lnfi-pto.org). If you have a student heading to middle school next year and are considering Ramsey and want information from a former LNFI parent, you may contact Ramsey PTO’s French Immersion Liaison– Dan Humes, [humes45@comcast.net](mailto:humes45@comcast.net).  **Intern Profiles**  Bonjour! My name **is Manon Jacquemin-Foudrat**. I'm 29. I was born and raised in Paris, but I lived the last seven years in the South of France, in Montpellier. It's very sunny and warm, there!  My last degree regards Education, but I also studied Spanish, Trilingual Secretarial Work and Communication. ● Being an intern at L'Etoile du Nord is in many ways an experiment for me. It means working abroad, with kids younger than I'm used to (but kids are great!) and actually teaching. I'm very much looking forward to share my French with you all, including the cultural pearls I like! ●  I love speaking foreign languages, I love acting, singing, writing, reading, going to the movies, swimming, walking, riding my bicycle, discovering new things and I love... Cats!  Hi! My name is Ludivine Grespier and I am 22 years old. I come from a region called Champagne-Ardenne in the East of France. There are a lot of vines and we make Champagne here! ● I grew up in a nice and joyful house with my two brothers and my sister. I have an English Bachelor's degree and plan to be a French teacher in an English speaking country. This year I started studying teaching of French as a foreign language. When I go back home I would like to start a Master's degree in the same field of study. I've always been fascinated by the others' cultures and languages, I believe that this is what makes us who we deeply are and that communication is a powerful tool that leads to tolerance. ● I am very enthusiastic about this internship because I want to discover the American culture and education. I see this experience as an exchange of our knowledge. I will also be able to learn how to teach my language and work with experienced teachers. I like comprehending new aspects of a language when it comes to teach and learn it. It will be challenging and stimulating to deal with pupils' difficulties and questions. ● In my free time I like visiting a lot, traveling, reading, going out with friends. I also do ballet since I'm 5 and modern jazz dance.  **Kermesse Volunteer Co-Coordinators Needed**  **Thank you to the three volunteers who have already signed up!** Kermesse is planned for Friday, May 18, 2018. A kermesse in France is an end-of-year community-building fundraiser for the whole school and is similar to a school carnival. The whole school will be involved, so the school will need lots of help to make it successful! **A committee of three teachers will work with volunteer coordinators to organize the event. Co-coordinator planning volunteers are needed for** food, classroom projects, silent auction, logistics, punchcards (tickets), and promotion. To help, please sign up for a coordinator position at [www.LNFI-PTO.org/volunteer](http://www.LNFI-PTO.org/volunteer) or let your student’s teacher know you would like to help. For more information, please send an email to [kermesse@lnfi-pto.org](mailto:kermesse@lnfi-pto.org). | **January PTO Meeting**  **Lower Campus Library**  **The French Immersion Pathway after LNFI**  Thursday, January 11, 6 p.m.  Simple sandwich makings and fruit will be available at 5:45 p.m. Toilet-trained children can play in the gym (under LNFI TA supervision).  **Wooddale FunZone LNFI Spirit Night**  Friday, February 2, 5-10 p.m.  2122 Wooddale Drive, Woodbury  **Tour du Monde, Lower Campus**  Thursday, February 8, 5-6:30 p.m.  Each class will study a different country and present their information in the hallway. Posters will be on display at the Lower Campus in the evening as part of our Open House.  **LNFI Bowling Afternoon**  Sunday, February 18, 2-4 p.m.  Sun Ray Lanes, 2245 Hudson Rd, St Paul  Watch for more information to be sent home  in backpacks later this month. RSVPs will be required to guarantee a spot.  **Upcoming No School Days**  Monday, January 15  Friday, January 26  Monday, February 19  Friday, March 2  **Questions or Comments?**  If you have any questions or comments for the PTO, please email them to [communications@lnfi-pto.org](mailto:communications@lnfi-pto.org).  **PTO Officers**  Julie Bowen, President  McKenzie Mahoney, Vice-President  Verna Carlson, Secretary  Brian Soule, Treasurer  Sarah Wilson, Social Committee Chair  Becky Erickson, Communications Committee  Chair  Ray Kirsch, Fundraising Committee Chair  Pam Schmid and Tracie Berniard, Intern Committee Co-Chairs  **SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION** |

**Staff Appreciation Conference Potlucks.** Are you free during the school day and like to make people feel appreciated? If so, the PTO needs you! Traditionally, the PTO has provided potluck lunches for the staff on the days of evening conferences. This helps the staff, and especially the teachers, get through the long days and evenings! However, to continue providing the potluck lunches we need two coordinators – one for each campus. The spring dates for potlucks will be Tuesday, March 20, and Thursday, March 22. Coordinators need to put together a backpack flyer to get volunteers and help as needed with set-up and clean-up. Instructions and direction will be provided. If you are interested, please send an email to [communications@lnfi-pto.org](mailto:communications@lnfi-pto.org) or a text to 651-303-8511.

