

April 2017 LNFI PTO Newsletter

Teacher Appreciation Week Is May 1-5

The first week of May is National Teacher Appreciation Week! During that week the PTO provides (orders and pays for) a catered lunch for LNFI staff. **A volunteer is needed to coordinate the meals with a restaurant and with the schools.** (Detailed instructions will be provided, and the volunteer does not have to be at the school for delivery.) If you would like to help, please leave your name with one of the school secretaries or Mme Lemtouni or send an email to communications@lnfi-pto.org. If you would like ideas to show appreciation for a teacher, the internet has many good ideas (search for quick or simple teacher appreciation gifts).

LNFI FUN RUN

The 2017 LNFI Fun Run is coming up on Thursday, May 11! Donation envelopes, pledge cards, and a Fun Run letter have been distributed to all students. (The information can also be found at www.lnfi-pto.org.) And prizes – including rubber duckies, extra recess, and popsicle parties – are waiting to be won! The Fun Run is a PTO-sponsored event and in order to have fun and raise money we need your help:

- Help your student(s) solicit pledges from family members, neighbors, friends, etc. The more pledges we have, the more money we raise for our students. Pledges are a flat amount, NOT per lap. All students have received an envelope for cash or check donations (checks to “LNFI PTO”). Donations can also be made on-line at: www.lnfi.myfunrun.com. Our goal is for each student to raise \$50 in pledges. Donation totals for each classroom will be on the Fun Run website; click on “Leaderboard.”
- Volunteer to help with the Fun Run. We need six parents per grade level to help with the run itself as well as parents to help with pre-run activities. You can volunteer at: www.lnfi-pto.org/volunteer or send a note to school with your student.
- Attend the Fun Run and cheer on our student runners!

Note: The fun run this year is not affiliated with Apex Fun Run, as it was last year. This year, a few volunteers have worked hard to organize a fun run that will be more cost-effective, so that almost all of the funds raised go to the PTO (rather than to administering the fun run).



Planning for Kermesse, the new LNFI spring celebration, is underway! The event will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Lower Campus (Upper Campus students will walk over to Lower Campus) with a talent show. At the end of the school day, the event will move outside for entertainment, activities, and food!

Teachers need volunteers to help with class projects/games.

Classrooms will work on projects or crafts to sell at the event or will run a booth or game at the event. If you can help with your students' classroom project or plans, please let the teacher know! Also needed are volunteers to help with tickets (planning and selling), to coordinate/direct volunteers before and at the event, staff the silent auction/great gatherings area, to prepare and sell food at the event, to purchase supplies as needed before the event. The sign-up is now online at www.lnfi-pto.org/volunteer, but families are also encouraged to work directly with the teachers to coordinate volunteer help.

****SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR MORE INFORMATION****

May PTO Meeting – Lower Campus Library (Date TBD)
 (Because the usual meeting date is the same day as the Fun Run, the meeting date may be changed.)

PTO Officers for 2017-2018 will be elected and the budget will be discussed. If you would like to be a PTO Officer, please come to the meeting or send an email to julie.bowen@lnfi-pto.org.

LNFI Fun Run – Both Campuses
 Thursday, May 11

New Student Orientation – Lower Campus
 Thursday, May 18, 5:30 p.m.

No School Day
 Monday, May 29

Kermesse
 Friday, June 2

Last Day of School
 Friday, June 9

Intern Program Update

WOW—thanks to you, we did it! We reached our goal of 20-plus families for the 2017-18 school year. We now have enough host families to start recruiting ten interns!! The Intern Committee would like to sincerely thank the wonderful LNFI community for your incredible support of the Intern Program! We are amazed by how many of you came forward last month to help ensure that our classrooms have interns next year. We also heard from many of you who wish you were able to host. We appreciate all of you!

If there are still families interested in hosting, please consider signing up to be a back-up family. Interested families can visit the Intern Section of www.lnfi-pto.org for more information or to fill out an application. Questions about hosting can be directed to Tracie Berniard at tracie.berniard@lnfi-pto.org. Thanks again for your support!