**Carnaval des Citrouilles 2018.**Amanda Moseng, who has already volunteered to chair the fall Carnaval des Citrouilles, is looking for help with planning. This is a important social and fundraising event that the students love! If you are interested in helping plan it, please email [amanda.moseng@lnfi-pto.org](mailto:amanda.moseng@lnfi-pto.org) or let a teacher or school secretary know if you can help.

**Soccer Game Survey**.  The PTO is considering an LNFI family night at a Minnesota United soccer game.  We are sending home a backpack survey asking folks if they would be interested in buying tickets and attending a game. **Please complete the survey and return it by Friday, January 26.**

**Fun Run, March 8**. Mark your calendars and get ready for the LNFI Fun Run on Thursday, March 8! We'll be having fun and raising money for next year's interns and other PTO programs. This is our biggest fundraiser for the year, and in order to be successful we'll need your help -- more details to follow. We will need 8 to 10 volunteers per grade level, so please note the date and watch for more information next month.

**Girls on the Run.** LNFI parent Amanda Kutzke is looking for one more volunteer coach to join her this spring in coaching Girls on the Run, which is a program 3rd-5th grade girls. Practices run from March 19 through June 1 on Mondays and Thursdays from 4:15-5:45 pm, with the 5k run the first weekend of June. Please respond to this post or email Amanda at [arkutzke@gmail.com](mailto:arkutzke@gmail.com) if you are interested. Thank you!

**Wooddale FunZone LNFI Spirt Night.** Get your friends together and head to Wooddale Fun Zone for the second LNFI Spirit Night on Friday, February 2, 5:00-10:00 p.m. at Wooddale Fun Zone (2122 Wooddale Drive, Woodbury, [http://www.wooddalefunzone.com](http://www.wooddalefunzone.com/)).   
This is a fun way to get together with LNFI friends and families on a winter evening! Cost: $7.00 for roller skating or the playzone (ages 10 and younger) or $10 for both activities. (Adults who aren’t participating in an activity don’t pay admission.) NOTE: School Spirit Nights are held on Friday nights during sessions that are open to the public, so LNFI won’t have the entire space as we did at Saints North. If families enjoy this activity, we will continue participating in school spirit nights the first Friday of month through the end of school. The class with the most students in attendance will get the traveling mascot trophy in their room until the next event! \*\*When you purchase admission, let them know you are part of LNFI.

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| **Box Tops for Education.** Thank you to all the families who turned in Box Tops! Almost $250 worth of Box Tops were collected! If your student turned in 100 Box Tops, a $10 book fair certificate was sent home with the student. (There will also be a list of students at the book fairs.) After the fall collection, the rankings are: 1) Mme Tran (372), 2) Mme Faltesek (324), and 3) Mme Solachava (246). When you turn in Box Tops, don’t forget to label the bag with the teacher’s and student’s names.  **PTO Website and Facebook.** The PTO tries hard to keep the website, [www.lnfi-pto.org](http://www.lnfi-pto.org), up-to-date with information about upcoming events, the direct donation link, fundraising opportunities (like Box Tops, Amazon, and Shutterfly partnerships), and backpack flyers. The PTO also has a Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/lnfipto](http://www.facebook.com/lnfipto) where we post information about upcoming events.  **Class Liaison and PTO Emails.** If you aren’t receiving emails from your class liaison or the PTO and would like to, please send an email to [communications@lnfi-pto.org](mailto:communications@lnfi-pto.org). | **Amazon.** If you make purchases on amazon.com, please use the PTO’s Amazon link every time you shop: <http://www.amazon.com/?tag=lnfipto-20>. The LNFI PTO is an Amazon Affiliate and earns money from all purchases made via this link. (This link is different than the AmazonSmile link, which doesn’t earn as much money for the PTO.)  **Shutterfly.** Bookmark this link to print photos or create cards, photo books, invitations, and more - <http://lnfipto.shutterflystorefront.com/>. Shutterfly will donate 13% of purchases to the LNFI PTO.  **Questions?** Send an email to [communications@lnfi-pto.org](mailto:communications@lnfi-pto.org), and we’ll direct you to the right person to answer your questions!  **PTO Meetings – Second Thursday of the Month.** PTO meetings are held the second Thursday of the month in the Lower Campus library at 6 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Childcare is provided in the gym for toilet-trained children. |