Earth Day. LNFI science classes will observe Earth Day on **Friday, April 21!** Volunteers and students will help prepare the courtyard at Lower Campus for planting in May. Students will clean up the vegetable Garden at Upper Campus. Five to six volunteers are needed at the Lower Campus on **Friday, April 21, 9:15-11:30 a.m.** to weed the garden and cut some of the shrubs that have grown up in the courtyard. If you would like to help, please let Mme Blomgren, your student's teacher, or Mme Bissoy (henriette.bissoy@spps.org) know.

Fifth Grade Graduation Help Needed! Do you have a fifth grader who will be graduating from LNFI this spring? If so, the teachers could really use your help getting supplies for the ceremony and with decorating. Volunteers are needed to purchase decorations (balloons, etc.), cakes, refreshments (water bottles), plates/cups, napkins, and silverware, as well as to set up and clean up. Volunteers will be reimbursed for all costs and given specific information about what is needed. If volunteers could purchase these items and bring them to the school before the graduation, the teachers will be able to focus on the program! Additionally, if you plan to be at the graduation and can arrive early to help set up or stay a little longer to help clean up, your help would be greatly appreciated! **If you can help,** talk to Mme Lemtouni or one of the fifth grade teachers or send an email to communications@lnfi-pto.org. Fifth Grade Graduation is on Wednesday, June 7, at 2:30 p.m.

Anja Horsman, an LNFI fifth grader, was selected as the **2nd Place** winner for the Celebrate America Immigration Creative Writing Contest for 5th graders! Congratulations to Anja for her thoughtful and creative essay! To read her essay, go to the LNFI school website at www.frenchimmersion.spps.org and look for the link under LNFI News.

Upper Campus Library Renovations. – Mme Lemtouni spoke at the April PTO meeting about the new shelving and book bins the Upper Campus library will be getting. The new shelves will be a HUGE improvement to the library and will make the library much more functional and student-friendly. Thank you, Mme Lemtouni, for making this a priority!

Book Fair and Conference Potlucks Wrap-up. The Spring Scholastic Book Fairs went really well. Thank you to all of the volunteers! With profit made at the fairs, the PTO purchased approximately \$4300 worth of Scholastic books for classrooms and both libraries. Thank you also to all families that donated potluck dishes (and time for setup and cleanup) to provide potluck meals for staff on the long school conference days. The potlucks were greatly appreciated!

VIP Day Wrap-up. At least 188 visitors attended VIP Day at the Lower Campus. Thank you to those who attended and especially to the volunteers who made the event possible! The Fifth Grade Student Council members did a great job helping with set-up and clean-up, assisting VIPs with finding classrooms, and tracking the number of visitors. Thank you!

No BOGO (Buy One Get One) Book Fair this year. There will not be a BOGO book fair this spring because of volunteer time constraints and several other events are planned for the end of the school year.

Box Tops for Education. Please keep sending in Box Tops for Education in a bag or envelope marked with your child's name and teacher. At the end of the school year, the classroom collecting the most Box Tops will win a pizza party!

PTO Website and Facebook. Visit the PTO website, www.lnfi-pto.org, for more information about upcoming events, the intern program, etc. On the bottom right of the main page, there are also links for the lunch and breakfast menus and for field trip payments. The PTO also has a Facebook page, www.facebook.com/lnfipto, where we post information.

PTO Directory. If you don't receive emails from class liaisons, aren't in the directory (or don't know if you are), aren't receiving PTO emails, never set up a password, or lost your password, send an email to communications@lnfi-pto.org. If you have provided your email address to the PTO in the past, you should be in the directory. If you aren't sure or can't log in, go to the login page and click on the "Forgot your password?" button and an email will be sent to you to reset your password (if your email address is in the directory).

Questions? Send an email to communications@lnfi-pto.org, and we'll direct you to the right person who can answer your question!

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